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EXALTED RULER

Wes Brown

Members,

GREAT NEWS! It appears we are headed back to something close to normal sooner than we thought possible just a few months ago. The state announced the plan to remove most current COVID guidelines effective June 15. Knowing this is not set in stone, the Lodge is tentatively scheduling events accordingly. We are thrilled to have Cook Your Own back on the calendar beginning June 18. Knowing how much you have missed CYO, we have made the decision to limit the number of people each Member can bring to a spouse and two guests. Our goal is to ensure that our Members get the full opportunity to attend as we reopen. On July 6, Bingo will be back on the calendar.



2021-2022 Santa Maria Lodge Officers (left -right): Front Row: Trustee Jim Elkins, Organist Bryan Feldpouch PER, Lecturing Knight Steve Jones, Exalted Ruler Wes Brown PER, Esquire Jamie Sherrer, Trustee Mike Arndt, Treasurer Chuck Biely, Inner Guard Bob Lewis. Back Row: Trustee Karen Feldpouch PER, Trustee Charlie Castillo, Leading Knight Matt Rodriguez CoB, Loyal Knight Aaron Castellanos. Trustee Tony Campas PER, Chaplain Chris Wilson, Secretary Phil Daughton PER PAVP, Tiler Tony Dart PER

Postponing the Elks Rodeo and Parade to Labor Day weekend was not an easy decision, yet it is shaping up to be a great decision. In between now and then please be sure to encourage and promote this year's Queen Candidates and their fundraising efforts as they represent their organizations. All four young ladies are worthy of the crown and would greatly appreciate your support as they raise money that goes right back into our community.

Quotes for the month:

Every unselfish act of love whispers God's name. -Bob Goff

There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others. -Mandy Hale

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. -Aesop

When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world. -Harold Kushner

We look forward to seeing you soon. Until then stay safe, stay healthy and be kind.

Fraternally,
Wes Brown
Exalted Ruler

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As the Lodge inches closer to opening back up without restrictions, we need to know who is still interested in volunteering for CYO serving teams, BBQ teams, catering serving crews, Bingo, CYO cashiering, Greeters, Pub Grub cook and serve crews.

If you previously were a Team Captain, Serve Crew Member, Bingo worker or would like to be on a team, please call 805-922-1538 and contact either Club Manager John Maretta (103) or Lodge Secretary Phil Daughton (x108).



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown names Leading Knight Matt Rodriguez "Officer of the Year" for his work as 2020-2021 Loyal Knight. Matt's wife Ann Marie holds his "Outstanding Dedication" plaque

SANTA MARIA ELKS LODGE

Father's Day Brunch

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021
TIME: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

MENU:
New York Steak - Eggs
Country Fried Potatoes - Beans
Biscuits and Gravy - Salsa
Fruit Cocktail
Coffee - Milk - Orange Juice - Champagne

\$20.00
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Hello Everyone,

I hope this article finds you all well! We are optimistic that the Lodge will be back to near-normal in June - if the Governor keeps his word - businesses can reopen without any restrictions on June 15th. With that, the Lodge is going ahead and planning that CYO will return June 18th.

Once CYO begins, Members will be permitted only a spouse and two (2) guests! (Spouses must attend with Member present) Please plan accordingly

Something to think about

As Members and guests enthusiastically return to Lodge events, or visiting with friends in the bar, we may want to embrace people we have not seen for many months. Please keep in mind that because of what has happened, not everyone is comfortable with close personal contact - be mindful and respect people's personal space unless you are 100% sure your actions are welcome. What one person feels is appropriate another person may not. Everyone must feel comfortable and safe at their Lodge.

This, hopefully gentle, reminder was suggested by some Members.

Philip Daughton, PER, PAVP
Lodge Secretary

TOURING ELKS

June Gloom is upon us. While the fog is rolling in, we will be rolling out and getting fresh air. Happy Father's



Day to all the great Dads out there! On Sunday, June 13th, The Touring Elks will be supporting the Central Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for their "Longest Day" fundraising event held every year on the 20th of June as it is the longest day of the year. Alzheimer's Disease is called the "long goodbye" and this day is a day to reflect and to remember those loved ones who have Alzheimer's Disease and those who have passed away with it. This year, that date falls on Father's Day, so we will be having our "Ride 2 Remember" on Sunday, June 13th, the week before. The Touring Elks will be riding to Ragged Point for lunch and it is our hope that people will support our fundraiser with a check to the Alzheimer's Association. All funds collected are used locally, going back into the community to support families and caregivers. If you are interested in supporting this cause, please reach out to me directly, 805-260-5180.

