



EXALTED RULER

Wes Brown

Members,

As the dark cloud of COVID dissipates and moves on we are left with the silver lining: that of knowing this Lodge turned every obstacle into a new opportunity and every challenge into a new way to do things--all made possible by the "never give up, never give in" attitude of our Members, volunteers, and employees. Thanks to this unwavering support the leadership of the House Committee had the confidence to make unprecedented changes and push forward with Lodge maintenance and improvement projects when many would have locked the doors and waited for the storm to pass. Hard work, teamwork, and fresh ideas not only allowed us to weather the storm but to lay the foundation for the future. Drive through Grab n Go dinners are here to stay on Monday nights. We are also working with the city to get the tent permitted for continual use.



COVID also brought major changes to Elks Recreation and the Event Center. Thanks to Tina Tonascia brainstorming with the Elks Rec Board, they came up with new and innovative ideas to serve the community. Haunted Hills and Christmas in the Country were introduced and will be mainstays for years to come. Speaking of "Never Giving Up and Never Giving in" they are bringing back this year's Rodeo which has been rescheduled to Labor Day weekend. Another new event from Tina and Elks Rec is "You've Been Flagged" for Independence Day.

Quotes for this month:

The obstacles of your past can become the gateways that lead to new beginnings. -Ralph Blum
Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." —Seneca

Your life does not get better by chance. It gets better by change. — Jim Rohn

Fraternally,
Wes Brown
Exalted Ruler

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Clifford was born and raised in Santa Maria where he attended St. Mary's School then graduated from Santa Maria High. He has two children and three grandchildren. Clifford followed his father into the family farming business here in the Santa Maria Valley. His parents were strong examples of how important it is to give back to your community and to be there to lend a hand to those in need. He has definitely followed in their footsteps. If he is not organizing events for St. Mary's, Saint Joseph's High School, the Filipino Community, or Cruzin 4 Life, he is putting together fundraising events to help families that are struggling with cancer or some other devastating event.

Cruzin 4 Life is Clifford's brainchild. In 2004 he, with the help of his brothers, enlisted some of his buddies to raise money to fight cancer and have some fun doing it. It all started with a car show at SJHS and a cruise in Old Orcutt where they raised about \$15,000. As it grew over the years, they changed venues, expanded to two days, tried different things and it blossomed into what it has become, in the last few years with the Friday night Survivor's Cruise on Broadway, and a meet and greet at the Fairpark that night as well. Saturday is the car show during the day with a dinner and auction at night. Recently they have raised in the neighborhood of \$200,000 each year. Later came the Crab Dinner and dance in February. To-date, Cruzin 4 Life is approaching \$2,000,000 having been raised and



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Clifford Labastida with 2021 Elks Citizen of the Year while Councilwoman Etta Waterfield looks on

donated back to local organizations fighting cancer with Mission Hope, Make a Wish Tri-Counties and the American Cancer Society being the primary recipients.

Please join us for
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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.

FOR CURRENT EVENT INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK
805-922-1538, press 2 for recorded message, Lodge webpage: www.SantaMariaElks.org
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NEW EVENT FOR ELKS MEMBERS

Santa Maria Raceway is offering a
Night at the Races for Elks Members
on July 31, 2021.

Five classes of cars will run. Reduced
admissions for us will be \$15, with Elks
Membership card.

Thank you to Don Moshier PER!!

Gates Open 4:00 pm

Qualifying at 5:30 pm

Races at 6:00 pm

FOOD BANK

As of 5/27/2021

36,295 Bags given out.
943,214 pounds of food given out (471 tons)
18,193 families served.
44,577 indivial served.

DINNERS SERVED AND DONATED AT LODGE

As of 5/28/2021

32,541 Meals Made
2,775 Meals Donated

GREETERS

6/25 - 7/1	Efrain Bautista
7/2 - 2/8	Luis Arellano
7/9 - 7/15	Bob Lopez
7/16 - 7/22	Vern Guerrero
7/23 - 7/29	Efrain Bautista
7/30 - 8/5	Luis Arellano

OFFICERS' DUTY ROSTER

July 2	Treasurer
July 9	Tiler
July 16	Esquire
July 23	Chaplain
July 30	Inner Guard

ELKS BINGO RETURNS

restarting on July 6th
starting time 6:30pm
doors open at 4:00pm



DELTA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Santa Maria Elks
Past Exalted Rulers
Association presented

\$1,000 Scholarships to two Delta High School Students. Thank you to our Elks Members for supporting the PERA fundraising effort toward this cause by attending our Shrimp Peels, Crab Cracks, and other activities. Pictured with their parents are:



Jennifer Fulgencio Guzman

Jennifer is a resilient and thoughtful young lady who is very ambitious. She served on Delta's Principal's Student Advisory Committee. She worked hard to graduate early in December of 2020 and enrolled at Allan Hancock College the following spring.

