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Wes Brown

Happy New Year!!!



In preparing to write my article for this month I came across this quote: "An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." - William E. Vaughn. You do not have to be a pessimist to feel this way about 2020. This was a challenging year to say the least. Yet with every obstacle thrown in our path we have maneuvered, persevered, and risen to the occasion. Loyal members, dedicated volunteers, officers, trustees and their spouses all stepped up to keep this Lodge moving forward while exemplifying the principles of our order "Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity." Teamwork carried the year and proved why Santa Maria #1538 is one of the greatest Lodges in all Elksdom. Thank you all!

Quotes for this month:

"Life's not about expecting, hoping and wishing, it's about doing, being and becoming." - Mike Dooley

"This year, be structured enough for success and achievement and flexible enough for creativity and fun." - Taylor Duvall

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." - Socrates

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year." - Vern McLellan

"Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing." - Sarah Ban Breathnach My New Year's Toast for us all -

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each year find you a better person." - Benjamin Franklin

Fraternally,
Wes Brown
Exalted Ruler



MICHAEL B. CLAYTON VETERANS DAY BBQ DONATION

Michael B. Clayton's donation to the Santa Maria Elks Lodge is accepted by Treasurer Chuck Biely, Exalted Ruler Wes Brown, Secretary Phil Daughton, Trustee Mike Arndt, and Esquire Steve Jones

2020 HOLIDAY BASKET REPORT

"Thank You" to all the helping hands who put together the Holiday Baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. There were a few cash donations, which made a difference in the items we were able to add to the Holiday Baskets. We provided baskets to 100 families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. At both distributions, we helped:

- 20 Families in Guadalupe
- 30 CASAS/Foster Children
- 20 Delta High School Students
- 30 Families Sponsored by Elks

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we were shorthanded but those who helped really came through and we met the need. The Holiday Basket Committee thanks the farmers who donated the fresh vegetables and boxes, and the Commercial businesses who contributed with donations of the bags, bread, and desserts. A special thank you to Johnny Maretti and Office Staff for their

support in supplying space, time, and support during the gathering of items for the baskets. It truly takes many helping hands to assemble and distribute the baskets; and we have a great team in the volunteers who have helped. We hope that we remembered everyone. If we did forget you, remember angels are silent helpers.



This event is organized chaos and always turns out well! See you next year for another successful event.

Eva Macias
Holiday Basket Chairman

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FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION FIGURES THROUGH 12/10/2020

We have serviced so far:

10,738	Families
8,830	Individuals
20,841	Bags of food
594,841	Pounds of food given out

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SANTA MARIA ELKS HOLD TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE-THRU.

First Lady Liz Brown and the officer's wives had a plan to do a drive-thru Toys for Tots in conjunction with a few of our Grab and Go dinners during the month of December. The Officers ran with the idea and during the Friday 12/11 and Monday 12/14 Grab & Go dinners unwrapped toys were collected to give to the local chapter of Toys For Tots. We will give an update next issue as to how much was collected.

NATIONAL SALUTE GIVES EXTRA LOVE TO VETERANS

There are approximately 18.8 million veterans in the United States. More than 98,000 veterans are served every day, and over 9 million veterans are served annually, by the Department of Veterans Affairs in hospitals, medical centers, clinics, nursing homes and other VA facilities, receiving the care they have earned. Volunteers play a significant role in this service and the Department of Veterans Affairs greatly appreciates and values the contributions of every volunteer.

The National Salute to Veteran Patients Week, also known as National Salute, provides a special opportunity to honor both inpatient and outpatient veterans and encourages everyone to find a way to volunteer at their local VA medical facilities. This year the Salute, which always takes place during the week of Valentine's Day, will be observed from Sunday, February 14 through Saturday, February 20, 2021. It is a great time to get to know your VA facilities and the veterans who receive care from the VA. In keeping with the Elks' pledge to our veterans and ensuring that our heroes will never be forgotten, this special week offers yet another opportunity for Elks to join with other VA volunteers to increase community awareness and involvement, and to join forces to give thanks and show appreciation for the sacrifices of our men and women

veterans. While in-person activities may be limited this year, the VA will still be excited to welcome the involvement of our volunteers. As the pandemic eases, this involvement can be expanded to sustain and grow more personal relationships, viable strategic partnerships, and other meaningful volunteer engagements with our veterans. There are many hospitalized veterans with special needs and challenges who are often separated from their homes, family, and friends. Our involvement can do so much to lift their spirits and help make a positive difference. These heroes must not be left to feel alone, and with the continued help and support of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a grateful nation, they never will be. America cares deeply for its veterans. I encourage all readers to take the time during this year's National Salute to honor our veterans by volunteering for a visit, sending Valentine's cards or letters of thanks, and/or holding a veteran's event at your Lodge. If you or your Lodge wishes to begin or expand its program to honor the sacrifice and service of America's veterans during the National Salute (and throughout the year) please visit your nearest VA medical facility or contact Voluntary Service online at www.volunteer.va.gov.