We will also be riding on both Sunday June 6th and 27th. See our Facebook page for up-to-date information on rides. If you would like to join our group, we meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at the Lodge in the Ladies Bar.

Last month, The Touring Elks participated

in the Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria Valley's Poppy Poker Fundraiser which was a huge success with 55 vehicles and 7 motorcycles. All proceeds go back into the community to support local kids. We also rode to Lake Cachuma for lunch at "Hook'd Bar & Grill" as well as to Pozo Saloon for lunch.

Gary Gross,
President Touring Elks

DINNERS UPDATE

From April 2, 2020 to April 23, 2021

Dash & Dine meals made	29,763
Meals Donated	2,602
Food Bank Update	
Bags given out	33,228
Families Served	16,663
Individuals Served	36,935
Pounds of food	848,880 (= 424 tons)

OFFICERS' DUTY ROSTER

June 4	Leading Knight
June 11	Loyal Knight
June 18	Lecturing Knight
June 25	Secretary

MEMBERS!

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STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

For the first time in recent memory we have two young men as Students of Year! This year many outstanding students submitted applications for the fourteen Students of the Month, which made selecting only two a difficult task.



Jeremy Reece from Ernest Righetti High School is ranked 3rd in a class of 509 students with a 4.53 GPA, 3 AP Tests with scores of 3 - 4, and one class completed at Allan Hancock College. He

has earned 1200 service hours while serving in many clubs and organizations including the Santa Maria Animal Shelter, caring for

newly born and sick foster animals, all while earning Varsity Letters in both Basketball and Cross Country. Jeremy served as a Boys' State Delegate in 2020 and scored in the top 2% on PSAT. He plans a future in Business.



Andres Ramirez-Enriquez from Santa Maria High School is 3rd in a class of 657 with a 4.5 GPA holds several leadership roles in various county and community

organizations which give grants to worthy participants. Andres also has a strong media presence in the presentations that Full Steam Ahead offer to support interest and success in the sciences. His soccer team won the Merced International Cup Championship and the Las Vegas Mayor's Cup Qualifier. His goal after college is to create his own engineering startup company.

**CHARITY
LEADING KNIGHT**

Matt Rodriguez



Members,

To my fellow Members, here we are in June 2021. We have been through about fourteen months of uncertainty, stress, and on an emotional roller coaster during

this Pandemic. As we enter this June, we are seeing signs of the real possibility of fully opening soon. For our Lodge that is a great sigh of relief, we will be able to open the Lodge fully and resume serving our Members. This will be awesome for most, but there are those who have been impacted by this Pandemic in one way or another. I would like to ask all Members to take time to remember our brothers or sisters who we have lost during this time, in a normal year they would have received a memorial service, giving all a chance to honor and pay our respects. As we open and return to the Lodge, when we hear the "Tolling of the Eleven Strokes," remember, "Living or Dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken."

We are planning our first CYO on June 18th - the first couple will be with restrictions as we are limiting admittance. Each Member can bring a spouse and two guests, this may not sit well with some, but we are a Member-driven club. We want our Members to return to enjoy their club and feel relaxed and take it all in. This decision was made due to the input of our Members, we just want you to know we are here for you.

As we continue to open, we are needing our Volunteer's back, new or old Members are encouraged to get ahold of your serve captain or the office and get on a call list, we will call you. If you have never volunteered, we will show you the ropes, it is fun and you will meet other Members and make new friends. Let us make this reopening a smooth and enjoyable ride.

