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Wes Brown

Members,

November. Already. Wow! Yet here we are. November is the month we take stock in all the good things in our life and thank God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.



Truly, I believe most of us have much to be thankful for even in this COVID-19 world. Personally, I am thankful for my wife, for my family, and for my friends. I am thankful to live in this great country and to live in this wonderful community. I am thankful to be a Member of one of the greatest Lodges in Elkdom and thankful for the fellowship that comes with it.

It is not a perfect world and things do not necessarily go the way we plan. This year is a perfect example. In normal times so much of the good works of this Lodge goes unnoticed, almost as if it is expected or taken for granted. In this, the COVID year, we have had the opportunity showcase the strength and character of what it means to be an Elk. Most importantly, what it means to be a Member/Volunteer of Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538. "Thank you" to all Members. Thank you for being an Elk. Thank you for supporting this great Lodge during these difficult times.

Quotes for this month:

"Give freely of yourself always to your family, your friends, your community, and your country. The world will pay you back many times over." - Sandra Day O'Connor

"What seem to us bitter trials are often blessings in disguise." - Oscar Wilde

"Don't just count your blessings. Be the blessing other people count on." - Anonymous

May Faith, Hope and Love be your guide throughout this Holiday Season.

Wes Brown
Exalted Ruler



Santa Maria Elks Rodeo is proud to announce that our 2020 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Queen is Faith DeBrum representing VTC Enterprises. While enduring a challenging year of fundraising, our Queen

Candidates were focused on, and celebrated for, the mission of the campaign which is to raise funds for our local communities. Each Candidate's campaign contributed to the overall total of \$440,059, bringing our total contribution to our local communities to over \$13.5 million since the commencement of the program.

Our Queen Candidates were officially released through virtual platforms this year and like many, they were challenged with creativity to continue to be able to hold their events and functions within COVID-19 limitations.

Thank you to our Queen Candidates and supporting organizations. Pictured with the Elks Rec Board of Directors: Sabrina Dana, United Way of Northern Santa Barbara County; Faith DeBrum, VTC Enterprises; and Anna Kuykendall, St. Joseph High School.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS PHONE LINE

When calling our phone line, as the recording starts, dial 2 and you will get our weekly schedule of events including meals, days & hours of operation. You can also add us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.

LODGE INFORMATION AND CHANGES

Our Menu, Grab 'n' Go will be as follows:

Mon - 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the Bar and Patio, Grab 'n' Go: 5:15 pm until sold out or 7:00 pm

Tue - 4:00 - 7:00 pm in the Bar and Patio

Wed - Hot Dogs - 1:00 pm to close

Thu - Hot Dogs - 1:00 pm to close

Fri - 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the Bar and Patio, Grab 'n' Go: 5:15 pm until sold out or 7:00 pm

Sat - Hot Dogs - Noon to close

Sun - 9:30 - 11:30 am; Hot Dogs - Noon to close



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GREETERS:

- Oct. 30 to Nov. 5 Efrain Bautista
- Nov. 6 to Nov. 12 Vern Guerrero
- Nov. 13 to Nov. 19 Luis Arellano
- Nov. 20 to Nov. 26 Bob Lopez
- Nov. 27 to Dec. 3 Efrain Bautista

OFFICERS DUTY ROSTER:

- Nov. 1 - 6 Inner Guard
- Nov. 7 - 13 Leading Knight
- Nov. 14 - 20 Loyal Knight
- Nov. 21 - 27 Lecturing Knight

PURPLE PIG DONATIONS

- Julio Saldivar
- Keith King
- Josh Robertson
- Jean Studer

CRYING TOWEL

September 3, 2020

- Stanley Kestler \$500
- Fidel Villanueva \$500
- Lori Morales \$500

September 10, 2020

- Ricci Manfredi \$500
- William "Bill" Pierce \$500
- Alx Sanchez **Present** \$500

September 17, 2020

- Kyle Kirchof \$500
- Rodney J. Quintana \$500
- William "Bobby" Rogers \$500

September 24, 2020

- Rudy Hernandez \$500
- Linda Silva **Present** \$500
- Art Manriquez \$500

**VETERANS DAY
RECOGNIZES MILITARY
FAMILIES TOO**

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has long committed itself to honoring and supporting our country's military service members and veterans, and in these times that commitment has never been more important.

It was perhaps in the wake of the Second World War that the practice of honoring those who served in our nation's military was most intense. Parades and a variety of other events were staged to recognize those who offered themselves in the defense of our nation and its interests. While that fervor may have diminished for some over the years, the Elks have stood firm in continuing to recognize the men and women who serve this nation.

But, while as Elks we are familiar with the importance of November 11 as Veterans Day, when special attention is paid to honor our nation's veterans, some may not know that since 2016 November has been recognized as National Veterans and Military Families Month. Indeed, it is important we be mindful of not only the men and women who volunteer to serve in defending our nation, but also of their families who must endure hardship, emotional turmoil and deprivation while supporting them.

As Elks, while concern for our military is a year-round commitment, it is fitting we look for ways to support their families as well. Consider planning an event: Invite the family of service members to an event at your Lodge as circumstances allow, even if their service spouse or family member is unavailable. A little special attention, support and recognition for their special contributions to our nation's defense may go a long way, and heighten awareness in your community of what Elks stand for.

