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### Exalted Ruler Joe Rodriguez



Fellow Elks brothers and sisters, I am truly honored and humbled to serve as the 122nd exalted ruler, for the Santa Ana Elks

#794. I am very proud to have served in all the chairs, serving our past exalted rulers and our members for the past five years. I would like to thank every one of our PERs for their dedication and guidance.

What drew me to become an Elk, believe or not, was the nostalgia of the old lodge, the people, cold beverages, and their \$1.00 hot dogs.

Not fully understanding Elkdom, I continued to visit the lodge. As time went on, I started to see what true Elkdom represented. After a few visits, a few cold drinks and a few hot dogs, I was approached by Phil Bacerra, Scott Maher and Phil Salinas who explained what the Santa Ana Elks #794 was all about.

In 2019, I filled out an application, and soon after, I was initiated as an Elk at our interim lodge known as the "Nest".

Soon after, I was approached by the incoming exalted ruler and the soon-to-be past exalted ruler with, you guessed it, a cold beverage and a few hot dogs along with a proposal to become a chair officer. A few hot dogs later, I started my journey as an officer, representing as a lecturing knight. I was told "all you have to do is come to a couple of meetings, enjoy good fellowship, and have all the hot dogs you can consume".

During my first few months as a lecturing knight, I started to realize that the incoming exalted ruler and the soon-to-be past exalted ruler must have left something out in their proposal.

Nonetheless, I have never looked back, and have totally embraced Elkdom.

My wife Sheila learned to love the lodge and all it represents. The people whom we have met are the true epitome of the BPOE--The Best People On Earth.

Fast forward to 2024/2025, as exalted ruler and my corps of officers are looking forward to serving our communities and Elk members in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Santa Ana Elks Lodge # 794.

Growing up in the City of



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Santa Ana, my greatest achievement was serving the city for 31 years. I learned to understand our community, city leaders and its residents, and their needs. My goal as your exalted ruler is to value each day as if its my last and to continue to serve our local communities and our members, by practicing our motto: "Honor tradition while embracing innovation, development, and growth".

If I could give any advice to our Elks brothers and sisters, it would be to embrace, cherish, nurture, love, and protect our statutes and by laws of Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794.

### Esteemed Leading Knight Mark Shauwecker



Welcome to the new Elk year. I am excited to be working with our fellow officers and serving as your leading knight.

The emblem of the leading knight station is the flag of our great country and it's motto is charity. This year promises to be another fun one full of events, fundraisers and opportunities to get involved with charity events to support our community. As we start the new year, each of the lodges around the country is welcoming and installing a new officer corps. Our installation is Tuesday April 2. Your officers welcome the opportunity for you to join us as we get installed. And for great food, music, and fun, join us for the inaugural ball on April 6. It's sure to be a great time. Happy New Year and I'll see you at the lodge!

### Esteemed Loyal Knight Eli Morales



In April, we begin on a new journey at Santa Ana Elks #794 for our officer corps, but sadly it also marks the end of a journey

for others. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Jeff Brumett, our exalted ruler, Lou Carlson, our esteemed loyal knight, Andrew Matthews, our esquire, and Theresa Kammermeier, our assistant esquire. The progress and success of our lodge this year is a direct result of the dedication and hard work of each and every one of them.

I want to extend a special thanks to Lou Carlson, our loyal knight, for setting such a high standard for the position. I will strive to meet and exceed that standard in the coming year. I wish you and your family all the best and I look forward to seeing you around the lodge.

My name is Eli Morales. Some of you know my wife, Chrissy Morales, my better half as I have been told by many of you (I don't disagree). I am a five-year member and this will be my third year serving as an officer. I am truly humbled and honored by this opportunity and look forward to a successful year in Elkdom.

After years in the real estate industry, helping others achieve their American dream, we are excited to work alongside all of you to continue the charitable work that our lodge is known for. But this work must begin within our own lodge. Let us come together in friendship and support each other as we are a community that cares deeply for one another. This year, let us unite as one and appreciate each other's unique qualities, for we all rely on each other to make our community our lodge a better place.