Respectfully,
Matt Rodriguez
Esteemed Leading Knight

**JUSTICE
LOYAL KNIGHT**

Aaron Castellanos



Members,

I cannot believe the day has come... we finally have a date set for the return of Cook Your Own! This has been a long time coming and something that we at your

Elks Lodge have been anxiously waiting for this day to inform the Membership. Cook Your Own Fridays have always been a privilege which we have all learned to love and enjoy at the Lodge, and understandably so. There is really something, almost magical, about being in a room full of people who have all chosen to spend their night along others who seek the same things - to have a great time and enjoy each others' company in Brotherhood. The sound of music, the need to raise our voices a little louder, the smell of oak wood and food in the air, and opportunity to reconnect with old friends... who wouldn't miss that? It's hard to believe this has not been possible now for a little over year. But now, after enduring everything that has been imposed upon us and getting through an extremely unconventional year we are a time where normalcy is within reach. No one will say it was easy: in fact no one expected it would have lasted this long. But we toughed through every step and adjusted as necessary. This will of course still be something we will continue to do with peoples' safety at the forefront of every decision made. June 18th will be a test as well as celebration and wELKome to everyone who stuck with us and never said we can't make it. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces and enjoying the company of all.

As much as we are thoroughly excited for the return to this Lodge activity, let us also be excited and look forward in seeking other ways to unite in Brotherhood. With the return of Cook Your Own, we also will bring back many other Lodge activities that afford the similar opportunities of fellowship. Many other committees will also be coming back, and

with that we will have the need for the return of our great volunteers and the see the prospects for new volunteers. Volunteering (as much as you are you able to) is one of the best ways to get a return on your Membership. It may seem like a selling pitch, but I promise you, you will come to really understand, value and be proud of being an involved Member - come to any one of us officers and let us know. We are pretty easy to locate, we'll be the ones wearing the purple shirts. Let one of the greatest organizations in the world. The friendships you will forge will be one of the best gifts you receive in return. So please, if you feel as if you would like to be more than an observer, help us help others.

As always... Be safe, be careful and take care. And I hope to see all of you at Lodge (every Thursday at 7:30p)... Soon. Fraternally,

Aaron Castellanos
Esteemed Loyal Knight

**BROTHERLY LOVE
LECTURING KNIGHT**

Steve Jones



Members,

Fun Fact - Did you know that each of the three Knighted Lodge Officers, the Esteemed Lecturing Knight, the Esteemed Loyal Knight and the Esteemed Leading Knight, all have the

acronym ELK? Let's just say that it took me way too long to figure this out for myself. I hope I am not the only one.

One of my duties as the Esteemed Lecturing Knight is to oversee all of the youth activities that occur at the Lodge, primarily our youth program, known as the Antlers. Other youth activities include the Soccer Shootout, the Basketball Hoop Shoot, the Boy Scouts, and who knows - there might even be a Girl Scout Troop in our future. I want to spotlight the Antler program and invite you to get in touch with me personally or at my email below if you have or know of any young people between the ages of 12 - 20 who might be interested in joining.

The Antlers are organized in a similar fashion to the Lodge, with Officers and monthly meetings, with the goal of teaching leadership, organization, service, and all of the principles of the Elks: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. However, it's also really focused on fun and helping to volunteer and serve at the Lodge. We have big plans this year which include raising enough money to allow all of the kids to attend the Disney Leadership program, which is conveniently located at Disneyland, at no cost to themselves! Soon, you will see plenty of our young purple-shirted Antlers around the Lodge, helping with serving, doing activities, and raising money for their trip and other functions. Please support them, encourage them, donate to them, and help us nurture them into strong and confident adults as well as future Elks.

Fraternally,
Steve Jones
Esteemed Lecturing Knight
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TRAVELEERS

The Lakes RV and Golf Resort in Chowchilla was the destination for the Traveleers'

April campout, a location most of us hadn't visited before. We had the largest turnout of Members in quite some time - 16 rigs/32 couples, all anxious to get out of the house and enjoy each other's company again. Though it was a bit of a journey (215 miles), and somewhat cool and windy weather, it turned out to be the perfect venue for the 3-day event and well worth our time on the road.

On Friday morning, Tom Simas and Richard Chrisman made breakfast for the group, which was much appreciated. Reservations at the RV park included two complementary rounds of golf, so Jobie Steigler, Hank Ramirez, Joe Saucedo, Randy Bisho, Mike Morris, Norm McDonald, Bobby Randolph, Richard Souza, Bob Lopez and Greg Rodriguez were quick to take advantage of the opportunity. Richard got a "birdie" on one hole, but it was decided that Hank was the winner of the friendly competition, though it wasn't clear that they really kept score. All other details were withheld, which I'll assume was understandable - it was a windy day after all!