The Elks Veterans Service Commission stands ready to do everything we can to support the Elks' motto, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Please also remember the ongoing campaign to support the Pearl Harbor Memorial renovation. Important work is being done, and the Elks are being recognized for their commitment to restoring and improving this national monument that provides all Americans with a focus for remembrance and reflection of a very dark but inspiring time in our nation's history. Please help as you are able. Donations must be received by November 11.

Fraternally,
Robert L. Duitsman, PGER

TRAVELEERS



Twenty-four Members of our Lodge's RV club traveled to River Run RV Park in Bakersfield for a

three-day campout September 24th - 26th, with a group of fourteen continuing on to Boulder Creek RV Resort in Lone Pine from September 27th - October 1st. Although the daytime temperatures were the hottest of the year, and with other local attractions being closed, that didn't hamper the Traveleers from enjoying getting together again - though socially distanced and masked when needed. Most of our Members started their trip on Thursday by rendezvousing at the Buckhorn in New Cuyama for lunch, then on to Bakersfield. On Friday morning, the golfers held their usual friendly round of competition, with Greg Rodriguez declared the winner for the second month in a row. The ladies went shopping - no, not for themselves - but for "wish list" supplies for the Ronald McDonald House, a home-away-from-home where families can stay while their kids are being treated at

a nearby hospital for serious illnesses. On Saturday morning, our Members gathered at the RM House to present the purchased items and 108 lbs. of aluminum can "pull tabs" (the officially designated donation request) to the RM House manager. Needless to say, she was most grateful for our club's donations.

Due to COVID concerns, the park's clubhouse was not available for our monthly Membership meeting, but Mike and Patti Morris graciously offered their home's backyard for the meeting on Saturday afternoon. The meeting was preceded by champagne hosted by Richard and Joyce Chrisman, which is always a good way to start a meeting. Thanks go to the Morris' and Chrisman's for enabling us to conduct the club's business. Later that evening, because each rig was responsible for their own meals for this outing, our resident BBQ Master, Bobbie Randolph, set-up three BBQ grills for "cook-your-own", which was much appreciated - thanks Bobby!

On Sunday morning some of our group returned to Santa Maria, while the rest of us headed off to Lone Pine for a few

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CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

Peter Oblak



Members,

November is here and so is the Major Project Leading Knight Challenge. I will be formulating a plan of events in the next couple of weeks; I say this

because of the restrictions in place for the Covid-19. As the requirements change, so will the types of events that we can hold.

Again, I hope that you are all staying safe by staying apart. The county restrictions are governed by reaching certain target numbers, and as each target is reached the county modifies the restrictions that are in place, allowing us to do more than current requirements.

We are continuing the Food Bank give away each Thursday morning along with other events: Monday and Friday Grab 'n' Go meals, Sunday Breakfasts, and Tuesday Pub Grub.

All of you stay safe and God Bless.

Fraternally
Peter Oblak
Esteemed Leading Knight

Travelers Continued

days of "unofficial" Travelers camping. Even though the Portal (trail head to Mt. Whitney and the cafe location) were closed, three of our vehicles took a self-guided driving tour of the Whitney Portal Road loop, along the Movie Road passing locations where TV and various movies were filmed like Gunga Din, and Roy Rodgers Movie Flats, Lone Ranger Canyon, moonscape views and numerous other locations. With the timely loosening of the COVID rules for restaurants, we were able to go to Lone Pine for meals - a nice break from the former restrictions.

Norm and Cheryl McDonald's rig has a TV mounted behind an outside panel, and we gathered there to view the Presidential debate on Tuesday evening. Joby Steigler cooked-up lots of hot dogs and we all helped ourselves to an impromptu dinner. Cognizant of the disparate political leanings among our group, we all maintained a respectful and civil demeanor while watching the debate - too bad the debaters didn't.

As always, if you have a desire to use your RV more than a few times a year, and are interested in group campouts, then send our Membership volunteer, Lucy Fetzko, an email (lkfetzlc@gmail.com) for an invite to join with us as a guest for one of our next trips.

Alan Munch
Travelers Newsletter Committee

JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT

Matt Rodriguez



Members,

My Fellow Members, I hope you are all doing as well as can be during these times. As we go into this Holiday Season, I am hoping we can spend the much-

needed time to Celebrate with Family and Friends.

We are seven months into our Elk year for 2020-2021 - it has been an interesting year. We could say it has been tiring and exhausting, but instead I can say it has been a very fulfilling experience to take our Lodge to new avenues. Rest assured this team will continue to lead us in the positive direction.

This year has made an impact and taken toll on many that are just trying to get through it. We see attitude changes, short tempers, disrespect, and exhaustion all around us. If we would just remember as we were taught, "Respect One Another" we could show the people around us that we are all in this together. Words such as: thank you, please, you're welcome, excuse me, show respect for one another. It's up to us as Elks to make a difference in someone's day.

I'd like to reach out to our Members, as we continue to move forward in the reopening process, we are needing volunteers to safely come back and help out. If you're wanting to help, contact myself, the office, or a serve captain, we will get you where needed.

Finally, Elks Rec's "Christmas in the Country" is coming up after Thanksgiving, lets show our support and help make this event shine, so we can keep it going annually. Get ahold of Elks Rec and volunteer or take on an area to light up.