Here's to a fantastic year in Elkdom, and thank you all for your continued support.

### Esteemed Loyal Knight Brian Byrd



Thank you to all members for allowing me the opportunity to represent the Santa Ana Elks Lodge as lecturing knight. We

had an fantastic 2023 - 2024 with a spectacular officer corps and record fundraising. Our community thanks all of you for your hard work. Let's keep it up! Last month through the hard work of our scholarship committee, volunteers and our members, we were able to deliver \$51,000 in scholarships to very deserving students.

As you have just started reading the ElkHorn, I encourage you to continue reading it to the very last page. Take notes of those events, volunteer opportunities, and committees that spark your interest, then get involved.

I would encourage you to attend the weekly lodge meetings on Tuesday night at 7:30 PM. (check out the Calendar in the center of the ElkHorn for additional information) It is a good occasion to meet the officer corp. and get first hand information about our lodge...not to mention chances to win prizes.

For those of you who are newer members, please, please, please come to the meetings. Get involved! Meet new people! Learn more about what the BPOE does in our communities and throughout the US! Enjoy some great food and excellent entertainment.

Let us give back to the community at record levels in the coming months!

### General Manager John Moore



We start April off with the Inaugural Ball on April 6, which promises to be a night to remember. Join us as we welcome

Exalted Ruler Joe Rodriguez, First Lady Sheila and all of Joe's enthusiastic officer corps to a new year of Elkdom.

The following week we welcome The Fab 4, better known as The Beatles Tribute Band Paperback Writer to the stage. We have room for the first 280.

Back by popular demand is our Mariachi Brunch on Sunday, April 21. I have never received so many comments to "please do that again" so we are! To avoid being left out, all the above-mentioned events will sell out so call the lodge to make your reservation.

Now those are just a few highlights. If you review the calendar, you will find many exiting events almost daily. Our motto is "the fun never stops at 794". A great way to keep up to date on events and weekly food specials is to sign up for Sue Kay's weekly email. It comes to your inbox every Monday. We also have a new feature where you will receive a text message as a gentle reminder of Lodge activities.

The Linda Fernandez Backpack

Project is near and dear to all of us at 794. Linda (lodge secretary/PER) has chaired this backpack project for 22 years and has collected 18,700 backpacks thanks to the generous kind donations from all of you. Each backpack is filled with supplies and given to the less fortunate kids in Santa Ana and surrounding cities. This project has garnered national exposure and each year Linda raises the bar to new heights. This year her goal is 3,500 backpacks! The cost is \$15.00 per backpack. We are looking to you to do what you do as an Elk and support. You can make your kind donation at the Lodge, over the phone with a credit card, or mail in a check made payable to Santa Ana Elks Lodge (write backpack in note).

We are kicking the backpack project into gear with a dance party on Saturday, May 25 to help. Dinner and dance all for \$40.00. For every ticket sold one backpack will be donated. The band is one of OC's most popular dance bands, Cold Duck. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the band takes the stage at 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm. We will cap it at 300 so call today!

As we all know, April starts the new Elk year with your new membership card. We ask for your patience as we will ask to see your card several times during your visits. We do this for the protection of our lodge and to ensure that your membership card is current. As the sign says at the counter, Elks should be proud to show their card!

How do we survive without football? We don't, but there are a couple of dates we will be heading back to the Nest and Emerald Room.

• Monday, April 8: The March Madness culminates with the championship game. Doors open at 4:30 pm with a menu of spaghetti and meatballs, salad bar, and garlic bread for \$10.00. Please call and let us know you are coming so we make sure we have enough food.

• Thursday, April 24, 4:30 - 9:00 pm, NFL Draft Party in the Emerald Room and Nest featuring \$2.00 hot dogs.

There is no better way to honor your loved ones who have passed than to purchase a brick in our memorial garden. Details and order forms are in the lobby.