Also on Friday, the ladies got together and drove 6 miles to Buchanan Hollow Nut Company. They bought nuts, dried fruit and

candy and listened to an interesting talk about the sex life of pistachio trees.

Due to on-going concerns about large gatherings in enclosed rooms, the resort's club house was not available to us for our monthly business meeting on Saturday. However, since all the attendees had been fully vaccinated against COVID, the Traveleers would not be deterred and canopies were set up in a large open area to hold our meeting, to gather for "cook-your-own" meals, and to just enjoy each other's company. Because of the drought and fire regulations, wood BBQs were not allowed, so several Members pulled out their gas grills to make the CYO happen.

In addition to the business meeting, collection for ENF, and a raffle, a champagne toast (or two), was made in honor of Norm and Cheryl McDonald's 34th anniversary. Congratulations McDonalds! And, as is the tradition for the Traveleers, the honorees always provide the champagne - thank you Norm and Cheryl for the bubbly.

At the conclusion of the "official" campout on Sunday morning, several Members left for home, but at Joe Saucedo's recommendation, six rigs went on to Lake McSwain, some 42 miles northeast of Chowchilla, for an extra two days of camping and sightseeing. Within minutes of arriving at the RV park, we were greeted by a cold wind and rain, that lasted on-and-off throughout the night. But Monday dawned bright and sunny.

Lake McSwain is noted for its fishing

competitions, and Joe had brought his fishing gear along to try his hand at fishing for trout, but alas had to settle for hamburgers for dinner. Better luck next time Joe, and thanks for recommending that we extend our trip to enjoy the area - the lake was beautiful.

The lake is about an hour's drive away from Columbia, an old Goldrush mining town with a lot of history so, of course, we had to go there. The town takes pride in their rustic buildings, a museum, saloons, and quaint restaurants. Several of us had lunch at a little place called Kate's Teahouse. Exploring the town was a great way to spend the last full day of our trip, and we all set off to return to Santa Maria the next morning.

We hope you participated in our campout May 20 - 22 at Paso Robles RV Ranch. As always, if you have access to an RV 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
Traveleers' Newsletter Contributor

Upcoming campouts:

Atascadero Elks Lodge

June 10 - 13

Pacific Dunes RV Park, Oceano

July 8 - 11

business meeting at the Chrisman's
August

River Run RV Park, Bakersfield

September 16 - 19

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CRYING TOWEL

April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Carmel Schwindt \$500	John G. Lizalde \$500	Ronald K. Chrest \$500	Armando Manriquez \$500	James "Mike" Henson \$500
Albert A. Vega \$500	Dale Ruskauff \$500	Don Moshier PER \$500	Tony Dart PER \$500	James D. Newberry \$500
Brad Leach \$500	Mike Baisch \$500	James A Asel \$500	Trinidad Ramos \$500	Gary Prestridge \$500



SANTA MARIA ELKS GOLF CLUB

The Santa Maria Country Club hosted the Elks Golf Club on the 14th of April. A special "Thanks" to the pro shop staff and their maintenance crew in providing a great course and their hospitality. We had 30 players at this outing and was a very competitive field.

Closest to pin # 7 was Jack Conway 24' 5 1/2". Mike Jefferis was the closest on #16 with 21' 9". 1st low gross was Nick Towle with a respectable 79. Fred Olson won 2nd low gross with an 82. Winning 1st low net was Bob Taylor with a score of 69. Jean Eaton was 2nd low net with a 73. We played a modified stableford team format where net bogies were worth 1 point. The team competition was very close with only 8 points separating the 3rd place from 1st place. With a point total of 124 and winning 1st place was the team

of Bob Taylor, Dean Reece, Wayne Brown, and Roy Wallace.

Taking 2nd place with a point total of 118 points was the team of Fernie Tarango, Jim Pate, James Foschaar, and Mike Jefferis. The team of Jean Eaton, Linda Eaton, Jess Borrego, and Adrain Tabaldo took home 3rd place with a point total of 116.