Matt Rodriguez
Esteemed Loyal Knight

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

Aaron Castellanos



Members,

It's hard to believe that we are a little over a month shy of ending this unusual year. As we reflect on the unexpected feelings we all have experienced through-

out this period let us also acknowledge the great byproducts it helped produce in each of us. These last 7-8 months have been hard in many ways and we can all agree with that. The constant feeling of loss along with the minor glimpses of normalcy have been a constant volley... here today - gone in an instant. But, in the middle of all the adjustment and changes we have all endured, something remarkable happened. Of all times, when our great Lodge had to shut down and adjust operations to comply with public safety orders, our Members stood with us. Supporting all the officers/lodge staff in every single new idea we had. From Grab & Go dinners every Monday and Friday nights to patio Pub Grub dinners on Tuesdays, it was all possible because of all of you. The current success we have seen with our new Sunday Morning Breakfast is outstanding and inspiring. You all have helped save Your Lodge. THANK YOU. Yes, of course we miss the ability to come together in the Lodge Room and a good ol' Friday Cook Your Own to enjoy the opportunity of being together... something we all have a need for and miss. We will get there... little by little. Till then, let's focus our energy on the small wins and continue to support each other in any way we can. We are still a great Lodge because we have the GREATEST Members.

This is Brotherly Love...
Be safe, be careful and take care. And join us at a Lodge meeting... glad to have you back.

Fraternally,
Aaron Castellanos
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Travelers Upcoming Campouts:

- November 19th - 22nd**
Morro Dunes RV Park, Morro Bay
- January 14 - 17**
Yanks RV Resort, Greenfield, CA
- February 18 - 21**
Casa de Fruta RV Park, Hollister, CA

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2020 HOLIDAY BASKET SCHEDULE



You are invited to join the Holiday Basket Committee. Helpers are needed to pick up and deliver donations to the Elks Lodge. We also need people to pack the food into the baskets and distribute them (from the Elks Dining Room) as families come to pick up their baskets at the Lodge. Come join us for the Holiday Basket Organized Chaos!



Holiday Baskets are for families in the Santa Maria Valley who cannot afford a holiday dinner for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Please sponsor a family by providing the name and telephone number to the Elks Office at 805-922-1538 (see deadlines below).

Important dates to Remember:

Thanksgiving (November)

- Monday 16 Deadline for Sponsoring a Family
- Monday 23 6:00 pm Basket Setup
- Tuesday 24 7:30 am Basket Perishable Items
- 8:30 - 10:30 am Basket Pickup

Christmas (December)

- Monday 14 Deadline for Sponsoring a Family
- Monday 21 6:00 pm Baskets Setup
- Tuesday 22 7:30 am Basket Perishable Items
- 8:30 - 10:30 am Basket Pickup

If you're short on time, not to worry; you can still help. We can use monetary donations to help the increasing number of families that need assistance. Also, there are barrels in the front lobby of our Lodge and another in the Member's Bar. Please deposit non-perishable items (no expired items) in these barrels.

If the family you sponsor is unable to pick up their basket, you, the sponsor may deliver it yourself.

God has blessed you with a family, home, and much more. Be the one to give to others so that they may enjoy the day and be thankful as well. Please email any questions to eva.macias805@gmail.com or leave a message at 805-886-6061.

Eva Macias
Holiday Baskets Chairman



SUNDAY FUNDAY BREAKFAST

Patio Opens 9:00 am -
Served from 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Members & Guests Only

- Chicken Fried Steak Breakfast - \$10
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DID YOU KNOW...

I was surprised to realize this is the eighth history article. We have been through a lot but at least we weren't stung by Murder Hornets or obliterated by an asteroid or two, I'm not taking chances though with "2020", so for now I'm staying here in what I've come to call "the Bat Cave" with the many, many, binders. Before we delve into 1989-90, here is a little trivia. Prior to 1957 the Altar arrangement was quite different than today. The altar cloth was the American Flag, with the Bible closed, and the Antlers of Protection on top of the Bible, forming a Triumvirate to God, Country, and Brotherly Love.

