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SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

JUNE 2020

**EXALTED RULER**  
*Wes Brown*



Members,

Through necessity, ingenuity and teamwork we have made radical and decisive decisions to ensure that your Lodge flourishes even during these demanding times. Curbside Grab and Go Dinners have been successful beyond our wildest imagination. The proceeds from these dinners keep the lodge running without dipping into savings. Also, on Friday Nights we are selling raffle tickets to people waiting in line. Proceeds from these raffles are being donated to local charities to benefit those in our community that need it the most.

Every Thursday morning at 8 am our east parking lot is now a Santa Barbara County Foodbank distribution center. Officers, their spouses and other Elks are there to meet the Foodbank truck as it arrives to drop off pallets of food. We then put the food into grocery bags to give to local families in need. Thanks to Phil Daughton we received the ENF Gratitude Grant for \$2,500 which we recently presented to the Foodbank. As I tell everyone I would prefer there were not a need for this service, but I am proud of our Lodge for being a vital resource to our community. This is what the Elks are all about.

**Quotes for this month:**

*"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade".*

*"It's not what happens to you, but how*

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**GREETINGS AND ALOHA TO ALL CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELK MEMBERS!**



Wow - as I sit here writing this article, I have just been informed of some unusual developments.

As you are aware, the United States is under a national emergency in connection with the COVID-19 global pandemic. This pandemic has completely infected commerce on a local, national and global basis, and the impacts, never before seen in our lifetime, worsen on a daily basis.

But the Elks continue to be leaders. Our CHEA leadership has decided that to hold our annual convention under these conditions would not be prudent, and in fact would put our most valuable asset, our Members, at greater risk. We have cancelled the May 2020 convention in Palm Springs. We will all miss the opportunity to see each other at the convention this year.

So, what happens next, no convention, no meetings, no fun? In an effort to give our Lodges, Districts and Members a chance to heal and grow strong again as this pandemic begins to subside some tough decisions had to be made. Not holding a convention will save the Lodges some costs and will keep local leadership around the Lodge during these critical times. Ritual competitions at District and Association level will not occur. There will be no Vice President visits within the District this year and the President and First Lady will not be coming to your District for a visit. These actions are designed to save the Lodges and Districts critical funds to continue the many programs we support. I have been watching all the creative fun our Lodges and members have come up with using virtual

gatherings, conference calls, video meetings and similar ways to interact while socially distant - when this subsides, I know the fun will continue.



We recognize that a number of Lodges will have, or have already had events cancelled that they rely on to help fund the Lodge, the Club facility, etc. This year we must concentrate on getting our Members and our Lodges healthy. Social distancing is necessary, but not a fun experience. We are social beings and as such we need to be around other people. Perhaps this can be a wake-up call to put aside disputes and similar issues that cause dissension in Lodges. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this social distancing actually brought us closer together?

This would normally be my final article, but I must warn you, I'm going to be back. Sandy and I will be serving one additional year as First Lady and President (she gets first billing this time!!) as we go through this adjustment year. Our current Vice Presidents and spouses, the Hunters, will stay in place for another year. Jay and Ginger Larkins and

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**For current event information:**

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*All American Lodge*

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN June

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- 1 Grab & Go .....5:30 pm
- 4 Food Bank in Parking Lot.....8:00 am  
Elks Horn Articles Due ..... 8:00 pm
- 5 Grab & Go .....5:30 pm  
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- 19 Grab & Go .....5:30 pm  
Raffle Tickets \$5
- 22 Grab & Go .....5:30 pm
- 26 Food Bank in Parking Lot.....8:00 am
- 29 Grab & Go .....5:30 pm  
Raffle Tickets \$5

**P.S. Check Lodge website or Facebook page for Grab & Go Menus.**  
**P.P.S. Please, pay dues when you are able.**

### MONDAY NIGHT:

Grab & Go .....5:30 pm

### THURSDAY NIGHT:

Food Bank .....8:00 am

### FRIDAY NIGHT:

Grab & Go .....5:30 pm

## WIDOW'S/WIDOWER'S IDENTIFICATION CARDS

If you are a widow/widower of a Member of this Lodge and would like to have a card, please call the office. The requirement for receiving an identification card is that the Member must have been a Member In Good Standing when he/she passed away and you have not remarried. The card allows you to come to Lodge social functions but you may not go to a Lodge meeting or be used as a proposer or reference for a new Member. Contact Faith Reynolds, Membership Coordinator via email [Faith@elks1538.org](mailto:Faith@elks1538.org)