### Common Sense Corner

Our bylaws state that the bar closes at 10:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and 1:00 pm on Friday & Saturday. On non-football Sundays we like to shut down at 3:00 pm.

Here is the common sense part. Our goal is to get everyone home safely. We should all watch out for each other and if you spot someone who has had too much fun, please make sure they take an Uber or have a designated driver get them home safely.

On Friday and Saturday, last call will be given after the 11 o'clock toast if there are less than ten members. If there are ten members or more, we will remain open. On the flip side, we must be financially responsible with our labor dollars. If no one is around, the duty officer, bartender, and manager can make the decision to shut down earlier than what is stated in the bylaws. We ask you to abide by the decisions made and settle-up and head home.



# Santa Ana Elks Award \$51,500 in Scholarships



What an exciting night for our students receiving scholarships and also for our 794 Elks lodge. We presented 30 awards to 26 students totaling \$51,500! That is a record for our lodge and the culmination of a year of fund raising and promoting our scholarships.

We were so very pleased to see the room packed with students, their families, and supporters as well as many of our lodge members there to support and wish our students well. Every year we do this, we make some difficult decisions on who will receive the awards, every year it gets harder and harder as the students applying become more and more impressive in their endeavors and achievements. Our students are off to Universities far and wide and studying disciplines that were not even thought about when most of us were in college.

We are so very proud to present to you the following winners. Winning \$4,000 as the most valuable is Mia Gonzalez from Santa Ana High School with plans to attend Cal Berkeley. Also winning \$4,000 as most valuable from Foothill High School is Akil Nafi who has plans to go to UCLA.

The \$3,500 awards went to Ryan Nguyen from University High School with plans to go to Santa Barbara and to Nataly Lopez from the Samueli Academy who plans to attend Stanford.

The \$3,000 most valuable student awards to Gavin Kelley from Foothill High School, with plans to attend University of Notre Dame and Sonia Su from University High School who has plans to attend Stanford.

Three students were awarded \$3,000 each for the 794 Scholarship. They are Annika Hayes of La Verne (not present) and Emily Murray, who attends the Cal Poly University, Pomona.

The Lenz Scholarship of \$2,500 was awarded to Jacob DeLeon of Upland High School.

Twelve athletic scholarships were awarded; four at \$2,000 to Damian Miranda Roldan of Santa Ana Valley High School, Linda Isabella Rendon of Segerstrom High School, Jazmin Rodriquez of Santa Ana Valley High School and Jonathan Soto of University High School.

Four more athletic scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 went to Madeline Feher of Foothill High School, Nicholas Ho of Foothill High School, Luke Piñon of Tustin High School and Victoria Turner of Beckman High School.

The McCalla Scholarship awarded eight scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to the following students; Austin Beckett of Portola High School, Kenneth Coats of Saddleback High School, Justine Droullard of OCSA, Mia Gonzalez of Santa Ana High School, Gavin Kelley of Foothill High School, Ashley Lam of UCLA, Jonathan



Angela Zhao Saddleback High School



Linda-Isabella Rendon Segerstrom High School



Victoria Turner Beckman High School



Jacob DeLeon Upland High School



Gavin Kelley Foothill High School



Justine Droullard OC School of the Arts



Damian Miranda-Roldan Santa Ana Valley High School



Emilio Rodriguez Saddleback High School



Emily Murray Cal Poly University



Sonia Su University High School



Kenneth Coats Saddleback High School



Nicholas Ho Foothill High School



Jonathan Soto Saddleback High School



Luke Piñon Tustin High School



Jaela Ontiveros Saddleback High School



Akil Nafi Foothill High School



Jazmin Rodriguez Santa Ana Valley High School



Madeline Feher University High School



Sara Presiga Saddleback High School



Nataly Lopez Samueli Academy



Linda Barcelona, Jeff Brumett ER, Sue McKee Scholarship Committee

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Austin Beckett Portola High School

Mia Gonzales

Santa Ana High School

Ryan Nguyen

University High School



Soto of University High School and Angelina Zhao of Crean Lutheran.