RONALD L. HICKS, PGER
Elks National Veterans Service Committee
Vice Chairman

FROM THE SECRETARIES DESK - ATTENTION DELINQUENT MEMBERS

To all Members who are currently delinquent with their 2020-2021 Membership Dues this message is for you. Grand Lodge Statutes require the Lodge Secretary to notify the Membership of all delinquent Members. I will notify the Membership in the beginning of February; this can be done several ways: by posting in the Lodge or by mail via the Elks Horn. In February, a letter will go out as well to all delinquent Members stating that, unless paid, their Membership will be dropped in March of 2021, with several options to renew.

We understand the Pandemic has made things tough for all of us from financial issues to missing the social and everyday things we were all doing prior to COVID. We all miss the Friday night Cook Your Own and great music, and we hope we can get back to them soon. The Membership



dues are what allows the Lodge to be open and provide a place for us all to enjoy the brotherhood and sisterhood of Elkdom. It also allows us to do all the good charitable deeds the community benefits from. So please consider paying your dues to help the Santa Maria Lodge #1538 continue to be the Best Lodge in Elkdom. Your dues are best paid by calling the Lodge office with a credit card or ask for the current office hours (as the office hours have been modified during these uncertain times) to come in and pay in person.

Phil Daighton
Lodge Secretary

CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

Peter Oblak



Members,
I hope that you all had a safe Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are all awaiting the upcoming changes for this year. The inauguration of our new President, the

issuance of the Covid-19 vaccines, and a hopeful return to some form of normalcy in our world as we now know it.

I also hope that most of you are adhering to the guidelines as they constantly change. Be sure to keep yourselves and your families safe and happy. Our nations wellbeing, that of our nation's people, and the ability to move forward to re-strengthen our economy is an unsure effort at this time; hopefully, it will change for the better soon.

Find more patience and understanding for our fellow human beings. God Bless and stay safe.

Fraternally,
Peter Oblak
Esteemed Leading Knight

JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT

Matt Rodriguez



Happy New Year, Fellow Members,
I wish you all a year of Joy, Hope and Love. These are things we can always have, share, and give no matter what situation we are in. I hope this

year at some point we may resume some type of normalcy back at our Lodge. I know most of the Members miss the Friday CYO and other parties that we have omitted this year. Although it may be some time before we can resume the indoor activities, your officer corps will always stay up on current guidelines and open accordingly as we have done this past year. The most important thing for us is the consideration of the safety of our Members.

The Holidays have come and gone; the celebrations were somewhat different this year, quieter as we had fewer family members at our get togethers. If anything, these times have taught us to be thankful for what God has helped us with in our daily lives.

With the hard work and determination of the staff, the board, and volunteers, Elks Rec had another successful event with "Christmas in the Country". It took long hours and team work to put this together in a such a short period of time, but when the parking filled daily, it made it worth it. The community came together, whether it was setting up the scenes or just coming to enjoy the drive-through. Thanks to all the volunteers in our community; we are grateful for all you do.

Fraternally,
Matt Rodriguez
Esteemed Loyal knight

Can it happen, and can it be successful? Let's ask!! City officials, county officials, lots of phone calls and Zoom meetings in a very short period of time. Well, with the hard work of MANY...the Elks Event Center turned into a gigantic drive-thru haunted house! Keeping within the health guidelines established by Santa Barbara County officials, it worked! I'm NO FAN of Halloween as I do not like scary things of any kind, but according to my friends who experienced it, "it was AWESOME!"

It was magic to get all those amazing

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

Aaron Castellanos



Members,
As we begin the New Year let us take a moment to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings we have received. It is easy to look back and feel that this year was awful, and in some

ways it was. Yet, through all the uncertainty and all that has transpired this year one thing shines through... our determination. Determination to adapt, to overcome... our unwillingness to accept defeat. Where many said "We Can't" we figured out ways "How to". They say, "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." and we all have proven this true, finding the silver lining beneath it all.

Throughout all of this, our Members stay true to our guiding principles... "Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity". In ways, we came closer together with the people we most care for. We stood by each other in solidarity and became better friends and neighbors.

So, let us all give thanks and acknowledge what we have all experienced and have faith that this too shall pass.