## CHEMPI 2020 THEME CHILD

5-year-old Aaron is energetic, funny, affectionate and rambunctious; a lot like many 5-year-old boys keeping their parents on the run. What is not so typical is that Aaron is not yet using many words to make his wants and needs known. The most intensive period of speech and language development is during the first three years of life, a period of rapid brain development. At about 12-months-old, many children are already using single words, and by age 2 may be putting words together in simple sentences. Aaron's parents noticed early on that Aaron was not using simple words or pointing to direct their attention. Aaron was also a bit delayed in walking so he was receiving physical therapy in his home through The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Aaron's physical therapist, Megan Macleod, suggested that Aaron receive a speech/language evaluation and referred Aaron's parents to Toby Tamayo-Davis, a CHEMPI speech language therapist.



Aaron with CHEMPI Speech Therapist Toby Tamayo-Davis

Toby evaluated Aaron when he was approximately 18 months old and determined that he would benefit from individual speech language therapy. She immediately began working with Aaron and his parents weekly in his home. Speech language therapy sessions included using pictures, books, songs, toys, and lots of repetition.. At the age of 2 years, 9 months, Aaron was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which is a developmental disability that often includes challenges with communication. The term "spectrum" refers to the wide range of symptoms and skills that children with ASD may have.

Toby was the perfect therapist for Aaron due to her extensive experience as a speech therapist working with children with ASD. She educated and empowered Aaron's parents with a home program so that they could be involved in Aaron's speech language therapy all week long, not only when Toby was there for his therapy session. Aaron's parents were outstanding with following through with all home program suggestions made by Toby, and eventually began seeing improvement in Aaron's ability to communicate both verbally and non-verbally, in his play skills and his ability to follow a routine.

But the generosity of the ELKS was about to get even more significant for this family. Aaron's mother, Gabby had a baby girl, Sarah, in December 2016. During the pregnancy Sarah was diagnosed with non-immune hydrops - a very rare but serious condition and Sarah was transferred to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) immediately after birth.

Sarah would spend the next 8 months in the NICU due to issues of chronic lung disease, heart problems and needed a feeding tube.

Aaron's mother or father were in the NICU with Sarah everyday spending hours by her side. When Sarah was discharged from the NICU, it was clear that she would require physical therapy to gain strength and mobility, but she was much too medically fragile to be out of the home for therapy. Aaron's physical therapist through the Major Project, Megan Macleod, was right there to step in and begin weekly physical therapy for Sarah. The one constant was both children getting the very important therapy services they needed weekly in their home, all due to the generosity of the Elks. Sarah is now crawling and there is no stopping her!

Aaron still has a way to go but is using several words and making his needs known. Aaron loves to sing, use gestures to songs, plays on his iPad and loves his little sister.

This family has faced a number of challenges over the past few years, but they are strong and determined to raise happy, functional and independent children. The donations from the Elks have provided Aaron and Sarah the therapy needed to help them reach this goal. A huge "Thank You" to all ELKS from Hawaii and California for your enthusiastic and selfless fundraising efforts and donations!

### Exalted Ruler continued

*you choose to handle it".*

*The lemonade we have chosen to make is delicious and refreshing.*

We are **TEAM SANTA MARIA!** We are **1538 STRONG!**

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Be Kind.

Fraternally,  
Wes Brown, Exalted Ruler

## ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Please notify the office if you change your Phone number, address or email. Many Elks Horns are returned and we pay postage for returned copies, and again to send one to the new address. If you would like to receive the newsletter online, please send an email to [Faith@elks1538.org](mailto:Faith@elks1538.org). Thank you!

## TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

## CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT *Peter Oblak*

My fellow Members,

During these difficult times, the California-Hawaii Elks Association has had to make many changes to try and keep our Members safe. The most important consideration in today's world is to follow our Government Regulations and the advice from our Healthcare Professionals. Because of the COVID 19 situation, the CHEA Convention that was to be held in Palm Springs in May has been cancelled.

A number of steps have now been taken to keep our Members safe and to ensure Elkdom will continue once this crisis is behind us. I would like to share some of the steps with you that are being taken at this time.

Our Association President Tim Jaeger and First Vice President, Jay Larkins will remain in office for the coming year. Jay's Vice President Designates will work along with the current Vice Presidents (who will remain in office throughout the next fraternal year). All other Association Officers such as, our CHEA and CHEMPI Board of Trustees, Association Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will change positions per usual on May 16, 2020 because they can work remotely from home.

It has been decided that Association President Jaeger will not make any District Visitations during the upcoming Fraternal Year of Elkdom. The reason for this is that Tim has already made all of his designated visits. It will relieve the Districts of the responsibility of hosting an Association President.

Also, the current Vice Presidents will remain in office but will not do any District Lodge visits. They will submit

the reporting forms to the Lodge electronically. Then the Lodge will fill it out and return it. This will relieve the burden of Lodge visits in the coming year. Part of the reasoning here is that once the quarantine has been lifted, many Lodges will probably find themselves in some sort of financial difficulty. This will give the Lodge leadership the opportunity to regroup and get their Lodge in working order again.

You will find other information in this publication regarding the Convention refunds and the steps we are taking to ensure our Major Project continues into the future. Please make sure you read through the magazine to get further information.

It is not only Elkdom that is facing trying times, but our entire world. The most important thing is to keep our membership safe and healthy. Our Lodges have been closed due to the pandemic. Once they reopen, it will be necessary for truly dedicated Elks to step forward and help carry their Lodges successfully into the future. It is the Lodges in their local communities that will carry forward the charitable works of Elkdom that will be needed now more than ever.

Elkdom has survived for over 150 years. It has survived because of its Members, giving of themselves, their time, effort and dedication to make our world a better place. God Bless all of our Membership and God Bless the United States of America.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Louis J. Grillo, PGER  
Area 7 Sponsor



Members,

I would like to say thank you to all of our officers, their spouses, and all of the other Members that have stepped up during the Covid-19 pandemic to do what is necessary to make the curbside dinners and the weekly food bank happen to support both our community, and our Lodge.

I would also like to thank all of our office staff, and our maintenance crew for continuing to work to keep our Lodge operational during the pandemic. And thank you to our Chef Danny Estrada for organizing the kitchen crew to make these events go smoothly. I want to thank Stacy Simas for all of her hard work in cleaning all of the bars.

We are all looking forward to our Lodge and our Nation in getting back to some form of normalcy soon, however it will take some time for this to happen as we all must continue to maintain our social distancing, and respect the severity of this virus and the unknown time it will take to be on an upswing to healthy living once again.

Thanks again to all of you, stay safe and stay healthy.

Fraternally  
Peter Oblak  
Esteemed Leading Knight

### California & Hawaii continued

the incoming Vice President couples, the Volunteers, will work closely with the Hunters during this upcoming year.

So now - what are we going to accomplish? I am convinced we had a massive gain in membership lined up, it took a pandemic to slow us down, and we will pick up the momentum when these challenges are behind us. I am also convinced that we easily topped the \$4 million dollar mark for the Major Project, and we will now be targeting \$4 million+ for the 2020-2021 Piggy Bank March. We will basically have two sets of VPs out there to assist each district in their efforts.

In other parts of this newsletter stories of selfless acts performed by Elks around our Association are documented. Stepping up when we are most needed is a long-standing Elk tradition. We have been among the first to respond to National emergencies for many years. This emergency was no different as when Elks were needed, we as always stepped up to a new challenge.

Finally, for those who are concerned, Gene Dale and the gorilla family are all safely sheltered in place and practicing social distancing.

Thank you for "Stepping up to a New Age" and supporting all the great Elk Programs.