The scholarship committee is proud of our winners and you should be, too! They are a diverse group of students who have excelled in many fields and will continue to do so. We as a committee, are very glad we could help them pursue their educational dreams.

Our committee has also put forth a great deal effort and raised a record amount of funds this past year, and we are getting better at the task all the time. This past January, our Back to the '70s themed dance raised nearly \$17,000! Thanks to our good friend Tim Rush, we have been able to raise funds through the quarterly cigar smoker events.

We have been collaborating with the Monday night football committee and raised funds for the new athletic scholarship. And by raising awareness of our work in the various activities of the lodge, we have received very generous donations from our lodge members which we so appreciate. Thank you so much for your continued help and support!

## New Officers Feted at 122nd Inaugural Ball

The tradition of honoring the incoming officers at an inaugural ball has been with the Santa Ana Elks for a long time. This year we honor incoming exalter ruler Joseph Rodriguez and his officer corps with another grand ball at the lodge.

The evening begins with nohost cocktails at 6:00 pm and the annual march of officers at 7:00 pm, followed by dinner and dancing. Don't miss this annual event. Get your tickets now at 714-547-7794.

## Monday Night Football Committee Keeps On Truckin'



The Monday night football committee closed out 2023-2024 year with a flurry, donating to Segerstrom High School athletics for their girls' basketball and wrestling tournaments and to Century High School for their upcoming annual baseball tournament. Which, in case you didn't know is in memory of one of our own, Larry Arason. Larry was a sports guy, from his baseball days at Santa High School, to over 30 years as our lodge youth sports chairman. This will be the 60th anniversary of the longest running high school baseball tournament in Orange County.

Looking ahead, we have lots of fun to look forward to starting June 1 with our 2nd annual golf tournament. After that, our second annual car show will be on Sunday, June 23. Look for flyers and registration sheets in the lodge.

As we close out the old and start the new year, we wanted to share with you many of the organizations we supported through the generosity of those who came out to support our committee and its efforts: The Art Spread ; The Linda Fernandez Backpack Project: The R.A.Y.A Foundation: La Semilla Learning Center; Hope Center for the Arts; Ryan's Reach; Delhi Center; Tustin American Legion; American Boys Choir; Adopted a family for Christmas; Tustin Pop Warner Football & Cheer; Santa Ana Pop Warner Football & Cheer; Santa Ana Music Boosters Foundation; Foothill High School Wrestling Program; Project Kinship of Orange County; Segerstrom High School Tennis Program; Santa Ana Emblem Club - Blankets for Orangewood; California Hawaii Elks Major Project Incorporated aka Purple Pig; Home Aid; Athletic Scholarships for High School Seniors; American Cancer Society; TKO Youth Boxing Club; and the Broadway on Tour Youth Theatre.

There is also rumblings of our Elks baseball team beginning their version of spring training, as they start practicing for the upcoming season that starts in May. Stay tuned for the schedule and plan to join in the fun to root them on for another great season! For the most up to date information, follow the team on Instagram, at santaanaelksbaseball794.





#### by Kelli Miller

We just celebrated our veterans on Friday, March 29 Vietnam Veterans Day. It commemorates the hardships suffered and sacrifices made by nine million Americans during the Vietnam War. However, the holiday does not only honor the former soldiers but also their families who supported them before and after the war. Thank you to all that served and thank you to all the families that were there to support during and after such a difficult time.

On Saturday, March 24, the Orange Coast District Elks (eight lodges) participated in the first annual Stand Down for homeless, needy and unstably housed veterans. This took months of planning, a lot of meetings and a lot of donations. It was held at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge and was an outdoor event.

Over 120 veterans came that day to receive help, clothing, hygiene items, camaraderie, food and housing.