We next went to Rancho Maria on May 19th. The Elks Golf Club is pro charity and regularly donate to support Veterans, the Antlers, and Holiday food baskets We are always looking for Members that enjoy the game and more importantly like having a good time. One does not have to be an Elk Lodge Member to be a Member of the Elks Golf Club. Currently we have 54 Members and my personal goal is 60.

Fernie Tarango
Elks Golf Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

Let's begin with a few trivia tidbits: In 1775 the Marine Corps was established, followed 14 years later by the creation of Bourbon Whiskey made from corn. In 1936 the Rodeo Cowboys Association was formed. In 1929 Bingo was invented by Edwin Lowe.

Did the Traveleers really print a 2001 Traveleer girls' calendar? It is the Traveleers after all so everything is possible. Some interesting committees I had not noticed before, Choir, ER's Personal Pilot and Outdoor Sports Fishing, is there indoor sports fishing? Per the County Health Inspector, "all beverages around the handling and preparation of food will be served in plastic glasses" "If you are in the bar and go to the kitchen, you must pour your drink into a plastic glass". It was reported in last month's article that Friday Lunches were on their way out, yet it appears they are saved now as the new Elk Year begins. The Touring Elks start the year with 47 members, growing strong! At the 32nd annual Allan Hancock College Scholarship Awards Banquet on May 24th #1538 prepared and served 1,000 dinners and presented \$9,500 in scholarship checks. On May 31st, 2001, the Veterans Memorial at the Rodeo Grounds was officially dedicated. Oh No! as of July 1st drink prices will increase by .25 cents and some "call" drinks by .50 cents, this horror was due to the bar having been \$7,000 in the red for 2000-2001. At State Convention #1538 was once again awarded the perpetual Marvin Lewis Award, the highest award any Lodge in California can receive. As a result, #1538 was also recognized as being the All-State Lodge making the Lodge eligible to compete for the All-American Lodge award yet once again at National Convention in July. The 7th annual Lodge Car Show was held June 23rd, 147 vehicles participated raising \$4,300 for Lodge projects. Pork Chops are added to the CYO menu! At Grand Lodge Convention #1538 again was awarded All-American Lodge, best Lodge in all Elksdom. A couple of new recruitment incentives were submitted and approved by the House Committee; "The initiation fees to be lowered for new members 30 and younger for 90 days" And "a competition for any group or committee that brings in the most new members and as a reward, CYO tickets go to the winners". The Leading Knight announced in the October Elks Horn that the Monday Night Dinner price as of 1/1/2002 will increase by .50 cents. "At that time, the Leading Knight directed the Club Manager to give a high-quality meal". I do not know what to say about that directive?! In 2001-2002 #1538 had 3,700 members and continued to do amazing things like BBQ'ing for over 6,500 people

at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. The Kididdlehoppers are still extremely busy and have setup a scholarship for \$1,000. I wonder if it is for Clawn College? Bonnie and Clyde continue to pull the Officers Wagon in parades as far away as Salinas. The Traveleers are not being forthcoming about their campout shenanigans, what might they be hiding? #1538 presented a check to the Santa Maria Police K-9 Unit for Aiko, the departments newest K-9 Officer. In December 2001 #1538 catered 36 parties if you believe the Loyal Knight and 26 parties according to the Lecturing Knight. Back-to-back dinner events were scheduled for February, Sweethearts Ball on the 9th \$15.50, Winemakers Dinner on the 10th \$35.00 and the Cajun Night Dinner following on the 16th \$12.00. Recipe of the Month for February features Alligator Tenderloin. The Alligator meat is rubbed with lemon ginger sauce, fried in peanut oil, and sliced on the bias, no hint as to where in Santa Maria one finds fresh Alligator?

Let's close with a couple of things some Members may not be aware of. On September 26, 1912 under a special Dominion of Canada Charter, the first Elks of Canada Lodge was established in Vancouver B.C. The Elks of Canada is the largest fraternal organization in Canada with 245 lodges currently and approximately 9,000 Members. The qualifications to become a Member are: "Any person of good reputation, a believer in a Supreme Being, an adherent of lawful government and having attained the age of 16". Like the BPOE the Elks of Canada in each Province support various community needs: for example the Alberta Lodges support the Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research. The Elks of Canada are not affiliated with our BPOE.