Jennifer is very active in her church, serving as a leader in the youth group, and is looked up to by her peers for guidance and support. She is studying for a career

in Psychology at AHC. Jennifer loves baking, and even has her own business, 'Haven Sweets' that specializes in cupcakes, beignets, cheesecake and more. Jennifer is very appreciative of this scholarship and is excited to make the most of this generous opportunity.



Alfredo Hernandez Mendoza

Alfredo is a hardworking and respectful student that is very deserving of this scholarship. During the stressful times of the pandemic, he persevered and worked hard to graduate early. While he was attending school, he was also working full-time to help support his family. Alfredo is going to attend Allan Hancock College in the fall. He plans to study automotive technology and aspires to become a mechanic. In his spare time, Alfredo loves playing sports and running. He is so grateful to be awarded this scholarship and thanks the Elks for their generosity.

SANTA MARIA ELKS TEAM ROPING ENTRIES TO OPEN!

The Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Office will accept entries for the Elks Team Roping Event Monday, July 12th to Friday, August 6th @ 5:00 pm. Entry forms are available on our website at elksrec.com or at the Elks Rodeo Office located at 2325 Skyway Drive, Suite H in Santa Maria. The 78th Annual Elks Rodeo will be held at the Elks Event Center September 2nd - September 5th. Entrants will be required to show proof of a valid Elks Membership card. All entrants must be a Member of one of the West Central Coast Elks Lodges and current on membership dues. Both team members must sign a release of liability. The entry fee is \$200.00 per team. Entries are limited to two Elks Members or a Member with their spouse and or child or grandchild, age 18 or younger. Any Elk Heeler, 55 or older, can tie on. PRCA and Elks Team Ropers may only compete in one of the team roping events - NOT BOTH, unless they are a PRCA Gold Card Holder. All entries must be completed and entry fees paid by deadline.

Entrants will compete for \$1,000.00 added purse money and awards. For more information regarding the Elks Team Roping event contact the Elks Rodeo Office at (805) 925-4125.

CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

Matt Rodriguez



Members,
July brings family together to celebrate our Day of Independence. While celebrating we need to take the time to remember why we can celebrate. Our freedom was fought

for, not to give us the chance to do as we please but to have the opportunity to do what is right. Let us enjoy the time with Family because Family always comes first.

As we come to July, we should have now opened our Lodge fully, something we all have been waiting for. Getting back to our Lodge activities, CYO's, or just coming to enjoy company of friends, this is a good feeling.

During the past year of thinking out of the box and doing things like Food Bank distribution and Grab n Go, we have gained a few new Members. These new Members jumped right in and started volunteering; this was much needed help. I ask that we go through our friends list and pick a few who would be good Members for our Lodge, get them signed up and volunteering. It is good for new Members to see what we do here and that our Lodge runs on Volunteerism. Also, to Members who have not renewed their Membership, it is not too late; get with the office--we need you.

As we gear up for Rodeo in September, I am looking for volunteers to come back and to recruit some new volunteers to help with various jobs. Get in touch with me or the Rodeo office. This is going to be another good year and you will want to be part of it.

Fraternally,
Matt Rodriguez
Esteemed Leading Knight

ATTENTION MEMBERS!!

The Santa Maria Elks Lodge can no longer accept American Flags for retirement. Please do not drop off any at the Lodge, Bar or Office.

The problem is that most Flags now a days are made of the Polyester or Nylon which we can't dispose of in the proper ceremonial way. Thank you for your understanding.

Phil Daighton, PER, PAVP, Lodge Secretary

JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT

Aaron Castellanos



We are halfway through another year, and we are just now getting a taste of what our day-to-day normal will continue to look like for the upcoming months. By the time we all are reading this, many of

the restrictions we have abided by will have been lifted. Day-to-day operations should be returning to a state we have not seen in too long a time. It is needless to say that many of us have waited for this return for a longtime. After all, this has been the longest "two weeks" we have ever lived through.

I have made many mentions about how our Lodge and community members are the greatest that any Lodge could have, and I will say it over and over. It goes beyond just saying it to express appreciation to everyone. You see, throughout this entire period not every Lodge had the same blessing and good fortune that Santa Maria #1538 had. Many of our sister Lodges throughout Elksdom had to make decisions based on the resources and abilities available to them. Shutdowns and closures happened. Luckily, thanks to every one of you this is something we were able to avoid. You all really did stand by your Lodge and supported the new, and at times crazy, decisions your Lodge officers and staff made. As we officers see our Members embrace all adjustments the commitment to maintaining our Lodge was extremely inspiring and has helped us keep going, a feeling we will remember forever

Thank you again for the continued support to your Elks Lodge and maintaining it as one of the greatest Lodges in Elksdom with the most supportive Members any Lodge could possibly have.