With warm fraternal regards,  
Tim Jaeger, President, California-Hawaii Elks Association

### CAR SHOW CANCELLED

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing requirements, we have to CANCEL the annual Car Show. I hope everyone is safe and healthy. See you next year.

Bob Oathout, Car Show Co-Chairman

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Ok what can I do during a plague? Reading old Lodge bulletins sounded fun. The earliest monthly bulletin I could find was from 1967, although earlier publications did exist but were apparently not saved. Upon moving into the new Lodge building in May of 1969 usual activities continued. This beautiful new facility now had to be paid for so how was this accomplished? In the years leading up to construction, Members signed Pledge Loan cards (these were for non-interest-bearing loans) in varying amounts and some simply made donations. The loans or donations were used to make the payments on the building's mortgage. The Pledge Loans would be repaid to the Members as fast as possible and in the event of financial distress or the death of the Member the full amount of the loan would be re-paid to his widow immediately.

In August of 1969 our Monday night family dinners began. Dinner was \$1.50 for adults and .75 cents for children under 12. There was also a "special cocktail hour" beforehand for the ladies (remember we were a men's only organization). The first annual Family Picnic that was held at the new Lodge grounds was on September 21, 1969. During this time, the picnic venues were either the Union Oil picnic grounds or the Lodge grounds.

The formal dedication ceremony banquet and dance celebrating the new "Plant" was held October 25, 1969. Elk dignitaries from all over California as well as outside the state were in attendance. By December of 1969 Lodge membership was 1,654. In 1970 the Mother's Day menu was steak and eggs, \$1.25 and .75 for children, with 700 served. At the annual New Year's Eve Gala, a 1970 Ford Thunderbird was the raffle prize, with 2000 tickets at \$5.00 each sold. Each year the car was purchased from a different local dealership. 1970 brought several popular entertainment events utilizing our new large venue. Everything went pretty smoothly with the exception of the disappearance of the Naugahyde chair from the lobby.

Weekly "Elko" (Bingo) began Tuesday April 6, 1971 for Members and wives only. Net proceeds from the fundraising raffles at the 1971 Family Picnic were used to build the Sauna, Steam room and Handball court. The grand prize was a usually a trip to Las Vegas. During the 60's and 70's the Lodge would charter one or two buses for visits to other Lodges outside our district. As an example, in November 1971 a couple of buses headed to the Salinas Elks Lodge for a weekend visit. The trip included "refreshments" on the bus, dinner and breakfast at the Lodge and the motel room, all this for only \$50.00 per couple. Visiting the San Francisco Lodge was popular also. The Lodge sauna and handball is almost finished, expected opening in April 1972. On May 12, 1972, the Lodge held its first Crab Crack, all you can eat for \$4.00 with all the sides. Father's Day dinner was changed to breakfast steak and eggs \$1.50 and \$1.00 for kids in 1972. Ladies day for the sauna and workout room from noon to 7:00 pm began in June 1972. Butch Simas put on the first fundraiser in August of 1972 to raise funds to enclose the BBQ area; it was a "White Elephant" auction. By March 31st \$6,401.73 had been raised for the project. In September of 1972 our first Law Enforcement Night BBQ was held, and trophies of appreciation were awarded. The first annual Elks Cerebral Palsy and Crippled Children's (Major Project) Horse show and GymKana fundraiser was held December 9th and 10th at the fairgrounds. First prize was a registered Quarter Horse donated by Clarence Minetti. Sadly, bacon wrapped liver disappeared from the New Year's Eve menu in 1972.

By March 1973, the BBQ enclosure was almost finished, the dress code needed some clarification and controlling the number of drink chips in circulation had become a problem. Elk of the Month awards began in 1973, the Elk of the Year award had begun in 1963-64. A bus trip to Hollywood Park was enjoyed in July 1973, \$40.00 per couple included the bus, lunch, refreshments, track admission and dinner at Travaglinis in Encino.

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# To Our Valued Members

All of us at your Santa Maria Elks Lodge hope that this note finds you and your families in good health. The COVID-19 pandemic is testing us all in unimaginable ways, from changing our daily lives to the shifting health of the world and economy. As we all move through this together, we want you to know the steps we are taking to be there for our Members, our staff, and our community.