As we have the light at the end of the Covid tunnel in sight, #1538 BBQ Teams, Serving Crews, Bingo workers and the Kitchen Captains have been tracking down "old" volunteers and gathering up the newer volunteers so #1538 can hit the ground running when restrictions are lifted. If you would like to be part of the fun times and help on one of the teams, please call the office and talk to Phil Daighton the Lodge Secretary or Johnny Maretti the Club Manager. Be part of the reason things are Great at #1538.

To Be Continued....

Georgia Daighton
Public Relations Chairman

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Good Day Elks! We are up and running again!

We were awarded an ENF Freedom Grant of \$2500! This is an extremely competitive grant and is only awarded to a small number of Lodges. The grant will be focused on Operation WEBS (Women Empowered Build Strong) who's mission is to build tiny RV Certified homes in an effort to help and house homeless veteran women in our community. A big "Thank You" to Steve Jones for facilitating a workday for Operation WEBS in April to which we brought over 20 volunteers, including our wood crew, to their property to down trees, cut and split wood, and conduct ground clearing. Our Veterans Committee purchased a chainsaw and safety gear which were presented to them at the workday. Thank you also to all the volunteers who worked hard to help get the property cleaned up and ready for temporary housing pads. Let us keep it going!

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ELKS RODEO

Howdy Folks,

The Elks Rodeo Queen Contest is in full swing! Fortunately, with the easing of COVID restrictions the Committees have been able to hold a greater selection of events. I must say it was nice to once again attend the Kentucky Derby event that was held at the Santa Maria Country Club by the St. Joseph's High School Committee. Later that afternoon, Jeannie and I attended a wine tasting dinner in Los Alamos to benefit the United Way of North Santa Barbara County.

I encourage you all to support our Queen Candidates as they compete for this year's Crown. The non-profit organizations participating in this year's Queen Contest are Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe, Santa Maria Kiwanis Noontime, United Way of Northern Santa Barbara County and St. Joseph High School. Please visit their Facebook pages and/or websites for details on upcoming events (see May Elks Horn page 7). There are a lot of fun events planned, and you will get to experience that long-awaited sense of normalcy while supporting our Candidates which supports many community programs.

It is full steam ahead for our Elks Rodeo that will be held on Labor Day Weekend, September 2nd - 5th. Due to current restrictions many of the events that are typically planned leading up to the rodeo have been tabled for this year such as our beloved Mini Rodeo and our Beard A Reno contest. Please visit our website, Elksrec.com, or the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo

Facebook page for regular updates. As we receive new guidance from our State and County representatives, we will pass that information on to you.

We are also excited to announce our "You've Been Flagged" fundraiser! We invite you to help us celebrate America this 4th of July by flagging a friend, family, neighbor, or veteran! See the ad in this month's Elk Horn or visit our website at Elksrec.com for more information and the Application Form. Let's cover the Central Coast in American flags in celebration of our Independence Day!

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the support our Community and those who have worked so hard in helping us to move forward. Over the past several months our Community has faced major challenges. The support we have received to carry us through these unprecedented times has been overwhelming. We salute you with a tip of our Resistol to all the volunteers, sponsors, service clubs, public servants and members of our community who have played a role in helping us. We thank you! Here's to Team Santa Maria: we love you all! You are the best!

Until next time,
Peter Sterling
President
Elks Recreation, Inc



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Welcome New Members

Don Moshier Class April 29, 2021

- Steve Adkins
- Angelica Alcaraz
- Richard Cooper
- Letitia Flores
- Samuel Isreal
- Silvya Keller
- Julie Klein
- Michael Martinez
- Jeffrey McDonald
- Diane Miner
- Michael Panoo
- Edward Plemmons
- Thesa Roepke
- Jose Salazar
- Scott Turton
- David Valdez
- Michelle Webster
- Gary Wilkin
- Troy Wing

Reinstatements:

- Greg Landry
- Dale Okpik
- Mario Ularte

Transfer:

- Robert Schiller

In Memoriam

"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"
AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORSAKEN.