We should be back into returning to all Lodge operations and I cannot wait to see many of you again. Continue to identify anyone that you believe would be a great addition to our Membership and sponsor new Members. Help us grow our Lodge and with that the ability to make an even greater impact in the work we do.

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

Fraternally,
Aaron Castellanos
Esteemed Loyal Knight

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

Steve Jones



Members,
As the world has once again returned to normal and Covid is starting to feel like a bad dream, it is time to reflect and give thanks to all who made our Lodge prosper and thrive

when so many Lodges across the country just gave up.

When Covid struck, other Lodges immediately shut their doors, but not ours. Within the first week, we were already making plans for Grab n Go dinners. We wanted to give our Members something for their Membership, and we saw an opportunity to feed the community when most other options had disappeared.

All of this was made possible by a group of dedicated people who committed themselves to stay the course and see it through to the end. They willingly accepted the risks of Covid and spent over a year of Monday and Friday nights together, week after week, day after day, and year after year. These are the same people who also erected the tent, served Sunday breakfast, cut down trees, barbecued your dinners, worked the food bank, and so much more.

As you come back to the Lodge and resume attending Friday CYO's, Bingo, Pub Grub, holiday parties and more, please stop and thank all those who went above and beyond the call of Elksdom, as they deserve your praise and gratitude - without them our Lodge is just a building.

There are many reasons why Santa Maria Lodge #1538 is known throughout the country. First, because of our Santa Maria Style barbecue. Second, because of our Friday night Cook Your Owns. And most importantly, it is because of our volunteers. Your volunteerism is what makes our Lodge unique and has allowed us to continue to be one of the largest and best Lodges in the entire country. Thank you and keep it up!

Fraternally,
Steve Jones
Esteemed Lecturing Knight
SteveJones1538@gmail.com

MEMBERS!

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TRAVELEERS

The month of May was an active one for the Traveleers:

First - Thirteen members of the club attended at

the Lodge meeting on May 13 to present a \$500 check to the Elks National Foundation from the monies donated at each of the monthly campouts over the course of a year.

Then - The May campout. "It was the best of times ..." period! It always is when the Traveleers get together for their campouts, and our trip to the Paso Robles RV Ranch on May 20 to 23 was no exception. The Paso Robles RV Ranch is one of the Traveleers most favored destinations, as the park is a pleasant family operation, well-maintained, and the management folks are very accommodating and friendly. Upon arrival, several of us were greeted by the family's youngsters who were "in training" to check us in. We had 19 rigs / 38 members attend this campout, including our newest members, Bob and Joyce Turner. Welcome Turners! As is often the case, most of our

group opted to go out to a nearby restaurant for our first evening's meal. Our go-to place when in Paso Robles is Big Bubba's Bad BBQ which, despite its name, offers good bar-b-que cuisine.

The golfers in our group were on the course early Friday morning, and Hank Ramirez and Greg Rodriguez both had 2 "pars" each, but as for the rest of the day's play, well, it was described as only being "fun" - apparently Phil Mickelson is not a Traveleer (Ha!). Later that evening, and for the first time in 14 months, we were able to enjoy a pot-luck dinner inside the park's clubhouse, thanks to everyone having been "vaxed" and the relaxing of the COVID rules for indoor gatherings. It was great to once again be able to join all together, and we were reminded of just how many of our members are good chefs.

Saturday's events included a champagne toast hosted by Karen and Alan Munch in celebration of Karen's birthday, followed by an appetizer luncheon and the monthly business meeting. A collection hat was passed around to support the ENF, and a raffle was conducted to fund the activities of the Traveleers and our charitable donations.

While many Traveleers enjoyed a laid-back

afternoon, some went antique shopping and others participated in a corn hole tossing competition. Randy Bisho "self-proclaimed" himself as the winner, but it was later revealed that there were some doubts about his claim. That evening the members got together for a cook-your-own dinner, supplemented by the pot-luck leftovers - a perfect end to the final day of the campout.

The Traveleers extend our wishes to all our Elks family for a Happy Independence Day, and an invite to join our club if you have access to an RV and are interested in being part of a great bunch of active folks. Please contact our Membership chairperson, Lucy Fetzko (lkfetzic@gmail.com) for information on attending one of our next campouts as a guest.