The #1538 Elk Year began with 12 motorcycles of the Touring Elks escorting the new Exalted Ruler and his family to the Inaugural Ball for the first time. The Traveleers started the year by having 75 rigs attend their King City Luau, (apparently the coconut bra contest was a big hit). Ike Simas started off the new year by taking over as Club Manager. Seems the #1538 Security Force needs more volunteers and the parking lot needs re-doing so a fishing trip is planned for May 17, 1989. The City Council and the N.A.A.C.P. are holding meetings and several officers are attending, no details given. On a lighter note, #1538 once again won the District Ritual Contest going on to place 4th out of 196 Lodges at the State Ritual Competition. #1538 again took home the District Trophy for having the biggest Membership gain, won the All State Lodge Award and the Marvin Lewis Award for Community Service and presented a check for \$71,794.05 to the Major Project. Mother's Day Brunch served a record 1,200, Wow! The Traveleers were at it again in May, 76 rigs with "eager participants" turned out for the Lopez Lake campout. The "Suitcase Game" was a big hit, ladies versus men: the women dressed in men's clothing and the men in women's clothing, then they raced to a marker carrying a suitcase containing their actual clothes, undressed/re-dressed, repacked the suitcase and raced back to the starting point. (There is an obvious question to be asked here but we won't). At the June 29th Lodge meeting a motion was made and passed for the Lodge to send letters to all Senators, Representatives and the President expressing outrage at the Supreme Court decision allowing flag burning. In July at National Convention #1538 came in second in the All-American Lodge Contest, ENF and Lodge Activities Contest, #1 in our District and #2 in the Nation. At the August 10th Lodge meeting there was a motion made and passed to re-pave the parking lot at a cost of \$132,000. On August 17, the Lodge received a Thank You card from President George Bush for our concerns over flag burning, I hope the card is somewhere in this room. Hogs are needed for the Family Picnic, for chasing - not eating. Fortunately, in the Traveleers article in September there was not an explanation for the "panty hose orange contest". For more clowning around, the Kadiddlehoppers continue to entertain at picnics, parades, hospitals, schools and on a European Tour which could not be confirmed. Beginning October 1st Monday Night dinners climb to \$4.00 and ENF suspenders go on sale. Another Saturday night bar entertainment idea was a sing along, a drawing for Monday Night dinner tickets and of course, hotdogs. Club Manager Ike Simas was looking for volunteer bean cleaners, sign up or just drop by, there are always beans to be cleaned! #1538 donated \$2,253 to the American Red Cross Bay Area Earthquake Relief Fund. The Lodge donated \$2,000 and the Touring Elks donated \$1,000 to the Salvation Army Relief Fund.

January 1st, 1990 brings increases in bar prices: Well drinks \$1.25, Call drinks \$1.50, Special Call drinks \$1.25-\$1.75 w/ juice or milk add .10 cents. Blended drinks \$1.75, two-liquor drinks \$1.75, Beer

\$1.00, Imported beer \$1.35, Small Wine .60 cents, High-Ball glasses (wine?) .85 cents, Tall glasses (Wine?) \$1.10 and Wine Coolers .75 cents.

Volunteers are needed to pull weeds; (we are currently so fortunate to have our great maintenance crew). A monthly Sunday Brunch was started January 14, 1990. Between January 1989 and January 1990, the Wood Committee made 29 trips and cut 57 cords. The first Crab Crack fundraiser for Major Project was held, all you can eat "Fresh Cooked" Jumbo "Ocean" Crab, coleslaw, and French bread \$12.00. Beginning in March 1990 "Famous Polish Sandwiches" will be available in the lounge during the week. The March 17th Pancake Breakfast served 1,539! George Dixon retired as editor of the Elks Horn after 8 years and unexpectedly died March 31, 1990.

Some other accomplishments of the 1989-90 were the installation of air-conditioning and smoke inhibitors for the dining and club room areas, and the establishment of a Lodge Historian Archives Facility. On April 26th it was reported at the Lodge meeting that someone had stolen the noose from around the neck on the photo of the current Elk of the Year. (I just report the news.) In April 1990 #1538 became a co-sponsor with Righetti High School of its Annual Invitational Track Meet. The Meet attracts more than 20 teams from all over the State involving over 800 boys and girls for the one-day event. At the Traveleers Luau in April a new camper performed an excellent tap dance followed by lovely authentic Hawaiian dances, (bring back the Cow Pie Toss?) As of April 30, 1990, Membership was 3,831 with a net increase for 1989-90 of 380. The duties of the Rodeo Historian (established in 1988) were expanded to include Lodge Historian. At State Convention in May of 1990 #1538 was once again designated All State Lodge in the California-Hawaii Elks Association and took home five additional awards. #1538 presented a check for \$86,283 to the Major Project for 1989-90. It should be noted that two other Lodge committees are quite active monthly, the Golf Club and the Bowlers, they just don't report on their shenanigans. Where have the Polish sandwiches in the bar gone? At Grand Lodge Convention in July of 1990 #1538 again received the All-American Lodge Award, once again Santa Maria is number one in the nation. Our Elks Horn was also awarded first place in the nation Lodge Bulletin, unfortunately the long-time editor had recently passed away. In August and September there were issues brought up regarding the picture behind the Members Bar, no elaboration. Big Band music returned to the Lodge on September 7th with a performance by the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. September 29, 1990 #1538 for the first time hosted an International Chili Society sanctioned Cook-Off with proceeds going to Major Project. In conjunction there was an Arts and Crafts show and sale, country bands, square dancing and of course our clowns, the event was a huge success. Sunday Brunch was discontinued after five months. The Family Picnic added a kid's slick pole climb contest and a chug-a-lug contest for adults, what could go wrong? At #1538's sixth annual BBQ at the V.A. Hospital in Brentwood a bingo game was added and enjoyed by the Veterans. It was announced at the December 6th Lodge meeting that the Membership had reached 4,001. The New Year's Eve menu offered Chicken, Prime Rib and Lobster but not to worry, the Spanish Salsa ala Ortega remains. The car raffle was a 1991 Ford Explorer 4 x 4. January 1991 update to the dress code: no T-shirts allowed at any dinners.