13855

Marilyn Bondeson

BORN: March 11, 1941

INITIATED: October 25, 2007

DIED: October 2, 2020

14905

Freddy Frederick Rust

BORN: February 3, 1983

INITIATED: May 1, 2014

DIED: April 20, 2021

Please join us for
a PER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
ALL YOU CAN EAT

SHRIMP PEEL

OR a BBQ Half Chicken
(NOT ALL YOU CAN EAT!)

Cocktails: 4:00 PM
Dinner: 5:00 PM "Sharp"
SUNDAY JULY 18th 2021

~Sides Include~
Corn on the cob, pasta, coleslaw
and cheese biscuits. Raspberry sherbet for dessert

\$25.00

Buy tickets at the Lodge office or from the PERs.
Ticket sale cut-off July 12.

Mother's Day Brunch



LODGE ACTIVITIES



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Robert Dorado with a Grand Lodge Outstanding Service Award



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Georgia Daughton with a Grand Lodge Outstanding Service Award



Lodge Secretary Phil Daughton presents Exalted Ruler Wes Brown with a Grand Lodge "Making A Difference" Special Citation



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Francis Brawner with an Elk of the Month plaque for October 2020



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown Presents Derek Elchlepp with an Elk of the Month plaque for November



The Touring Elks Make a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project



Sonia Wasserman from Orcutt Academy, one of the 1st female Eagle Scouts in America is introduced to the Lodge

KRIS PICARD WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT AVP 2021-2022 VISITATION TO OUR LODGE ON JUNE 17TH

Brandy "Kris" Picard resides in Simi Valley, CA where she raised her family of four children on a small horse ranch. Kris has been an Early Childhood Education Teacher for over 35 years and in her spare time, volunteering became a way of life. She became active in 4H, Scouting, school events and horse shows for many years.

After the children grew up and her first husband of 25 years had passed, Kris left ranching behind, purchased a Montessori school, and joined the BPOE. It is where the next chapter of life began for Kris after meeting David Coleman during a local Lodge Visitation while Kris was Lecturing Knight.

In 2015, Kris and David were married, the same year Kris was installed as Exalted Ruler. After having gone through the chairs and serving as Exalted Ruler she took on duties as Lodge Trustee before serving as WCCD Grants Chair, District ENF Chair, and most recently as Major Project Chair.

For Kris, belonging to an organization that gives back to its community through its State and National programs of charity and support of our Veteran's and youth makes her very proud. It is because of her belief in the core principles the BPOE stands for that she makes the commitment to give of her time and effort for her Lodge and the Order. Kris' son was so inspired that he recently joined the order to continue charitable work within our District as well.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND INAUGURAL BALL



2021 EXALTED RULER INAUGURAL REMARKS

Let me start with a quote that, I believe, embodies the true spirit of the dedicated Team Santa Maria volunteers who faced the challenges of the last year with selfless determination and Elks 1538 pride:

George Bernard Shaw - "Some see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not."

Combine that with the ripple effect theory that everything has a purpose, that every word you speak, that every action you take affects other people. and you have a recipe for excellence.

No challenge was too great for this team. You never gave into the mindset of "We don't do it that way" or "It's never been done before". You overcame every obstacle with new ideas and perseverance. You never took the easy way out because we are better than that, we are Team Santa Maria.

Last year I said I believed divine

intervention, along with some prodding from a determined little girl, built this team in preparation for what was coming our way. Looking back now, I am absolutely sure 2020 was on a mission to prove that true. And yes, yes it did, it proved to our community and to all of Elksdom what it means to be Team Santa Maria, 1538 Strong.

Let me close by reading "The Man in the Arena" speech by Teddy Roosevelt:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the one who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the person who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who



at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

To Liz, to my family, to the officers, to the wildcats, and to our AMAZING Elks volunteers "Thank You" for always having my back while we are in the arena.

Wes Brown
Exalted Ruler

PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES LODGE OFFICERS ON RITUAL CONTEST



Like many organizations, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks created a rite of passage through an initiation on the four virtues of our Order: Fidelity, Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love (as well as patriotism). With a flair for the dramatic and to inspire the hearts of the new initiates, each Lodge Officer is charged to present these virtues in such a way as to create a lasting impression on the Membership.