Upcoming campouts:

Pacific Dunes RV Park, Oceano
July 8 - 11

River Run RV Park, Bakersfield
September 16 - 19

River Run RV Park, Bakersfield
Valencia Travel Village

Alan Munch

Traveleers' Newsletter Contributor



CRYING TOWEL APRIL 2021

May 6, 2021

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Donald G. Chambers \$500
Armand V "Vic" Telles \$500

May 13, 2021

David W. Rush Jr. \$500
Raymond Fields \$500
Mark Sheckherd Jr. \$500

May 20, 2021

Ron C Anderson PER, PRESENT \$500
William Luton Jr. \$500
Del Signorelli \$500

May 27, 2021

Gloria Ramos \$500
Kathleen M. Grimes \$500
Tyler Serafine \$500



SANTA MARIA ELKS GOLF CLUB

The Elks Golf Club traveled to Rancho Maria on the 19th of May. Battling the wind most of the day our scores were not as low as they normally are but, everyone had fun. We use a different format every tournament and this one was a tough one, 4-person 3-best ball competition. The team of Steve Salazar, Gary Crompt, Chino Vasquez, and Chuck Scheithauer shot 197, good enough for 2nd place. Shooting a very respectable 207 for 2nd place was Tom De Re, Jim Ford, Chip Guthrie, and Gary Adair. Taking 3rd was Randy Spears, Billy Brooks, James Foschaar, and Trinidad Martinez with a score of 213. As everyone knows, playing Rancho can be a tough track and even harder when the wind is blowing, so getting the ball close on some of the par 3's can be

tough. But, when you have two seasoned players with the talent of Tom De Re and Jim Ford, par 3's are easy. Tom De Re put his shot on #9, 8'8" while Jim Ford managed a 26'10" on #15.

In our gross competition Steve Salazar had a great day with a good 82 while Randy Spears shot 84 for second low gross. In the net competition Chino Vasquez had a good 69 and Brian Claverie came in 2nd with a net 72.

Upcoming events: July 14 - Paso Robles
Aug. 11 - Solvang River Course

If you would like to join us, contact Fernie Tarango at ftarango@sbcglobal.net. Our club is growing in Membership, and if interested in joining, our Membership chairman is Chuck and can be contacted at acscheithauer@comcast.net

DID YOU KNOW?

Last month we learned about the Canadian Elks so next let us learn a little about the IBPOEW, the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World. This African American fraternal order was modeled after the BPOE and was established in 1897, its first chapter was instituted in Cincinnati, OH in 1899. The woman's organization, Daughters of the IBPOEW was formed in 1902. The order uses the same ritual as the BPOE, they have a Grand Exalted Ruler and a Grand Daughter Ruler. There are approximately 1500 lodges in the World, their headquarters are in Winston, North Carolina. (I have visited the Key West Lodge)

Our time machine, the Elks Horn, is transporting us back to 2002-2003 this month, so let's board. At the Traveleers campout in Buellton (Flying Flags) several campers were injured in a deck collapse accident and three Traveleers were briefly hospitalized. Seems everyone rallied in time for the champagne festivities in true Traveleer form. In the April 2002 Elks Horn, the Loyal Knight claims the Lodge kitchen is the third busiest kitchen in Santa Barbara County. Yes, the Kadiddlehoppers are still going strong with more capers than I could mention. Aside from campout shenanigans, the Traveleers participated in fundraisers such as "Relay for Life" in 2001 - their two walking teams raised a total of \$13,840 and received the first perpetual trophy and were looking for more walkers for the August event. #1538's officers won first place in the 2002 District Ritual Contest, so they went on to compete at State Convention. At the 2002-2003 CHEA Ritual Contest #1538 placed first and headed to Grand Lodge Convention in July to compete. July 11th-14th #1538 celebrated its 75th anniversary with four days of special events including the dedication of the Vine Street Lodge site, the plaque is located in the old Sears parking lot's Northeast corner. One lucky attendee won a Sterling Silver belt buckle, and another drove away with a new motor home during the anniversary

celebration. At the 59th annual Rodeo, the Traveleers hosted 189 rigs from 26 Lodges, no time for shenanigans perhaps. Again, at National Convention #1538 was recognized as the All-American Lodge for 2001-2002, greatest Lodge in the Nation. #1538 did not win the National Ritual Contest but West Coast Lodges are always at a big disadvantage, (in other parts of the country the teams are made up of the previous year's officers). At International Night one of the hogs the Lodge purchased at the fair was "cooked in the ground", sometimes these things do not go well but in true #1538 form it was a success. The Traveleers "Roadkill Potluck" winning dish was entitled "Smashed Drywall", Yum! In August, pork chops disappeared from CYO, but the Friday lunches survived. It appears that Christmas 2002 began #1538's involvement with Toys for Tots. 2003 brings a D.J. playing soft Big Band Music at the last Monday night dinners of the month (BBQ Chicken Night) for those members not happy with CYO music. For about a year 15-20 bar glasses seem to vanish every weekend, who knew they were collectable? The highway cleanup committee reported that the chairman picked up a \$100 bill near Motel 6 that was not wet like most of the money usually found. The crew called "fraud" but one member said he actually saw him pick up something which the rest of the team insisted was questionable anyway. A lie detector test was then administered by renowned examiner Goodstuff Tellalie but the results were inconclusive, more pizza and beer was needed.