Over 125 Elks came though out the day to volunteer their time to serve food, help with clothing etc. Also SA #794 showed up with the most volunteers on Saturday! I want to thank everyone.

There were 38 different resources (eye examinations/new glasses, shower trailer, cosmetologists for hair cuts and manicures, Long Beach VA, Cal Optima, housing resources - just to name a few)

Many women articles and hy-



giene products as women veterans are often ignored at these events.

Over six homeless veterans were housed within that same week, some of which were housed that same night.

Five veterans that did not know their rights or benefits and were entered into the VA system. The VA did not know about them either. Per the VA, this is a high number for a one day event.

Elks donated a lot of new and gently used clothing, new hygienic packs for men/women, shoes, and food to go (a lot of personal items were given as well). The left over clothing and items were taken by some of the resources to be handed out at future events or when they get into housing.

A hot meal was served to all veterans, resources and volunteers.

After prayer and the colors, a member of the Garden Grove City Council and the mayor pro-tem were there to give a speech and present GG and all Elk lodges with a thank you letter.

Channel 7 News was in attendance and took video and interviewed many needy veterans as well as Angela Anderson and Kellie Miller.

After the event, veterans and resources continued to reach out to the Santa Ana Elks for help. The veterans committee is continuing to help and guide toward the resources needed.

Resources got in touch to thank us, they met a lot of people and will take care of them individually. All want to come back.

This was a humbling and eye-opening experience. I know that each person involved took something away with them, and I hope this continues to grow in each persons heart. My wish is that we all stop and think about the person on the street and what we can do to help. **@** 10

This was a successful event for so many reasons - it was a lot of work and totally worth it. To talk to veterans, help them find clothes or items they needed, learn their story or to just be allowed to sit with them quietly was such a wonderful experience. Everyone was so thoughtful, thankful and talked about what a wonderful day it was. And it was a wonderful day.

I want to thank all of our Santa Ana Elks who came out to support. Our lodge had the most volunteers, so kudos to us! This is what Elks are all about and I'm happy to be a part of such a wonderful lodge.









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## MNF Golf Tournament is Coming.

The 2nd Annual MNF charity golf tournament is fast approaching! If you haven't already, mark you calendar's, dust off those clubs and call your friends! We are once again, returning to David L. Baker Golf Course on Saturday, June 1. If you played last year, you can expect the same great fun and activities. Coffee and donuts and our bloody mary station is back, along with our every popular taco stand!

In addition to all of that, we've added a new opportunity. Make a hole in one on one of the par 3s and you'll take home a nice \$1,000 prize! After we've remodeled the golf course, we'll head back to the lodge for a great lunch and the awards ceremony.

You don't need a four-

some to sign up and play either. Just get signed up and we'll match you with a group. It's a best ball scramble so don't worry if you're not a scratch golfer. Besides, it's all about having a good time while we raise money for charity!

We are also looking for sponsors! We have several levels, so whether you're an individual or a business we have some great options to help support our efforts.

You can find more details on

the flyer and registration forms in the elk horn, at the lodge and on our website. For more information or questions you can call or email our golf chairman, Smiley Hernadez, at timberwolfdoors@gmail.com or 951-520-5977.



Several members have been asking, do we have a golf club, a bowling team or a bowling league? Well, the short answer is no, but if we have enough members interested, there would be nothing stopping us from putting it together!

If you would be interested in either of these great ideas, let us know! You can email the Monday night football committee at 794mnfchairman@gmail.com. We will see who is interested and even if it's just a few teams, we could still start them up and then build on them over time.