Our Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association (PERA) remains dedicated to these principles through the initiation process and each year trains each officer on their abilities to execute, deliver and inspire both as an individual and as a team. Despite their busy schedules and demanding lives, PERA coaches and Lodge Officers devoted months of practice to memorizing the words, enunciation and body movements of their charge while also learning to synchronize as a team.

Once a year, the Lodges that still hold this process in high regard, compete within their district and awards are presented based on their individual skills and team

performance. The Ritual Contest and judge evaluations are intense. The West Central Coast District (WCCD) first-place team then proceeds to the California Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) State Convention to compete and finally, a National Champion is awarded during the Elks Grand Lodge Convention.

Whenever you are privileged to observe the Ritual of Initiation- we hope that you will take the time to consider the labor of love required to create this hour of honor and gain a renewed sense of appreciation for our Officers and PERA trainers. Santa Maria Lodge #1538 PER Association congratulates Exalted Ruler Wes Brown for 2nd Place, Leading Knight Matt Rodriguez for 3rd Place, Loyal Knight Aaron Castellanos for 1st Place, Lecturing Knight Steve Jones for 2nd Place, Inner Guard Bob Jones for 1st Place, Team Winner for Word Accuracy and his Officer Corps for placing 3rd in the West Central Coast District Ritual Contest. And we are equally proud of our PERA Ritual Trainers Tommy Gee, Ron Anderson and Bryan Feldpouch.

Veterans Committee - Continued from p.5

Want to join us in making a difference? We're raising money to benefit Operation WEBS and any donation will help make an impact. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to purchase an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) for their Tiny Homes Women Veterans community. In addition, we have been donating our time and labor to help them grow and maintain their property with many additional joint efforts planned this year. The GoFundMe link is <https://gofund.me/7642d40f>

Our Veterans Committee would like to invite all Members, especially Veteran Members, to join our committee as we will be selecting new committee members soon. My goal is to create sub committees and begin a regularly scheduled work program to assist Operation WEBS. While we are looking forward working out new plans and ideas for future projects, as of now, our primary focus will be assisting Operation WEBS.

Again, thank you to all volunteers who keep our committee rolling!

Talk to you all soon!
Timothy Reynolds
Chairman, Elks Veterans Committee



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2021-2022 OFFICERS**

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 Esteemed Loyal Knight Aaron Castellanos
 Esteemed Lecturing Knight Steve Jones
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 Esquire..... Jamie Scherrer
 Chaplain.....Chris Wilson
 Inner Guard..... Bob Lewis
 Tiler..... Tony Dart, PER
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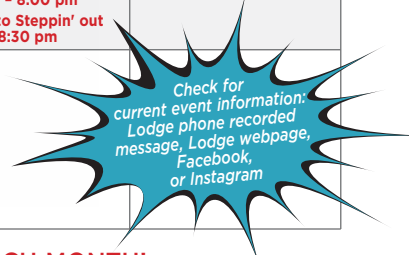
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
NO Menudo until August See You Then!	Members Bar Open Daily 11am - Closing Masks required			Food Bank 9'ish Lodge 7:30pm Elks Horn Articles Due	Grab'n Go 5:15 pm	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Grab'n Go 5:15 pm House Committee 6:00pm Board Meeting 7:00pm	Pub Grub 5:00 - 7:00 pm Members & Guests Masks required	Orientation Dinner Bar 5:30 Dinner 6:30	Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm Initiation	Grab'n Go 5:15 pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Flag Day - Lodge Room 1:00pm	Grab'n Go 5:15 pm	Pub Grub 5:00 - 7:00 pm Members & Guests Masks required		Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm Association Vice President Visitation	Grab'n Go 5:15 pm COOK YOUR OWN IS BACK!! Steak/Fish/Ribs/Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm Dance to Sound Investment-8:30 pm	Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Fathers Day Brunch 9:00 - 12:00am	Grab'n Go 5:15 pm	Pub Grub 5:00 - 7:00 pm Members & Guests Masks required		Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm	Grab'n Go 5:15 pm COOK YOUR OWN Steak/Fish/Ribs/Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm Dance to Steppin' out -8:30 pm	
27	28	29	30			
All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet \$15 9 - 11am	Grab'n Go 5:15 pm	Pub Grub 5:00 - 7:00 pm Members & Guests Masks required Touring Elks 7:30pm				



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.**