By the time this Elks Horn reaches your mailbox we hope to be back to #1538's "old normal", able to return to doing all the activities this Lodge is so famous for. #1538's hardworking officers and their ladies alongside an incredibly loyal volunteer force have proven that "we can't do that" isn't part of the vocabulary. We are TeamSantaMaria, #1538 Strong, yes life is definitely Great at #1538. To Be Continued...

Georgia Daughton
Public Relations Chairman

2021 ELKS RODEO QUEEN KICKOFF

The 78th Annual Elks Rodeo and Parade is just around the corner and local nonprofit organizations are gearing up in a big way for this year's Elks Rodeo Queen Contest.

This year there are four organizations committed to blanketing our community with fundraisers for youth recreation programs in conjunction with our Annual Elks Rodeo Queen Contest. Among them we have returning groups of Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe, St. Joseph's High School, Kiwanis of Santa Maria (Noontime) and NSBC United Way.

Though the candidates have already been announced (see May Elks Horn for Candidate Bios) and have begun their fundraising campaigns, we invite you to join us at the time-honored tradition of our Queen Kickoff and Auction Dinner sponsored by Santa Maria Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram that will be held at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge on Saturday, August 14th. The Elks Rodeo Queen Kickoff Dinner and Auction traditionally marks the official start of the 2021 Elks Rodeo

Queen Contest season and would be the first public introduction of this year's candidates in a normal year. But as we all know this year has been anything but normal, and we look forward to carrying on this wonderful tradition and to honor these incredible young ladies at this special evening. As one of the most beloved traditions associated with the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, the Queen Contest has raised and distributed over \$14 Million to our local community's youth recreation programs since its inception.

Doors will open at 5:00 PM for no host cocktails. A traditional Santa Maria style meal prepared by the Famous Elks BBQ Team will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by a live auction of many unique items and opportunities. The event will also feature a silent and dessert auction.

Tickets are just \$30.00 and are available on-line at elksrec.com or at the Elks Recreation, Inc. Office.

MUTTON BUSTIN'

The 78th Annual Santa Maria Elks Rodeo is just around the corner and we will begin accepting entries for one of the Rodeo's most loved events - Mutton Bustin'! This year's

Event is sponsored by CoastHills Credit Union and Justin Boots. Entries are being accepted online only at elksrec.com from Monday, July 12th to Friday, August 6th.

Local kids have a unique opportunity to try their hands at some real rodeo action, riding a mutton (sheep) in the Rodeo Arena. The event is open to all children ages 5 to 7, weighing under 60 pounds. Each chosen contestant will have a chance to perform in the event during the four days of Rodeo fun September 2nd - September 5th. Each contestant will receive a goodie bag of gifts. Custom made silver belt buckles will be presented to the daily winner's compliments of the Tri Valley RC Modelers. Sixty names will be drawn from those entries received by the deadline date. Entrants need not be present for the draw and will be notified if chosen. There is no charge to sign up for the drawing. Children who are chosen will be required to pay a \$50.00 registration fee, show proof of age, proof of medical insurance, and complete a registration form at the Elks Rodeo Office.

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ELKS RODEO

Howdy Folks,

We are excited to announce that it is full steam ahead for our Santa Maria Elks Rodeo that will be held on Labor Day Weekend, September 2nd - 5th, at the Elks Events Center.

This will be a full, action-packed rodeo weekend. The 2021 Elks Rodeo will feature Mutton Bustin', six PRCA events, which include Team Roping, Bull Riding, Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, and the WPRA Barrel Racing and WPRA Breakaway Roping. This year's event will also include specialty acts like our beloved Flying Cowboys, along with our Junior Breakaway Roping, Elks Team Roping and much more. Do not forget Our 2021 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Queen will be crowned during the Friday night performance! These young ladies have been working hard for their organizations who give so much to our community.

We are proud to bring you a top-rated rodeo each year. We understand that this would not be possible without the hard-

working group of volunteers we receive each year. We thank all our volunteers who have put in hundreds of hours of work and dedicated efforts in making the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo so successful. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to be a part of our successful organization, we invite you to join Team Santa Maria, and bring a friend! It will be a great experience. We have a variety of positions to fill and welcome your interest in joining our Team. Please contact the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Office at 805-925-4125 for more information.