First, thank you to all of our loyal Members for your continued support. We would not be here today without you as we stand together through the COVID-19 pandemic.

## What is happening at the Lodge during the closure?

While closed, we have focused most of our efforts on assisting our local community in a multitude of ways. In addition, we are putting the well-being of our Members, employees and the community first and have implemented entirely new protocols in the Lodge to adhere to social distancing and COVID-19 best practices.

We started this closure by embarking on the much-needed endeavor of conducting a thorough deep cleaning of the entire Lodge, inside and out. We have drafted and implemented entirely new enhanced cleaning procedures, including increased frequency, more stringent glove and mask requirements, and more robust cleaning schedules throughout the Lodge.

In addition, we will be offering hand sanitizing stations, social distancing measures where appropriate, and varied seating and possible dining configurations as just a few examples of some of the changes being implemented.

## We continue to support local community.

Our Lodge has always embodied the Spirit of "Elks Care Elks Share," however during these trying times, we have never been more committed to supporting our community, and we expect to continue this support throughout 2020. Specifically, we have been offering Grab and Go dinners every Monday and Friday at 5:30 to allow us to offer a taste of the Lodge during this shutdown. For those that cannot afford even the most basic necessities, we have been a dedicated food distribution site for the Santa Barbara County Food Bank every Thursday at 10:00am since this crisis started, and we expect to continue this for a long time to come. Further, we have been conducting raffles every Friday night as part of the Grab and Go dinners with proceeds going directly to LOCAL causes in need right here in our community. We will continue to support this community in any way we can and appreciate all of your "Thank you's".

## Supporting our employees.

We have been able to keep most of our employees on staff during this shutdown, including our office and maintenance staff through the proceeds from our Grab and Go dinners. We appreciate their dedication and continued service to the Lodge.

## What can Members do to help the Lodge?

Please support our Grab and Go dinner offerings and any other non-traditional events we may offer throughout all of 2020, to allow your Lodge to continue to function, thrive and fully support our members and the community.

Please come to the Lodge as often as you can when things are more normal and you feel comfortable in public gatherings. We will respect all of your requests and will continue to evolve our operations and procedures to not only meet your safety needs, but to meet your social needs as well. We don't have everything figured

out, just yet, but we are diligently working in order to respond as quickly as possible to new information.

Consider encouraging and sponsoring new members, this year more than any other year, as undoubtedly, we will lose some members as a result of the shutdown.

Please pay your dues if you are able. We know and fully understand that you are not receiving all of the benefits that you would normally receive, but we appreciate everyone one of you and hope to see all of your faces throughout 2020 and beyond. We are looking into offering some Member Only functions very soon to show our appreciation and gratitude for your support. If you cannot pay your dues at this time, just know that there will be no late fees when you are more financially able to pay your dues; just pay before you resume coming to the Lodge. We also have a way to split your dues into two payments if that would be helpful.

Lastly, please thank your Lodge Officers and their spouses. Every Grab and Go dinner, every food bank distribution, etc. has been accomplished through the dedicated time and efforts of your Officers, their spouses, your Lodge Trustees, our Chef, Lodge Manager and employees, along with a few VERY dedicated volunteers - thank you!

## Where can I get the latest information?

If you have access to Social Media, please follow the Lodge @ SantaMariaElksLodge on both Facebook and Instagram for the very latest information. In addition, you can always call the office during normal business hours.

## When will the Lodge be back to normal?

We don't know when and we don't know exactly what the new normal will look like or what will be different, but we do know we will be back bigger and better than ever. We want to thank all of you again and look forward to an amazing rest of 2020! We are **#1538Strong!**