I hope that you and your loved ones all had very Happy holidays.

As always...Be safe, be careful and take care. And I hope to see all of you at Lodge... Soon.

Fraternally,
Aaron Castellanos
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

(and scary) displays together in about a month, but the hard work of those involved made it happen. Each night was SOLD OUT!! Community support, volunteers to set up their own themed displays, and even those behind the scenes (I was a spider worker one night) made this happen. The dormant Elks Event Center FINALLY had some life, and a purpose for existing. So thankful...

But wait, there's more...another event happening? Really? No way! There's no time! Well, to those nay-sayers Elks Recreation proudly said: "Christmas in the Country IS HAPPENING, and we'd like you to get on board."

"We just finished 3 weekends for Haunted Hills and you want us to do WHAT??"

"For how long?" "Are you CRA-ZY?"

GIVING THANKS AND SHARING HOPE

Easter, Cinco de Mayo, Mothers Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, 16 de Septiembre, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving have all come and gone, COVID-19 has taken its' toll on so much, in fact too much to even mention. I have always been a pretty positive person, and I always think that something good will come from something not so good. Recently I have seen the good coming from Elks Recreation, Elks #1538,... AND our community.

We all know that the Elks Rodeo, originally scheduled for June, was postponed until fall, and ultimately cancelled until 2021. Talk about taking a hit in raising funds for all the community programs Elks Recreation supports...this was absolutely the worst. No one saw this coming, and we still hurt from the pain.

But, throughout all this, necessity IS the mother of invention; and in this case when the chips were down, the brainstorming happened, the light turned on, and Haunted Hills was born!

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Giving thanks and sharing hope, cont. from P 3

Once again, it was time to reach out to the community, especially since the state put us back into the purple zone, and all gatherings cancelled. Parade of Lights, Orcutt Christmas Parade, the Guadalupe Parade, gone. Well, being in a car, 'socially distancing' while driving thru "Christmas in the Country" is the solution! Would it work? Thinking positive, I said YES!

Fast forward to the week before Thanksgiving... I'm thankful for the 40+ businesses and organizations who agreed to set up their display! Thankful for those families and individuals who sponsored a tree, wreath or candy cane. Thankful to all the behind the scene volunteers working together doing whatever needed to make this event happen, and to provide some Holiday Joy to our community that has been isolated for over 9 months.

Because it's relevant, I'm inserting a portion of the last sentence of the Elks Mission statement: "...the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that ELKS CARE and ELKS SHARE." True.

It's time to focus on the positive and the reason why we chose to become Members in the first place - we can do so much for so many. I am confident that Elks Recreation, Elks #1538, the City of Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Orcutt, Los Alamos, Sisquoc and communities along the Central Coast can continue to work together and return the title of ALL-AMERICAN LODGE to Santa Maria where it belongs!

In closing, I am THANKFUL for all who give of their time to work on projects benefitting our community. I'm also thankful to be a Member of such an outstanding organization. I believe this very unusual holiday season of 2020 will be the rebirth of the solidarity of Elks 1538. Members working together, putting the past behind, focusing on the future. Some say wishful thinking, but I continue to remain positive.

2021, a New Year, let's put 2020 behind us. We are Stronger Together, and with that being said... I AM HOPEFUL!!

Thanks for reading and I hope that you all had Happy Holidays
A Thankful Member

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DID YOU KNOW...

I have bad news and I have more bad news; it is 2020 after all as I write this. First, the 1993-94 Elks Horns are missing, and the meeting minutes are somewhere in one of the storage buildings. We just assume Mac Clark had a great year as Exalted Ruler and this was the year the window behind the stage became a brick wall, perhaps. The other bad news as you know is that we had/have another shut down. There is also a curfew, so I must leave the sanctuary of the Lodge History Room to be home by 10:00 pm. I am also not allowed to leave home to come to the history room until 5:00 am. Those of you that know me are laughing; but don't "they" know I am an essential worker? Okay, enough. Let us forge ahead into 1994-95 and see what we find.