For continued updated information please visit our website at elksrec.com or follow us on Facebook!

Until next time,
Peter Sterling
President
Elks Recreation, Inc



will precede the Band being sponsored and will be read by the Parade Announcers along the Parade route as well as the TV anchors doing commentary for the live TV broadcast. Band Sponsors will also be invited to the VIP Tent along the Parade route to enjoy breakfast, drinks and watch the Parade. The cost of the sponsorship is \$750 with \$500 going directly to the Band being sponsored and the balance used to pay for the banner, banner carriers and helping cover the cost of televising the Parade.

If you or your company are interested in supporting the Parade as a Sponsor, please contact me. Any funds left over are distributed to various youth groups throughout the Santa Maria Valley. Over the last ten years we have distributed over \$100,000.

The Parade is put on each year by an all-volunteer committee. I would like to thank all the Volunteers who return year after year to help with the Parade. Many of our Volunteers have served for over 20 years. Without their help the Parade would not be possible.

We look forward to another successful Parade and invite all Members and their families to come out and have a good time!

See you at the Rodeo and Parade!
Tim Murphy
Parade Chairman
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ELKS RODEO PARADE - BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

We are back! After a year with no Rodeo Parade and a three-month delay, the Elks Rodeo Parade Committee is proud to present the 77th almost annual Elks Rodeo Parade.

On Saturday morning, September 4th, boys and girls of all ages will line the parade route. Once again, the Parade will offer over 125 entries representing a cross section of our Community. One of the goals of the Parade is to celebrate the history and diversity of the Santa Maria Valley. Whether you like marching bands, decorated floats, antique cars, or equestrian groups, the Parade has something for everyone. We do not charge an entry fee and the Parade is open to all who would like to participate.

Over the years the cost of staging the Parade has increased dramatically with the largest expenses being the production the Parade and televising it live on local TV. To cover these expenses, we rely solely on contribution and sponsorships from the local community. To raise these funds, we offer many different sponsorship opportunities starting at \$100 individual "Friend of the Parade" to corporate "Presenting Sponsor". Again, this year we are seeking additional Elks Rodeo Parade "Band Sponsors". Each Band Sponsor will be recognized by a banner announcing that they are sponsoring a Band. The banner

In Memoriam

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

2330 LIFE MEMBER

Wayne Veatch

BORN: April 28, 1932

INITIATED: March 29, 1962

DIED: May 1, 2021

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Robert "BOB" Wheir

BORN: October 20, 1921

INITIATED: October 25, 1973

DIED: May 6, 2021

13513

Pasqual Michel 3rd

BORN: December 7, 1952

INITIATED: September 29, 2005

DIED: May 1, 2021

JAY LARKINS CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT 2021-2022

Jay Larkins was initiated into Santa Clarita Lodge #2379 in August 1994. In January 1995 Jay was appointed to finish the Lodge year as Lodge Esquire, proceeding through the chairs and becoming Exalted Ruler in October 1996 due to the passing, of Exalted Ruler Jim Delaney. After serving 18 months as Exalted Ruler, Jay was elected to the Board of Trustees and after serving the final year as Chairman of the Board, elected Lodge Secretary.

He has served on, and continues to serve as chairman of, many Lodge committees including Auditing, Investigation, BLT, Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot, Membership, Ritual Training, Super Bowl, Easter, Roving Elks Kamper Klub, and President of the Past Exalted Rulers Association. In 1997, Jay became Chairman of the Metropolitan District Elks 4th of July Parade entry in the Santa Clarita Parade and still guides the handing out of 15,000 flags along the parade route. The entry has earned many awards over the years including 'Best of Theme'. In 1998, he also established, and continues to chair, the Elks Memorial Day 'Hot Dogs for Scouts' that feeds over 1,000 scouts and their families who donate their time placing over 5,800 American Flags on the gravesites of the veterans in the local Memorial Park.

Jay became a Certified Ritualistic Floor Judge, Word Judge and Calculator in 1999. As Tri-District Ritual Training Chairman he has served the San Gabriel Valley, Inland, and Metropolitan Districts. From 1999 to 2018, Jay served as the head coach of the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge Ritual Team with 13 Metropolitan District wins and 4 C.H.E.A. Ritualistic Championships.

He served 3 years on the C.H.E.A. Board of Trustees, the last year as Vice-Chairman, and served on the C.H.E.M.P.I. Board of Trustees, the last year as Chairman.

He is a Past 'Tall Elk', 'Elk of the Year', and Honorary Life Member at the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge where he is currently serving as the Lodge Advisor.