The first Butch Simas Scholarship Fund "Home Run Derby"

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HI ELKS RODEO FANS,

The 2020 Elks Rodeo Season was officially closed with the crowning of the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Queen Faith DeBrum representing VTC Enterprises. With the many challenges our groups saw this year in running virtual campaigns, our three Rodeo Princesses Faith, Anna and Sabrina faced challenges not experienced in any prior campaign. Still these hard-working young ladies were able to raise over \$400,000, bringing the total funds raised to over \$13.5 million that non-profit organizations have been able to use to benefit youth in our local communities. We express our sincere thanks to all who supported their campaigns!

The COVID-19 pandemic has added some stresses on our businesses and residents in our community. We at Elks Recreation, Inc. have been thinking of ways we can help improve our community and relieve some of the stresses we are experiencing. In our efforts to remain community driven, we are excited to bring you two completely new experiences!

To kick off the fall season, we would like to introduce our Spooky "Haunted Hills" at the Elks Event Center! The dark driving path creates an eerie feeling, while our creepy scene effects and frightening sounds add to the thrill this Halloween season!

As the weather gets chillier, the Elks Event Center will be turned into a magical holiday light extravaganza fundraiser with "Christmas in the Country"! Visitors will drive along a path with holiday light displays provided by local organizations, businesses and families. Come experience your community's holiday spirit as they create a new way to celebrate the season.

Experiences like these take a lot of creative talent and effort to put together, and we welcome your help. Please call the Elks Rodeo Office at (805) 925-4125 or email us at elksrodeo@elksrec.com if you would like to participate in one of our new experiences.

Until next time,

Peter Sterling
President
Elks Recreation, Inc.

FOODBANK DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Our six month total, as of October 8th: we have given out 517,592 pounds of food to 9422 families for 45,016 individuals. Elks 1538 members, spouses and volunteers serving those in need in our community and exemplifying the Principles of our Order in the best way possible:
CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE & FIDELITY.
TEAM SANTA MARIA, 1538STRONG!

In Memoriam

"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"

AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORSAKEN.

<p>#5762 Life Member Joseph Lani Maltby Born: December 7, 1938 Initiated: February 4, 1971 Died: September 1, 2020</p>	<p>#10660 Fred Adams Born: December 10, 1932 Initiated: March 28, 1989 Died: September 25, 2020</p>
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was held January 13, 1991 at Simas Park - \$3,000 was raised. As the Elk year winds down Monday Night dinners are averaging 475 and BBQ Chicken dinners were maxing out at 770 and having to turn people away.

Let us close out as we began, with a little more trivia. In early days of Elkdom and possibly in some Lodges today, any Elk in the bar who held a drink in "his" right hand must buy a round for the house. Why? because an Elk should keep "his" right hand free at all times to shake the hand of a Brother. (Maybe all Members were right-handed) Interesting times are ahead in Elkdom and as Elk Year 1990-91 comes to a close "Everything remains Great at #1538".

To be continued...

Georgia Daughton
Lodge Public Relations Chairman

ABOUT SANTA MARIA ELKS RODEO AND PARADE

The Elks Recreation Foundation was established in 1943 when it held its first fundraising event, a dance at the Veteran's Memorial Building. They used the funds raised from that event to stage the first Elks Rodeo in 1944. The initial two-day event was preceded each day by a mounted parade from the Vet's Memorial Building to the Santa Maria Fairgrounds. The first Rodeo netted Elks Recreation nearly \$3,000 that first year and a long history of fundraising to support local youth sports and recreation was born. Since that time, over \$13 Million has been distributed to local youth recreation programs through the Annual Elks Rodeo Queen Contest.

Plans are underway for the 77th Annual Santa Maria Elks Rodeo scheduled for June 3rd - 6th, 2021. We hope to see the community join again and celebrate our enduring spirit. Our community is resilient and together we can overcome and support one another in challenging times. We hope to see you at the 2021 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo!

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Volunteers Needed

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRE-PACK

Volunteers needed to help bag and box food, which will be distributed to community members in need.



DRIVERS

Drivers needed to use their own vehicles to deliver food to seniors' homes. Greatest volunteer need in Lompoc!



EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTIONS

Volunteers needed to help distribute food and deliver food to cars/houses. Must be able to lift 20 pounds.



How do I volunteer?

Visit our website at foodbanksbc.volunteerhub.com or contact:

Kelli Padilla at kpadilla@foodbanksbc.org
or (805) 722-5251 (North County)

Lena Childers at lchilders@foodbanksbc.org
or (805) 729-8309 (South County)

LODGE ACTIVITIES



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Georgia Daughton with an ENF Permanent Benefactor Pin and Certificate for donating \$2,000 or more



Secretary Phil Daughton presents the United States President's Volunteer Service Gold Award to Trustee Mike Arndt and Exalted Ruler Wes Brown (Sponsored by Phil & Georgia Daughton)



Members of the Touring Elks present a donation to Linda Silva to help purchase new BBQ screens



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Lecturing Knight Aaron Castellanos, Trustees Karen Feldpouch PER and Tony Campas PER with an ENF Fellowship Pin and Certificate for donating \$1,000 or more



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Julian Arguijo with June Elk of the Month



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Alx Sanchez with a \$500 Attendance check



Treasurer Chuck Biely presents Linda Silva with a \$500 Attendance check



Secretary Phil Daughton presents Robert Dorado with a United States President's Volunteer Service Award

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SEASON GREETINGS!