In 1994 the first Harley raffle was held by the Touring Elks Club; it was deemed a great success and so the tradition began. Monday night dinners increased to \$5.00 and a large milk will be .50 cents. On May 4th while honoring the Citizen of the Year, the Lodge will also honor a Student of the Year chosen from the top 14 Students of the Month. The Traveleers campouts seem unusually calm and well behaved--I am concerned. The Kadiddlehoppers for Elk Year 1993-94 had 49 performances attended by over 150,000 people (this includes parades such as the Rose Parade). The clowns put in 1,300 hours and covered over 3,000 miles. The Santa Maria Indians (baseball team) reported that "the tribe is on the warpath again" hoping to win more games in 1994. Fans were encouraged to come out and "watch them take more scalps". (Society in 1994 was still awaiting "political correctness"; it was a simpler time). By this time, it was becoming apparent that the Rodeo needed its own event center. The facilities at the Fair Grounds were getting smaller yet more expensive. The 107 acres, owned by Unocal, was being investigated as a prospective site. The Traveleers had been hosting campers for Rodeo for many years. In 1994 the campout was held at Adams Basin and 261 rigs attended. On Friday night 369 dinners were served, 540 were served for Saturday Brunch, 616 for Saturday Dinner and 504 guests attended Sunday breakfast along with 120 volunteers. The first annual Independence Day Block Party was held on, yes, the 4th of July. Food, beverages, games, and fireworks! On July 30th the annual International Chili Cook-off was held. Competition was keen as the winner was eligible to compete at National Competitions. Lest the competition gets too intense, the Touring Elks were working security and parking control for the event. International Night, August 27th, featured "an evening of fine Italian food, wine and music". Traditional Italian accordion music was played at each table during dinner. Seems at the Family Picnic the Chug-a-Lug contest was replaced by slots and blackjack, probably wise. The adult Halloween Party was combined with the Grand Goblin Ball with the Lodge once again partnering up with Sunny Country 102.5 FM to benefit the Shelter Services for Women. Regular CYO prices were charged but open to the public. I have been curious why the usually wild and crazy Traveleers have been so reserved lately. Well, in the October Elks Horn there was mention of a grandchild at the campout. New Year's Day 1995 would be the last year the BPOE had an entry in the Rose Parade, sad. I am all for donating needed items and food to the homeless shelters, but prune juice?? 252 Members attended the November 10th annual Veterans' Night BBQ rib dinner. Fifteen active-duty Marines in uniform marched in, sat down, consumed, devoured, and annihilated buckets of ribs, saluted, and departed. No one knew who invited them or where they were from, but everyone hoped they would be back next year. The Kadiddlehoppers remain extremely busy and are still offering "free parking" for anyone

attending their meetings. The New Year's Eve party was \$70.00 per couple and missing from the menu was the peach half with cottage cheese and we do not know if the salsa was "ala Ortega". The Traveleers filled 560 balloons with helium for their Christmas party, but the next morning they were all on the floor. Perhaps the six gallons of eggnog consumed in the process may have contributed to the failure. Here are some Monday Night Dinner statistics: 20,965 dinners served for the 12-month period, the three most popular were BBQ Chicken 6,056, Chicken Fried Steak 4,210, and Pork ribs 1,925. The Crab Crack included champagne at each table; the cost was \$16. Fish (Halibut) and baked potatoes were added to the CYO menu in May 1995. The Kadiddlehoppers were looking for Spanish speaking clowns, I believe the word for clowns in Spanish is "Payasos"? In April, Members remodeled the Ladies Bar, extending the space to create a nonsmoking area. The Touring Elks donated \$4,000 for the new Elks Event Center. Fine wine and craft beer became available in June at the bar: Fess Parker, Firestone and SLO Brewing.

The Traveleers were back at it for their King City campout featuring entertainment by "The Bungling Brothers 3 Ring Circus". Featured performers included "a lion trainer and lions, tight rope walker, fire thrower, clowns, bearded lady, slapstick jokes, tallest man and paper eater". Not scheduled was the 4.9 earthquake. Meanwhile, 750 Traveleers cookbooks went on sale in June entitled The Gourmet Traveler with proceeds donated to the Lodge. A Celebrity Dunk Tank was added to the Family Picnic fun. (Let us bring that one back!). Once again #1538 was awarded as the Number One Lodge in the United States for the Elk Year 1994-95 at Grand Lodge Convention. Our Exalted Ruler was asked many times how Santa Maria does it. I think we all know the answer. Violin music and errant Bocce Balls were reported at the Traveleers Cachuma Lake campout. The group is back on track. On October 21st, a West Central Coast District Pork Chop Cook-off was held at SLO Lodge #322, and of course team #1538 won. Saturday November 18th was a fine example of a busy day at #1538 which started with a morning District Clinic for the officers, next a blood bank, then a car show, and finishing with a Sock Hop and dinner--easy. The Traveleers Bakersfield campout featured a dog bite, a stolen bicycle, and a new game called "Plunger with Hip Movement"; fortunately, no further information or photos were available. As 1995-96 ends we are wondering if #1538 will once again host a Mid-Term Conference in 1998.