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<b>7</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	8 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	9 Lodge Meeting HC Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday Baked Potato Bar	10 Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8 pm Karoake 6:30-10pm	12 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Beatles Tribute Concert	13 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12:00 noon
<b>14</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Emblem Boutique 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	15 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm Charity Committee 2:00 pm	16 Lodge Mty 7:30 pm Taco/Potato Night Veterans CMTE 6:00 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm	17 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 Karoake 6:30-10pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm	19 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm 5 Star Band 6:30 - 9:30 pm	<b>20</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon
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### Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

### Beginning Membership Total 4/1/23......1494

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### DECREASES

Dropped	3
Transferred Out	16
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	12
Expelled	0
Subtotal	31
Calculated Membership Total	
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(Membership out of balance)	
Average Age	62.91
Gain/Loss	

### DELINQUENCY

Six Months	0
One Year	140
Over One Year	0
Total	140
Lapsation Rate	9.37%

### **APPLICATIONS ON HAND**

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting	20
In the hands of the investigating committee	22
Ready for balloting	23
Ready for orientation	
Ready for Initiation	
Ready for Affiliation	
Ready for Reinstatement	
Other	0
Total	85

### LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members	90
Honorary Life Members	2
Total	92
Life Percentage	6.16%
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## **Emblem Club Hosts Quartermania**



What a great last couple of months our Emblem Club has had. We had a scholarship awards ice cream social and awarded eight scholarships. Chairman Bernadette Lazzara chose the essay theme for the students which was "select an event in the American history that you want to be retold and reflected upon by your generation and why". The essays received from our award winners were so fantastic and well written that it amazed all present at our event.

On March 3 our club sponsored Quartermania. Chairman Valerie Fisher did an outstanding job. We had 176 players and ten vendors. A box lunch was served to all our guests. In playing this game, you just raise your paddles after you pay the bid price of either one, two, three or four quarters. If you were not able to attend, you missed a great afternoon.

On March 21 we held a fundraiser for Orangewood Children and Family Center. This fundraiser was hosted by our club president Rosalind Solano. We collected items like art supplies, bracelet kits, action figures, Legos, and pre-packaged snacks. For the teens we collected items like makeup, hygiene items, manicure kits, cotton ball, eyelashes and press on nails. It is so rewarding to be able to help children, teens and moms who have so little. Congratulations go to Rosalind for a job well done.

Our Spring Boutique will be on Sunday, April 14 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. in the grand ballroom. Now if you like to shop, come on down. We will have over 55 vendors there for your shopping pleasure. Bring your friends and have fun. Then if you get hungry, you can have lunch in the lodge's Mc-Calla Lounge. Our chairman for this is event is our ever faithful, Valerie Fisher.

Did you know that our Emblem Club goes to the veterans Hero's Landing twice a month? Valerie Fisher, our chairman, heads up this visitation. Bernadette Lazzaro and Stephanie Roe go on the 2nd Thursday of each month and play Bingo with the veterans and their families. The prize that the veterans like the best is a roll of quarters. (They use these quarters to do their laundry). On the 3rd Thursday, Gloria Chavez has a craft afternoon there to go with whatever holiday we are celebrating.

Interested in joining us? Contact Valerie Fisher at 949-798-9384.

## **Nomads News**

The Nomads, the RV camping club of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, are pleased to announce our new officers: Tina Wyatt, president; Tom Wyatt, treasurer, Isabelle Kaminsky, secretary and Harry Kay, wagonmaster. Our regular meetings are 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.

April 18-21, we're off to Golden Village Palms RV Resort hosted by Sue and Harry Kay. We look forward to Harry's RV happy hour and the Shake Rattle and Roll Karaoke on Thursday, Friday breakfast at the park, happy hour potluck dinner, and Vintage Weekend Comedy Night with Mike Wilson. Saturday we will and be at the Park's 10th Annual Vintage Camper and Classic Car Show, a poolside BBQ, corn hole, and Harry's Happy Hour, then dinner out at Los Vaqueros Cantina & Grill. Sunday we'll be at the Vintage Weekend Concert with the Dreamboats. We'll be busy all weekend having fun, fun, fun!

We welcome all Elks. Call Tina Wyatt, president at 714-553-1232 or tinawyattvi @yahoo.com

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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.

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. Be sure to check out our web site at www.elkstravelclub. com for more detailed information on all of the trips.