Jay was elected C.H.E.A. First Vice President in May 2019. His professional career has taken him from directing the local news on a small television station in East Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia as



an original member of the staff at CNN2, now CNN Headline News (HLN). He then helped start The Weather Channel, leaving there to start the television show 'Hard Copy' at Paramount. Next Jay moved to 'Entertainment Tonight' where he was the longtime Director earning the show its First Emmy. Jay and his wife Ginger started their own production company in 2014 and have partnered with 'The

Dan Patrick Show', 'The Rich Eisen Show', and Hallmark Channels 'Home and Family'. Also, the company has been part of the startup of: 'Laughs' on FOX, 'Entertainment Tonight in Dubai', Directv NFL Fantasy Zone, Emmy Nominated 'Crime Watch Daily' and Emmy Winner 'DailyMailTV' where he was Emmy Nominated for Directing in 2018. Jay is a member of: The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Motion Picture and Television Editors Guild, and the Directors Guild of America.

Jay and his wife Ginger, a 20 plus year Elk, Past Elk of the Year, and Past. Emblem Club President, met in Atlanta and have 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

Jay and Ginger are both children of Elks. Ginger's father, Henry Knighten Sr., was a Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from the Decatur - Stone Mountain, Georgia Lodge #1602 and installed Jay as Exalted Ruler in 1997. Jay's father, Tom, was a Member of the Kingsport, Tennessee Lodge. As a young man, Jay played for the Elks-sponsored little league baseball team and participated in the National Hoop Shoot program. Growing up in the Volunteer State led to his love of the color Orange and his support of the University of Tennessee Volunteers.

Ginger, Jay and their family are indeed... Living... "A Wonderful and Blessed Life".

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LODGE ACTIVITIES



Ron Anderson PER receives a \$500 attendance check from Treasurer Chuck Biely



Travelers make a \$500 donation to Elks National Foundation



Santa Maria Elks Lodge officers are getting "Ram Ready" for our Elks Rodeo Labor Day Weekend - September 2-5 Thank you Santa Maria Chrysler for all you do for our Rodeo!

CHEA PRESIDENTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR SECRETARY OF THE YEAR 2020-2021

It is my honor and privilege to announce that our Lodge Secretary, Phil Daughton has been awarded Secretary of the Year from the California Hawaii Elks Association President Tim Jaeger for 2020-2021. He fulfills his responsibilities as secretary in full measure and well beyond: always in search of opportunities to promote the good works of our Order, of our Lodge, and of our Members.

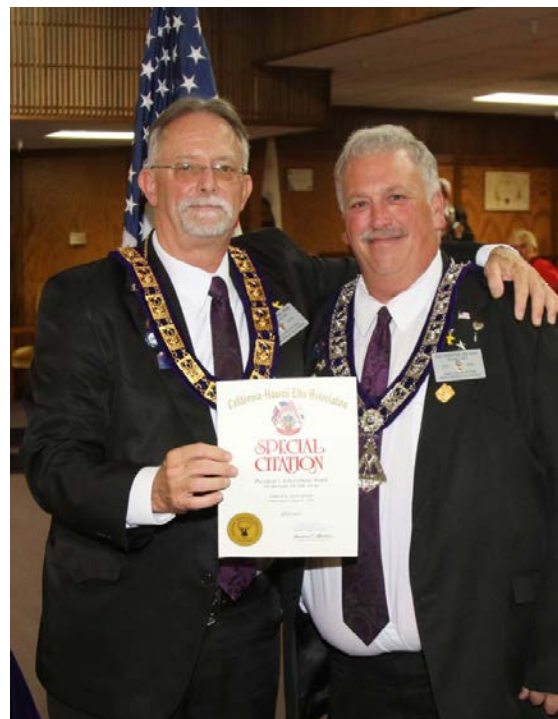
Phil draws on his experience as a Past Exalted Ruler and as a Past Association Vice-President to ensure #1538 stays in compliance with the statutes, rules and regulations of our Order while adhering to the by-laws of our Lodge. He ensures that our required reports for Grand Lodge, to CHEA, and to our District Leaders are on time. Due to his hard work and preparation, we sailed through this year's DDGER audit with flying colors.

Phil took the reins in applying for, and our receiving, the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant, Spotlight Grant, and Gratitude Grant this year; all of which allows our Lodge to provide significant monetary support for community projects.

He has been the point-person for the Lodge building projects. So far this year the solar project and the patio expansion has been completed with a new tent erected for outdoor dining, the new back gate and fence repair is complete, the gym and bathroom remodels are nearing completion, and we are in the process of getting and evaluating bids for resealing the parking lot and for the lady's bathroom remodel.