As this Elks Horn (January 2020) comes out, Elkdom will be into Ritual Contest Season, or at least we hope so. District Ritual competition normally takes place in late April, so here is a little background. The first Ritual of Initiation was authored in 1868 at the time the Order of Elks was founded by a group of theatrical professionals known as "The Jolly Corks". They were a fun-loving group and therefore the ritual was not rigidly standardized, and it incorporated considerable "horse play". Over the years, the Ritual underwent many changes until it evolved from the simplistic to the sophisticated and dignified Ritual we know today and in 1928 the Grand Lodge adopted a Ritualistic Committee to supervise subordinate ritualistic contests. This committee placed great emphasis on attaining perfection in rendition of the ritual. Over time, the contest rules and methods of scoring contestants have been refined into highly standardized procedures. However, due to the nature of the contest and the criteria for achieving perfection, the scoring procedures are, and probably always will be, somewhat subjective.

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DID YOU KNOW?....CONTINUED

The Exalted Ruler's part of the ritual contains 1527 words, the Esquire has 1089, the Leading Knight has 542 words. The team starts out with a score of 100, and the only way they can go from there is down. Once they march into the Lodge room and take their seats, the next 45-50 minutes is a time of intense concentration.

Each officer must not only remember his/her words, pronouncing and accenting them flawlessly, and they need to make their delivery with all the feeling and skill of a trained actor, but they must do this while being constantly aware of all body movements: feet, head, shoulders, arms, hands ... and yes, even the expression on their face. All team movements must be in unison and every movement is precisely specified in the Ritual.

Nothing is left to the discretion of the officer. The team is graded on personal appearance, word accuracy and pronunciation, deportment (body movements) and impressiveness. The latter addresses the voice delivery, sincerity, dignity, and many other subjective parameters. The word judges score word accuracy from behind a screened booth located at each end of the Lodge room. All other scoring is done by the floor judges.

We'll pick this up again in 2021, #1538 is Team Santa Maria so no matter what "We'll always be great at #1538!

To Be Continued....

Georgia Daighton
Lodge Public Relations Chairman

STUDENTS OF MONTH

So many activities and events have been changed or altered, and Student of the Month is among them. We will select two from the applications for each month and will mail out the checks and certificates. Sometime next year we look forward to once again take the recipients to dinner and present them with their scholarship check and recognition certificates at a Lodge meeting. In the meantime, we present the four recipients so far this Fall.

OCTOBER 15, 2020

Jeremy Reece from Ernest Righetti High School is ranked 3rd in a class of 509 students with a GPA of 4.53, with 3 AP Tests (scores of 3 - 4), and one class completed at Allan Hancock College. Among his 1200 service hours in many clubs and organizations he has worked at the Santa Maria Animal Shelter, caring for new-born and sick animals. Jeremy was a Boys' State delegate in 2020 and was in the top 2% on the PSAT and earned Varsity Letters in both Basketball and Cross Country. He plans a future in Business.

Karlee Cullen from Ernest Righetti High School is ranked 11th in a class of 509 students with a GPA of 4.44, with 2 AP Tests (scores of 3 - 4), and two classes completed at Allan Hancock College. She has earned 500 service hours and has also earned Varsity Letters in both Softball and Soccer. She has served as ASB Vice-President, was on the SM High School District Superintendent's Council, and on the Shared Decision-Making Council. She has held several 4H offices, works animals at the SB County Fair, and has bred a champion hog. Her plans include earning a Nursing Degree.

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Ashley Mason from Orcutt Academy High School is ranked 38th in a class of 137 students with a GPA of 4.27 with 4 classes completed at Allan Hancock College. She has nearly 1000 service hours including volunteering at Marian Medical and has spent over 350 hours on summer missions including working with a Navajo Kids' Club helping to start their school year. She currently serves as President of the Christian Club, is on the Yearbook staff, and is on the Cross Country and Track Teams. She plans to go into Public Relations.

Riley Speer from Orcutt Academy High School is ranked 4th in a class of 137 students with a GPA of 4.61, with 3 AP Tests (scores of 4 and 5), and 6 classes completed at Allan Hancock College. She has earned nearly 400 service hours includes volunteering at Marian Medical, and over 200 hours recycling clothing for those in need, and started her own nail press-on business which ships all over the US and the UK. She currently serves as Captain of the Cheerleading Team, while running Track and playing Tennis.

Her goal is having a practice in the field of OB-GYN.

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					LODGE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Grab 'n Go 5:15 pm Masks required Open to Public			9:00'ish Food Bank Elks Horn Articles Due	Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Masks required Open to Public	
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