### COLORADO ROCKIES, RAILS & WESTERN NATIONAL PARKS

Some of the most beautiful country is right here in the western United States. See it by train, plane and automobile on this amazing trip with the Santa Ana Elks Travel Club.

On the first day, you'll board from convenient Orange County Airport and head off to Denver where you'll meet your tour guide and transfer to your hotel and a welcome dinner. Day two has you off



to Vail, Colorado then off to Grand Junction for a two-night stay. On your third day, you'll travel west to Utah to visit two of our country's great national parks, Canyonlands and Arches National Parks where vou'll see some of the famous arches (over 2000 feet tall) and marvel at red rock canyons Day four, it's all aboard the 1881 coal-fired Durango & Silverton Narrow gauge Railroad for a spectacular journey through the San Juan National Forest. Day five you'll visit the largest and best preserved Anasazi Indian cliff dwellings in the Southwest followed by a chuck wagon supper and western show. Day six has you traveling east to Great San Dunes National Park then you'll journey to Colorado Springs at the foot of famous Pikes Peak for a threenight stay. Day seven you'll board the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad for

an 8.9 miles trip to the summit of Pike's Peak. Then visit the Garden of the Gods and the U.S. Air Force Academy. Day 8 you'll visit some of the most arresting scenery in all of American railroading aboard the Royal Gorge Railroad. You'll overnight in Colorado Springs before returning home on day 9.

Your trip includes roundtrip airfare from Orange County, seven nights first class hotel accommodations, ten meals, a professional tour director, modern deluxe motorcoach, plus site admissions, sightseeing, baggage handling and all taxes and fees.

The price for this trip is \$3,649 per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$1,150 if traveling alone. To book, pick up a brochure at the lodge or scan the bar code above. Questions, call Jim Tobin at 949-533-4959 or email elkstravel@ gmail.com

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<b>Celebrating April Birthdays With Pasta</b>
Dinner on Wednesday, April 3

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, April 3 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

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	chael Lee Simpfenderter
	Armando Salinas
	Nancy Silva
	Sheilagh Robinson
	Kenneth Francis Young
	Nancy Bollinger
	Cesar B. Grijalva
	Mark Angelino Ramos
	David B. Smith
	Robert L. Butcher
	Patrick Curley
	Fred C. Davis
4/5	John Gaido
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	George Salazar
	Becky Torres
4/5	David W. Westcott
4/6	Derek Biering
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	Sergio Segura
4/6	Todd Szilagyi
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	Steve Cuevas
4/11	Clarence W. Hauschild

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4/11 Kendall Madsen	
4/12Joseph Rowland	
4/12Daniel J. Walker	
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4/16 Albert L. Calleros	
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4/16Carolyn Marie Edwards Knight	
4/16Carolyn Gillis	
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4/24	Saul Rios
	Teresa Salgado
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4/25	Catherine C. Amen
4/25	Donald <mark>G.</mark> Berkheimer
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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. Following are the members whose names were pulled and who lost out on the money by not attending the meeting. Don't be a loser... attend Tuesday lodge meetings! February 6 - \$65 Alfredo Soto Victor Chavez Gabriel Moreno

February 13 - \$70 Phil Jimenez Emar Rushdi Matthew Sarmiento

February 20 - \$75 Robert King Michael Hatcher Gary Arch

February 27 - \$80 Edwardo Perez Gerardo Mata Daniel Raul Valdivia

## Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Dinner



Cinco de Mayo is coming up and the Santa Ana Elks Lodge is celebrating in style...a day early. On Saturday, May 4, the lodge will be holding a Cinco de Mayo party featuring the banda popular Family Style.

The chef is preparing a special buffet of delicioso Mexican foods and the bar is planning its drink specials. So dust off those sombreros and get ready for a fantástico evening of fun, food and dancing!