Our community has been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have all faced unprecedented struggles during this time. Many organizations have been challenged with evolving strategies to ensure their organization endures the current climate. Elks Recreation, in collaboration with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department and the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, would like to invite you to participate in an incredible experience for our community. Join us as we celebrate the 1st Annual "Christmas in the Country", beginning Friday, November 27, 2020 and continuing through Sunday, January 3, 2021 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, at the Elks Rodeo Grounds located at 4040 Highway 101 in Santa Maria.



"Christmas in the Country" offers an all-new magical holiday experience! Visitors are guided through the wonder-filled world of Holiday Light Exhibits, in the comfort of their vehicles, presented by local businesses and families. For a nominal fee, guests can enjoy the holiday spirit, spectacular lights, and old-fashioned Holiday fun for all. Children will have the opportunity to put their letters to Santa in Santa's mailbox for delivery!

As part of the commencement of what's soon to be a favorite Central Coast holiday tradition, we would love to have your organization share in the new tradition by creating a light display, at no cost for 2020. We anticipate large neighboring communities to visit our experience, bringing tourist opportunities that increase our community revenue. This is also a fundraiser, in addition to a light display, please consider the opportunities to sponsor a Christmas tree, a candy cane, or a wreath. We also have packages available for Major Sponsorship Opportunities. If you and your company would like to be a part of this extraordinary experience by creating a display, please contact the Rodeo Office at (805) 925-4125. This is a wonderful time to exhibit your organization's platform with a holiday twist.

"Christmas in the Country" is a unique opportunity to bring our community together in a safe manner and celebrate the spirit of the holidays. Won't you join us in creating this magical experience?

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Holidays,
Tina Tonascia
Chief Operations Officer



WHAT'S NEW AROUND YOUR LODGE

During this most unusual year of 2020 your Elks Lodge #1538 has used this time to improve and maintain the facility. John Maretti our club manager has had our maintenance crew working on many areas of the Lodge and grounds, putting new coats of paint on the trim of the Lodge, parking lot curbs, doors etc. as well as deep cleaning projects inside the Lodge walk-in coolers, freezers, kitchen and bar areas. Our Lodge is fortunate to have such a dedicated hard-working maintenance crew working for our Members.

In addition, the officers and Trustees have been working on wrapping up current projects and starting new ones. Here is an update of the projects that have either been completed or are in progress. Some of the projects, by the time you read this in November, will have been completed.

- **Solar Project:** This is now complete and we are operational although it may take several months to notice the impact on our PG&E bills which was expected. The parking lot structures provide shaded parking, lighting at night and we've installed underground conduits for future projects like adding more security cameras in the parking lot areas.
- **North RV Electrical Upgrade:** The same company that installed the Solar also completed the upgrade to the electrical system providing all 13 spots on the North RV area to have up to 50 amps.
- **Back Gate exiting to Elks Lane:** The Lodge has added a new electric gate and fencing to provide better security and cut down on the use of our property as a drive-through and filling our trash bins. Also, in recent months we have had several vehicle break ins and without the gate there it was an easy and quick getaway. The gate will open when exiting via a sensor in the pavement during business hours but will automatically turn off after hours. Members will need to enter the property from Bradley Road.
- **BBQ Room:** The exterior soffit has been completed with the removal of dry rotted boards and all metal has been treated and painted.
- **New additional Cameras for Security:** The current security camera system in the Lodge has been expanded to include 32

total cameras with enough hard drive capacity to look back at any incident for a couple months. The new cameras have been added to include the main hall, patio area, back gate, front entrance and lobby area. We continue to take the security of our Members and Lodge property seriously.

- **Gym area and exercise room:** The old spa and bathroom were in dire need of work, several Members have been working daily to tear out the old sauna and install two restrooms, each with a shower. There will be a slightly smaller exercise room. The addition of the restrooms will allow our visiting Elk campers a place to shower and will help on busy CYO nights or catered events on the patio.
- **Parking Lot:** Hopefully by the time you are reading this Elks Horn we will have completed the resurfacing of the parking lot. While waiting to finish the Solar project we have obtained bids to not only resurface but repair the areas that need new asphalt.
- **Remodel of Ladies Bathroom:** There have been a few delays in the plans and some mechanical revisions to the remodel, however the biggest problem is getting local contractors to bid on the project. To-date we have one or two companies that have been interested. To bring the project to the Members for their approval, and then to Grand Lodge for their blessing, it is best that we have multiple bids to consider. We will continue to press on with this project.
- **New Commercial Tent:** The Membership approved the purchase of a large 30 x 75 commercial tent with sides that can be put up on the patio, in the event it becomes necessary to move operations outside again due to the pandemic. Heaters and lights will be installed as well. The tent can also be used to enhance functions already scheduled, for example Cattleman's and Altrusa. In addition, it will give the Lodge another venue for catered parties when the main hall is already booked, and for events out on the lawn area it will provide a place for a beer garden or food venue.

"CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY" HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT THE ELKS EVENT CENTER - TICKETS ON SALE NOW! -

Although many Central Coast Holiday programs have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Elks Recreation invites you to join our first Annual "Christmas in the Country" this Holiday season at the Elks Event Center located at 4040 South Hwy 101 in Santa Maria. In true Team Santa Maria spirit and working together with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department and the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce plans are well underway for this new, COVID-19 friendly, holiday tradition on the Central Coast.