Sincerely,  
Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538

## In Memoriam

### "TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"

### AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORSAKEN.

**#9362**

**Louie Mojarro**

Born: December 14, 1932  
Initiated: November 21, 1985  
Died: March 17, 2020

**#6804**

**Anthony Pianfetti**

Born: February 14, 1942  
Initiated: April 24, 1975  
Died: April 28, 2020

**#10031**

**Ted Funkhouser**

Born: March 5, 1943  
Initiated: February 25, 1988  
Died: March 24, 2020

**#10921**

**Stanley Lewellyn**

Born: August 28, 1935  
Initiated: March, 28 2020  
Died: May 5, 2020

**#15231**

**Julius Sherman**

Born: October 25, 1936  
Initiated: March 24, 2016  
Died: April 17, 2020

**#5263**

**Richard Fisher**

Born: September 12, 1932  
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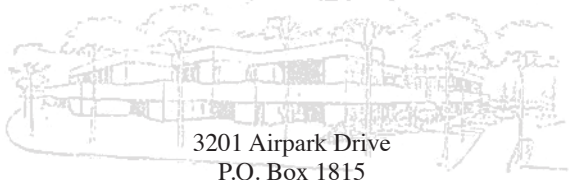
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## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

If you are an Associate Member, or want to be, of the Santa Maria Elks dues are \$30 per year and they are not pro-rated. Please send or bring a copy of your 2020-2021 Membership Card from your home Lodge along with your check to the Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538, 1309 N. Bradley Rd, Santa Maria CA 93454. New Associate Members will need to fill out a form. We cannot issue you an Associate membership card without seeing your current membership card from your home Lodge. For questions contact Faith Reynolds, Membership Coordinator via email [Faith@elks1538.org](mailto:Faith@elks1538.org)

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### Did you know? continued

In October of 1973 Cook Your Own was first proposed and our first CYO was on the 16th of November 1973. There were two choices, large Ribeye for \$2.75 or small Ribeye for \$2.25 including salad, Santa Maria beans and French bread. Nashville Express was the first CYO band. By January, CYO was attracting around 300 Members, spouses and guests. In December Monday - Friday lunches were added to the Saturday lunch schedule at \$1.75, the menu was somewhat like our Pub Grub menu today. Unlike our popular Pub Grub served on Tuesday evenings, the Monday to Friday lunch was cancelled in February 1974. December 1973 had some problems; at the big Children's Christmas Party a child was knocked down and trampled by children in their zest to see Santa. Also, that month five officers' photos were vandalized, yikes! March 23, 1974 Santa Maria #1538 became the Mother Lodge to the new Oceano-Five Cities Lodge #2504.

May 10, 1974 brought a price increase for CYO steaks to \$3.00 across the board and children were no longer allowed Friday night. By November 1974 Membership was 2011. Sometime, mid 1974, Happy Hour prior to Lodge meetings was introduced, this was an idea that certainly was never cancelled. Teenager of the Month awards for one boy and one girl were instituted in October 1974. Lodge meeting attendance continued to be an issue (as it is in every lodge) so something new was tried starting December 5, 1974. The first full-on dinner served prior to Lodge was prepared by Bud Wong from Guadalupe. The menu was Pork fried Chow Mein, pork spareribs, almond chicken and fried shrimp, all this for 1.75. A ping pong tournament was organized as after-Lodge entertainment. Lodge attendance that night was 100. The next meeting was BBQ Linguica, ranch beans, salad and French bread, same price and 86 members. The after-Lodge games included darts, cribbage, pool and shuffleboard. Full dinners and games seemed to disappear around mid-summer 1975.

In January 1975, an ad appeared in the Read and Save which read "For Sale one Parcel of land 97 X 100 ft. - bids will be accepted on this parcel. Minimum bids of \$10,000". Well, this was something even the long-time Members couldn't recall and nothing more was mentioned about it in later Elks Horns. It turns out that when the city wanted some property to construct a street on the south-west end of our property, they offered to name the street Elks Lane. The problem was this caused the "lot" to be separated from the Lodge property by Elks Lane, thus selling it made sense. If you go out the back driveway the white house directly across Elks Lane is on the mystery lot.

The Read and Save became the Elks Horn as of February 1975. CYO was going strong and reservations were still required, in April came another price change and another option, Ribeye \$3.00 and NY \$4.50. In September 1975, the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night BBQ honored Law Enforcement and Firefighters. Family Picnics grew in popularity, in 1975 753 adults and upwards of 500 children were in attendance.