2020 will go down as the year of Covid-19, the pandemic that turned our world upside down. State and county Health Orders, regulations and guidelines changed

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Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Lodge Secretary Phil Daughton with CHEA Presidents Achievement Award for Secretary of the Year 2020-2021

Elks Memorial Day Service



★ 94 YEARS ★

Secretary of the Year Cont. from P.9

at a moment's notice. As these changes were announced Phil worked with the other Lodge Officers and Trustees to help them make informed decisions to continue moving our Lodge forward. His evaluation of the new guidelines and regulations and how they would affect the business of the Lodge, our employees and, most importantly, how they would affect our Members was instrumental in implementing the changes necessary to keep the Lodge running. Our Monday Night Family Dinners morphed into drive through "Grab n Go" curbside dinners. Our world famous Cook Your Own dinner is now a Friday Night drive through "Grab n Go" curbside dinner. When outdoor dining became available the patio was expanded and reconfigured to allow the bar to be open for our Members while they ate their Monday night and Friday night dinners. Pub Grub on Tuesday nights was also moved to the patio. Sunday mornings we added a limited breakfast menu on the patio as well. Our normal weekend menu of \$1 hot dogs from the bar was moved to the patio for days the kitchen was not open. Beginning April 2nd and continuing almost every Thursday morning since, our parking lot became a distribution center for the local Santa Barbara County Foodbank. Year-to-date we have distributed 594,076 pounds of food to 10,738 families.

Phil never loses sight of the fact that, no matter his title, he is a Member and Volunteer above all else.

Wes Brown
Exalted Ruler
Santa Maria Lodge #1538

ADOPT A HIGHWAY



Welcome New Members			
Doug Shearer Class June 10	Samuel Chavier	Philip Ketz	Joshua Patrick
Tom Becker	Lance Easley	Adriane Mendez	Josephine Ponce
Paul Binnebose	Todd Heaney	Andrea Moniarty	Heath Rodriguez
Cole Carpenter	Samueal Isreal	Kevin Murdock	Michelle Silveira
			John Watanabe

Reinstatements	Transfers
William Abeytia	Robert Pogue
Micheal Butler	Robert Carlotti
Frank Razo	





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2021-2022 OFFICERS**

Exalted Ruler Wes Brown PER
 Esteemed Leading Knight.... Matt Rodriguez CoB
 Esteemed Loyal Knight Aaron Castellanos
 Esteemed Lecturing Knight Steve Jones
 Secretary.....Phil Daughton, PER, PAVP
 Treasurer..... Chuck Biely
 Esquire..... Jamie Scherrer
 Chaplain..... Chris Wilson
 Inner Guard..... Bob Lewis
 Tiler..... Tony Dart, PER
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 5 Year Trustee..... Jim Elkins
 4 Year Trustee..... Tony Campas PER
 3 Year Trustee..... Mike Arndt
 2 Year Trustee..... Charlie Castillo
 1 Year Trustee..... Karen Feldpouch PER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NO Menudo until August See You Then!	Members Bar Open Daily 11am - Closing			1 Food Bank 9'ish Lodge 7:30pm Elks Horn Articles Due	2 CYO Steak/Ribs/ Fish/Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm Dance to Ron Miller & Gun Metal Gray	3
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Grand Lodge Tampa, Florida 4th-7th	5 Lodge Closed	6 Pub Grub 5:00 - 7:00 pm Bingo 6 pm Investigation Interviews 6:15 pm	7	8 Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm Balloting	9 CYO Steak/Ribs/ Fish/Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm Dance to Suave	10
11	12 Grab'n Go 5:15 pm Board Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Pub Grub 5:00 - 7:00 pm Bingo 6 pm PERA 7:00 pm	14 Santa Maria Lodge 94th Anniversary	15 Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm	16 CYO Steak/Ribs/ Fish/Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm Dance to Brass Factory	17 Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am
18 All You Can Eat PER Shrimp Peel Bar 4:00 - Dinner 5 pm (Details on cover)	19 Grab'n Go 5:15 pm	20 Pub Grub 5:00 - 7:00 pm Bingo 6 pm	21 Orientation Bar 5:30 - Dinner 6:30	22 Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm Initiation	23 CYO Steak/Ribs/ Fish/Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm Dance to A Moment in Time	24 Christmas in July Craft Fair Hosted by Antlers 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Details on p.8)
25 All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet \$15 9 - 11 am	26 Grab'n Go 5:15 pm	27 Pub Grub 5:00 - 7:00 pm Bingo 6 pm Touring Elks 7:30 pm	28	29 Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm	30 CYO Steak/Ribs/ Fish/Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm Dance to DJ Art Reynoso	31

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.*