Visitors will embark on a drive through magical holiday light experience at the Elks Event Center with displays presented by local businesses and families. Health and safety protocols will be followed in cooperation with County and State guidelines. Tickets are available online only at elksrec.com and will be sold in hourly increments.

Along with "Christmas in the Country", we are excited to introduce "Stuff the Stocking" to bring awareness to Pediatric Cancer. All stocking proceeds will go to the Golden Circle of Champions program that is devoted to raising awareness of childhood cancer and provides financial support to families enduring childhood cancer.

Elks Recreation is excited to bring joy to the community through our "Christmas in the Country". We have been working hard to continue to provide family entertainment on the Central Coast through an outlet that meets the guidelines of public safety while celebrating the community spirit. Visit our website at elksrec.com for updated information.

To participate or for more information please call the Rodeo Office at (805) 925-4125 or email us at elksrodeo@elksrec.com

HOLIDAY DÉCOR DRIVE

As we work hard at Elks Recreation to produce Holiday experiences for our community, we need your help! We are looking for any Halloween and Christmas décor that you may have stored away that you are willing to donate to our Holiday Décor Drive for our “Haunted Hills” and our “Christmas in the Country” drive-thru experiences. Forget the dust, bring it to us!

If you have Halloween or Christmas décor that you no longer need, we would love to use it to enhance our holiday experiences for the community to enjoy! We encourage old costumes, holiday displays, lights, and more! Our Holiday Décor Drive is on now at the Elks Rodeo Office located at 2325 Skyway Drive - Suite H in Santa Maria and donations can be delivered from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Please call the Rodeo Office at (805) 925-4125 to schedule your drop off time as we must abide by all COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations.

“Christmas in the Country” beginning Friday, November 27, 2020 and running through Sunday, January 3, 2021 is shaping up to be an exceptional Central Coast Holiday experience. With local businesses and families sponsoring display areas, our 107 acres is transforming into a magical drive thru of twinkling lights, Christmas trees, and creative displays. Your donations will add to the magic! Tickets for ‘Christmas in the Country’ are on sale now. If you would like more information on ‘Christmas in the Country’, please email us at elksrodeo@elksrec.com, visit our website at elksrec.com, or visit our Facebook page for the latest updates.

Get your spook on with our “Haunted Hills”, a Halloween drive-thru experience that will make you scream and look over your shoulder at all times! Visitors will drive through our haunted grounds filled with scary sounds and fear inducing scenes. Tickets are pre-purchase only and can be found online at elksrec.com. No ticket sales at the entrance.

As with all our experiences, Elks Recreation, Inc. will always adhere to all health and safety guidelines and recommendations deriving from our State and County leaders. All visitors must stay in their vehicles and abide by all COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Our Holiday experiences have been created to allow our community to venture outside and enjoy the holidays in the safety of their own vehicle after enduring this extremely difficult year.

For more information on any of our events or experiences, visit our website at elksrec.com or our Facebook page, email us at elksrodeo@elksrec.com or call our Rodeo Office at (805) 925-4125.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

We can all agree 2020 is not a normal year. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses have been shuttered for months. People are out of work. Your financial situation may be much different this year than it was last year. We get it. If you can't support us right now, we understand. Please know that we are thinking of you and we are doing what we can to provide some relief to communities struggling from the economic impact of the pandemic. If you are able to give, consider joining the Fidelity Club, the ENF's monthly giving program. In five minutes, you can establish an automatic, regularly scheduled donation that occurs monthly or quarterly. Monthly gifts can be as little as \$5; quarterly gifts can be as little as \$15. Joining the Fidelity Club helps ensure the Elks are there during times like these. Not only is joining the Fidelity Club a ENF's monthly giving program. In five minutes, you can establish an automatic, regularly scheduled donation that occurs monthly or quarterly. Monthly gifts can be as little as \$5; quarterly gifts can be as little as \$15. Joining the Fidelity Club

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ORGAN DONATION IS THE ULTIMATE GIFT

Remember as a child the anticipation and excitement of Christmas? Waiting for Christmas Eve to come because Christmas morning would hold a big surprise for you? Well, imagine being someone who is waiting for a heart, a lung, a cornea, or a kidney. Imagine the anticipation and excitement of getting that phone call that an organ is ready for transplant and you are the lucky one who will receive it! There is your Christmas present! Today, there are 113,000 people waiting for that call; 82% of those are waiting for a kidney. Waiting for that special gift of life from someone who has passed on but left their legacy behind as an organ donor. Every 10 minutes someone is added to the waiting list, but unfortunately, 22 die every day still waiting.

One organ, eye, and tissue donor can potentially save more than 75 lives! Some 8,000 deaths occur every year because organs are not donated in time. One out of three needing a donation is over 50 years of age. Statistics show that 98% of Americans are in favor of donation, but only 58% are registered donors.

What can you do to help? Register today as a donor! The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has partnered with Donate Life America. April is National Donate Life month. Plan now for a fundraiser for Donate Life America by encouraging other Members and family members to become organ donors during the month of April 2021. Visit the Donate Life America website for updates, registration information, printable handouts, videos of recipients, and more at donatelife.net.