It was proposed we organize a Kamper Club (now Travellers) in December 1975. Monday night family dinner prices skyrocketed to \$2.00 and \$1.50 for children 10 and under. March 1, 1976 Cowhide shaped wooden decorative plaques to be displayed in the BBQ room become available for purchase, the cost was \$50.00 (\$125.00 today) The plaque could have your brand or family name and consideration was given to older members. Funds raised were for improvements to our BBQ room such as a new floor.

In January 1976, a public information committee was formed which is now the photo committee. As I pause here, we still have the plague, so I will pick this up next month. Please keep in mind this is only taken from Elk Horn articles and calendars, so I am sure there was much more to report.

To Be Continued...

By Georgia Daighton  
Lodge Public Relations Chairman

## CHEMPI 70TH ANNIVERSARY PIN

The California Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc began with the modest amount the first year of \$78,991.37, directed by a committee, to over \$4.7 million currently being dispersed to the varied parts of the program now directed by the Trustees of the Major Project. In 1950 the program started with scholarships to therapists, a medical research grant, and two mobile therapy units established in Eureka. We now offer expanded therapy services to many areas of California and Hawaii; provide Preschool Vision Screening to determine eye deficiencies while the deficiency is still correctable; funds to support unmet financial needs of those with vision deficiencies and scholarship funding for Students with Disabilities. In honor of CHEMPI's 70th Year Anniversary, we are offering a 70-Year Pin available now from the CHEA Office. The cost is \$30 with credit going towards your Millennium Accumulative total and your Lodge. We are also offering a 50Year Anniversary Pin for an additional \$10, so \$40 for both pins!!!



To request your beautiful 70-Year Pin fill out this form, scan and email to [chea@elks.org](mailto:chea@elks.org) or mail your check made out to CHEMPI to: CHEMPI • 5450 E. Lamona Avenue • Fresno, CA 93727-2224. Your 70-Year pin(s) will be mailed to the address shown on the form below.

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## STUDENT OF MONTH & STUDENT OF YEAR RESULTS, MAY 1, 2020

The Student of the Month Scholarship committee received 65 applications from September 15, 2019 through April 15, 2020 from all five SM Valley high schools. Fourteen were selected by our committee of three readers to be recipients of an initial \$350 and a certificate at a monthly Lodge meeting. As the date of the traditional end-of-year banquet, where each student would receive an additional \$500 approached, we were all hit with the pandemic of COVID-19. Thus, the students were mailed their checks. The two Students of the Year who will receive an additional \$1750 have been notified and their checks and recognition certificates were mailed as well. It was just one more disappointment for seniors in these trying times.

All GPA's were between 4.03- 4.83, each ranked within the top 10% (often among top 3 of classes as large as 550), and—most importantly for us as Elks—averaged 700 service hours each. Most passed at least three AP tests with a score of 3 to 5, two with perfect 5's on more than one test. Most already have AHC credits.

Many thanks to the parents and school-site personnel who assist the students in compiling their information for scholarships and remind them of deadlines. We as Elks salute all these scholars in the belief that the future of our community is fortunate to have them represent the Santa Maria Valley as they begin their college experiences.

Thank you, Bingo, for supporting these students and we give them our best wishes for the future.

### STUDENTS of MONTH / STUDENTS of YEAR 2019 - 2020

#### Final scholarship recipients

Month	Student	School	Special Recognition
October	Isabel Guerrero	Orcutt Academy	<b>Student of Year</b>
	Jedidiah Jimenez	Pioneer Valley	
November	Kayla Pablo	Orcutt Academy	
	Eric Pineda	Pioneer Valley	
December	Kennedy Cuellar	Ernest Righetti	
	Naomi Nau	Pioneer Valley	<b>Student of Year</b>
January	Hayley Parker	Orcutt Academy	
	Adrienne Lambert	Orcutt Academy	
February	Caden McCune	Orcutt Academy	
	Sammi Moroni	St. Joseph	
March	William Jin	Orcutt Academy	
	Julie Magana	Ernest Righetti	
April	Jacob Galloway	St. Joseph	
	Alyssa Joseph	Pioneer Valley	

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