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Charles F. Wilmot	Retired	Transfer from Orange
Daron Toll	Project Manager	George Will
Domenic Llamas	Roofing Contractor	George Will
Donald George Hughes	Retired	Cynthia Edes
Gary Neshanian		Transfer from NH
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Jilly M. Toll	Retired	George Will
John G. Rodriguez	Law Enforcement	Gerardo Rodarte
Joseph Sepulveda	Retired	Glen Howard
Kathleen York-Heringer	Attorney	Linda Dunn
Kathy Jumper	Orange County's Credit Union	John Moore
Kevin Shuler	Realtor/Agent	George Will
Kimberly M. Craik	Grocery Clerk	Marsha Villareal
Sharon Leatherman	none listed	Transfer from Orange
Linda A. Johnson	Credit Manager	De Anna Thiesmeyer
Linda Wooley	Business Owner	Annie Strenk
Lorraine Peralta	Retired	Diane Anderson
Maudie Romero	none listed	Transfer from MV
Michael Zachan	Retired	George Will
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Robert Allen	Environmental Manager	Ronald Allen
Robert McIntosh II	Business Owner	Susan McIntosh
Robert McKinnon	none listed	Transfer from HB
Ronald Joseph Pilchowski .	HVAC Tech	Louis Carlson
Sean Sato	Physical Therapist	Bernie Dennis
Steven Thomas Walker	Retired Anaheim PD	Edward Thaete
Susan Himes	Retired	Transfer from Orange
Thomas K. Tsotsis	Engineer	George Will
Timothy Blount	none listed	Transfer from N H
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Wendy Currlin	Director Clinical Operations	Trace Weatherford
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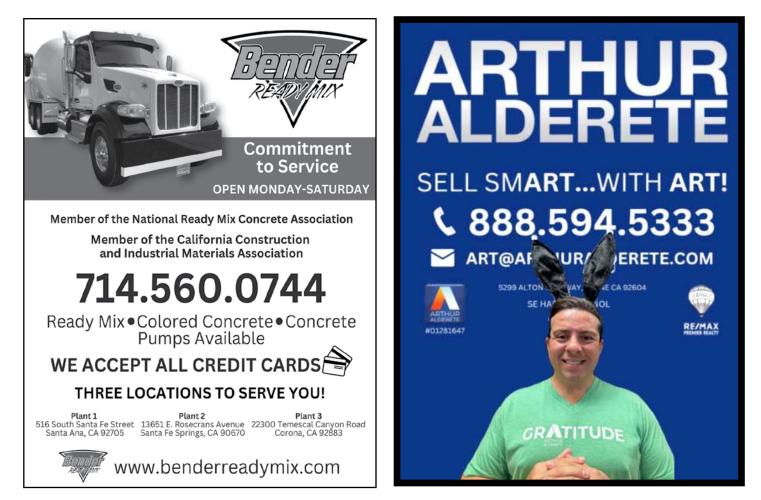
### © 20 Beatles Tribute Band to Play SA Lodge



The Beatles are the best-selling music act of all time, with estimated sales of 600 million records worldwide. They are the most successful musical act in the history of the US Billboard charts, holding the most number-one hits on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart. The band received seven Grammy Awards and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988 Time magazine named them among the 20th century's 100 most important people. Now you can experience the Beatles again as the tribute band Paperback Writer performs at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, Friday, Apri 12.

Hands down, Paperback Writer is one of the top Beatles shows in the world. Having traveled to 33 countries and over 26 states Paperback Writer -The Beatles Experience has performed at Disneyland, Disney Entertainment and on board four major cruise lines, theaters and casinos nationwide.

Tickets for the performance are \$50 for members and \$60 for non members. The evening includes an English-themed buffet of salad, Liverpool meat pie, English fish & chips, the Kings chicken and Enlish Trifle. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the concert beings at 8:00 pm. This is an open house event, so feel free to invite your friends. Only 280 tickets will be available, so get yours early at 714-547-7794.



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#### Lodge Meetings

First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm

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Every Third Tuesday, 5:00 pm

### House Committee Meeting

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

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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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