James E Stewart Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

“CARE TO SHARE” ELKS' NEW SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Phase one of the new shareable recruitment campaign is now available at join.elks.org. Also, follow and share our social media platforms, BPOE TV and BPOE News. A shareable social media campaign pursues a younger target audience, namely Millennials and Generation X. Messaging is centered around mantras including “The Elks of a New Generation,” “Join the Herd,” and “Community. Charity. Love.” Go to join.elks.org and visit the Elks Shareables Page and the Elks Social Media Network Facebook Page. More info can also be found in two comprehensive virtual resources, the Membership Guide and the Marketing Guide.

RICK GATHEN PR and Membership Marketing Manager

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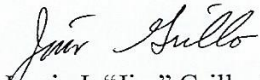
AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR SPONSORS


In recent times it has become apparent that an increasing number of our members are initially sending their questions, concerns and complaints directly to our Grand Exalted Ruler and/or Grand Secretary for response or action. It is understandable to want to get traction at the highest level possible, but the reality is that in almost every case these communications are just being sent back to the State Sponsors to deal with. With a lot of time being spent doing so. Then, typically, the Sponsors here in Area 7 will then refer the matter to the District Leaders in the local district for investigation and response. That takes more time, and will only result in the concern or complaint going to one of the places it should have gone originally, where local and specialized knowledge will be of benefit.

There is long tradition in Area 7 that for questions, problems or complaints the matter should first be taken up within the lodge, either with the officers or senior lodge leadership (PERs/PDDGERS). Beyond that the matter can be brought to the District Deputy, or if needed the District Leaders within the district. In states with a Special Deputy, if needed the matter can be taken up with him or her. Only then, and if needed, the matter can be sent to the Sponsors. There is no reason not to take advantage of these resources in proper order; going up the chain will produce the best answer in a more timely fashion and not consume valuable time needlessly on the part of our GER and Grand Secretary.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Fraternally,


Louis J. "Jim" Grillo, PGER


Robert L. Duitsman, PGER



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Masks required! NOW OPEN EVERY DAY for Patio or Inside Dining!!	2 Patio & Inside Dining 5 - 6 pm Bar 1 pm - closing Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm House Committee 7 pm	3 Pub Grub on Patio or Inside 4 - 7 pm Bar 1 pm - closing	4 Bar 1 pm - closing Hot Dogs	5 Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30	6 Patio & Inside Dining 5 - 6 pm Bar 1 pm - closing Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Until Sold out or 7:00 pm	7 Bar Noon - closing Hot Dogs
8 Sunday Breakfast 9:30 - 11:30 am Members & Guests Bar 9 am - closing Members Only! Hot Dogs Noon-closing	9 Patio & Inside Dining 5 - 6 pm Bar 1 pm - closing Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm	10 Pub Grub on Patio or Inside 4 - 7 pm PERA Mtg 7:00 pm	11 Bar 1 pm - closing Hot Dogs	12 Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30	13 Patio & Inside Dining 5 - 6 pm Bar 1 pm - closing Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Until Sold out or 7:00 pm	14 Bar Noon - closing Hot Dogs
15 Sunday Breakfast 9:30 - 11:30 am Members & Guests Bar 9 am - closing Members Only! Hot Dogs Noon-closing	16 Patio & Inside Dining 5 - 6 pm Bar 1 pm - closing Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Holiday Baskets -deadline to sponsor	17 Pub Grub on Patio or Inside 4 - 7 pm Bar 1 pm - closing	18 Bar 1 pm - closing Hot Dogs	19 Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30	20 Patio & Inside Dining 5 - 6 pm Bar 1 pm - closing Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Until Sold out or 7:00 pm	21 Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am Bar Noon - closing Hot Dogs Holiday Basket Set-up 8:30 - 10:30 am
22 Finish Holiday Baskets Pickup 8:30 - 10:30 am Sunday Breakfast 9:30 - 11:30 am Members & Guests Bar 9 am - closing Members Only! Hot Dogs Noon-closing	23 Grab 'n' Go 5:30 pm Patio Open Members & Guests 4:00 pm-closing Masks required	24 Pub Grub on Patio or Inside 4 - 7 pm Bar 1 pm - closing	25 Lodge Office Closes at Noon	26 9:00'ish Food Bank Bar with Hot Dogs 5:00 pm Lodge with Initiation 7:30 pm	27 Patio & Inside Dining 5 - 6 pm Bar 1 pm - closing Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Until Sold out or 7:00 pm	28 Bar Noon - closing Hot Dogs
29 Sunday Breakfast 9:30 - 11:30 am Members & Guests Bar 9 am - closing Members Only! Hot Dogs Noon-closing	30 Grab 'n' Go 5:30 pm Patio Open Members & Guests 4:00 pm-closing Masks required	Watch Your Favorite Team on NFL Sunday Ticket in the Members Bar	Masks required at all times, please!		CHECK OUT ALL CURRENT MENUS / TIMES ON FACEBOOK!!	

NOTE: Deadline for Elks Horn copy is 8:00 pm, THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH!

Please email all copy to smelkshorn@gmail.com and include your name and phone number. **Early entries appreciated.**