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WES BROWN, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

AUGUST 2021

EXALTED RULER

Wes Brown

Members,

Liz and I went to the Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa which was fun, educational, inspirational, and enlightening. It was fun to meet and work with the Exalted Rulers and their spouses from other Lodges in our district and state. It was educational to see firsthand what it takes to get Elk business done at the national level. It was inspirational to see what other Lodges around the country are doing to serve their Members and their communities. And, most importantly, it was enlightening to be reminded of what a great Lodge we have. It is the dedication and sacrifices of our members, volunteers and employees that make Santa Maria #1538 one of the premier Lodges in all Elkdome. It made me realize that it is easy to take for granted what we have here in our Lodge. The things we can accomplish and the scale to which we are able to accomplish them is not the norm around the nation. Which leads me to want to let you know I do not ever want to take you, our Members and Volunteers, for granted. You are the soul of our Lodge and you make this Lodge great. And I want to THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.



Quotes for this month:

“Self-sacrifice is the real miracle out of which all the reported miracles grow.” -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice and is never the result of selfishness.”

-- Napoleon Hill

“For anything worth having one must pay the price; and the price is always work, patience, love, self-sacrifice - no paper currency, no promises to pay, but the gold of real service.” -- John Burroughs

Fraternally,
Wes Brown
Exalted Ruler

FLAG DAY CEREMONY



ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The House Committee has reimplemented the Dress Code for our Lodge (See Page 8). Please note the new CYO Dress Code: after 5:30 PM all men must be wearing a collared shirt to gain access into the Lodge or remain in the Lodge.

And, per Statute: Any Member not in good standing may not use any of the Lodge facilities, including RV, weight room, showers, etc. until they are a Member in good standing again.



2021 ELKS RODEO QUEEN KICKOFF

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Lodge Doors Open 5:00 pm for No-Host Cocktails

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CRYING TOWEL AUGUST 2021

May 6, 2021	
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Joseph W. Machado	\$500
May 13, 2021	
Elvira Nicasio	\$500
Russell A Kasson	\$500
Raul Ojeda	\$500
May 20, 2021	
No Drawing	
June 24, 2021	
Wayne J Ratliff	\$500
John Everett Shuffield	\$500
Kirk Tinsley	\$500

FOOD BANK

Milestone Reached!
 1,000,467 pounds of food handed out
 38,981 bags distributed
 19,537 families served
 51,311 individuals served

GREETERS

7/30 - 8/5	Luis Arellano
8/6 - 8/12	Bob Lopez
8/13 - 8/19	Vern Guerrero
8/20 - 8/26	Efrain Bautista
8/27 - 9/3	Luis Arellano


OFFICERS' DUTY ROSTER

8/6	Leading Knight
8/13	Loyal Knight
8/20	Lecturing Knight
8/27	Secretary

MEMBERS!
 On-Line membership Applications are available by visiting Elks.org website.



ATTENTION ALL #1538 COOKS




We have spent some time at home: understatement! We are hoping that you have made some of your favorite recipes or perhaps dug out some of your Old Family Favorites (OFRs). It has been a while since a committee published a #1538 cookbook, so let's do it! This cookbook is a fundraiser for Honor Flight, a Veterans non-profit organization whose mission is to safely fly our local elderly Veterans to Washington D.C. to experience the Memorials that we have built in their honor. Just go to: santamariaelks.org/cookbook to submit your recipe.

BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

This is a request to all members to update your address, phone, and email information with the office. We have a tremendous amount of wrong phone numbers. Many of you have dropped your landlines and only use cell phones. We cannot call information to ask for cell numbers. This causes a problem when we need to contact you. Also, do not forget to notify the office when you change your address or email. Every month, many Elks Horns are returned. We pay postage to send them, for returned copies, and again to send one to the new address. There is also an option of receiving the newsletter online. Just phone the office with your current email address and we can set that up.

Thank you!
 Janet, Office Staff

CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

Matt Rodriguez



Members,
To our Santa Maria Elks 1538 Family, thank you all for making the reopening process a success. As we opened for our first CYO's with

restrictions and cost increases, you made it so easy for us to welcome you back. The turnout has been great with no complaints; most are simply happy to be back out to cook your own with music, adult beverages and good friends. As we continue into August, we are going back to requesting that all Members and their guests that come to CYO wear a collared shirt. This will be enforced after 5:30p.m. We are asking that you read the dress code and make sure that you and your guests abide by it. This is for the good of our Members; we do not want to turn anyone away. We are a private club for our Members and their guests. We want to continue to listen to the voices of our Members, as we are here for you.

We are just over one month away from the start of Rodeo and, as always, we are looking for volunteers for different committees. This year because it will be held in September, we will be short of volunteers due to vacations and other conflicts in volunteers' schedules. Check your schedule and come out and put some time in. I know parking is one that needs help. Jerry and his crew have one of the most important tasks in parking. Get with me or Rodeo office. We will find a spot for you.

We want you to know again that the kind words of appreciation that are given to the officers, spouses and volunteers are well received. This is what keeps us dedicating our time to keep Santa Maria Lodge the cream of the crop.

Fraternally,
Matt Rodriguez
Esteemed Leading Knight, CoB

MEMBERS!

You can pay your Dues by phone with your credit or debit card. Call the Office at (805) 922-1538.



JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT

Aaron Castellanos



Members,
This past month has been a time of great joy for our Lodge. We have now been able to bring back many of our normal year operations while at the same time maintaining, with

some adjustments, some of the necessary business decisions we had to make during the past year. Drive-up dinners were an incredible success that was instrumental in and necessary to maintain Lodge operations during an unconventional year. Again, this success could have never happened with the support and embracement that you all demonstrated. We will be continuing to hold Monday Family night dinner drive-up pick-up for all Members who wish to continue with this option. Cook Your Own nights these past few weeks have injected a greater sense of life and light into our Lodge. The sound of laughter and conversation in our halls and BBQ room has been something we have all missed very much and welcome back. The first of our very much anticipated BINGO nights was very overwhelmingly successful and will only get better from now on.

In all, we made it and have returned better than ever. Santa Maria Lodge #1538 is one of the best Lodges in all Elksdom with a clear understanding of what we are all about: our Members and our community. Ever guided by the principles of our order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

The Loyal Knight challenge for everyone:

Take full advantage of the privileges of membership. We have amazing neighboring sister Lodges in our area that have now opened in a greater capacity as we have. Extend the hand of Brotherly Love and take time to visit and support them and their endeavors. We have always been in this together... Always have been; Always will be. We are the key to our own success.

As always...Be safe and take care. And I hope to see all of you at Lodge... (every Thursday night at 7:30pm).

Fraternally,
Aaron Castellanos
Esteemed Loyal Knight

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

Steve Jones



Members,
Now that the Lodge is in full swing, we have seen the return of CYO and Bingo and many other events and committees. As a former Marine, one of the committees

that I am throwing some of my time and effort into is the Veterans Committee which is trying to revamp itself and really make an impact within our community and our Lodge. To accomplish these goals we really need to get some additional Members to help out, brainstorm, lead sub-committees, and just generally take charge.

We currently do an annual barbecue at the Los Angeles VA, as well as some additional barbecues with Guadalupe and the Santa Maria Veterans stand down, Veterans Clinic, plus other events. This year we are partnering with the Band of Brothers organization for the first time to help them continue their cause. We have also partnered with Project WEBS, which helps local homeless women veterans. Furthermore, we are currently in the process of trying to procure an Elks National Foundation Grant that will enable us to create a monthly veteran stand down right here at the Lodge to provide an entire arena of help and information to our veterans community, including lunch, guest speakers, aid, information, and much more as needed.

This Lodge currently has over 600 veterans within our Membership; however, there were less than 20 that attended our last meeting. Whether you are a veteran or not, we will gladly accept your help to move this group to become bigger and stronger within our community.

Our next Veterans committee meeting will be held here at the Lodge on Thursday, August 12th at 6:00pm. Please come and join us and bring your friends.

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



TRAVELERS

With increasing numbers of California's counties attaining the much less restrictive

"yellow" level of COVID precautions, more of the Elks Lodges are putting up their welcome signs as well. The last time the Travelers stayed at the Atascadero Lodge's RV campground was almost exactly one year ago, and the folks there went out of their way to make our 3-day stay as pleasant as possible given the mandatory COVID restrictions that were in-place at that time. So, our club was sure to include them in our list of destinations again – this time for our June 10th - 13th campout.

Per our usual custom, Thursday evening's dinner was at a local restaurant, this time it was the Santa Maria Brewing Company (guess our choice was influenced by its name) where some of us ordered a variety of their craft beers.

As is also the custom for the golfers in our group, five of our Members (see photo) headed out to a local course on Friday morning for a round of golf. The players' scores were not reported – probably because they self-described the results as "ugly", even though Jobie Steigler and Randy Bisho had "pars" on a couple of holes. For many Members, Friday was just a kicking-back day of relaxing and enjoying each other's company. The evening's pot-luck dinner was held in the Lodge, and afterwards the Travelers did their best to keep the Lodge's bartender busy – and help support the Lodge.



Travelers Golfers from left: Hal Ulmer, Randy Bisho, Joe Saucedo, Greg Rodriguez, Jobie Steigler.

Tom Simas served-up breakfast for the group on Saturday morning – thanks again Tom. Then ten of the group caravanned a short distance up the 101 to Templeton Park for their farmers' market, which turned out to be a surprisingly large event with many vendors and lots of garden-fresh vegetables and food items. The Members got together at 11:30am on the Lodge's patio for a champagne toast to Sherry Purser in honor of her birthday, and thank you and Randy Bisho for providing the champagne. Also celebrating their birthdays in June were Adri Simas and Joyce Chrisman.

The group held a pot-luck lunch, followed by the club's business meeting, a collection for ENF and a raffle. We invited a couple from our Santa Maria Lodge, Dave and Delia Garnett, to join us for the pot-luck and get to know us. It must have worked because they joined the Travelers later that afternoon!

Thanks to Richard Chrisman and Randy Bisho, who had set-up two BBQ's and provided the oak wood, the dinner on Saturday night was "CYO". And with everyone contributing a side dish, it turned out to be an excellent last meal of the trip.

Are you getting the idea that when the

Travelers go camping, we don't ever go hungry?

Over the three days we camped in Atascadero, the daytime temperatures became very warm, which was actually a nice break from the unusually cool weather in Santa Maria. But, as the temperatures were becoming uncomfortably hot, we were glad to be headed home on Sunday morning to the "just right" conditions in Santa Maria. It was, as always, a great trip with a great bunch of Elks.

If you would like to do what Dave and Delia did and get an invite to join us for an upcoming campout, then simply send an email to our Membership volunteer, Lucy Fetzko (lkfetzic@gmail.com). We'd be happy to welcome you too.

Upcoming Campouts:

River Run RV Park, Bakersfield

September 16 – 19

Valencia Travel Village

October 28 – 31

Morro Dunes, Morro Bay

November 15 – 18

Alan Munch

Travelers Newsletter Contributor



SANTA MARIA ELKS GOLF CLUB

We had 31 players brave the heat on the 16th of June playing Cypress Ridge. We try to have different formats for each event, this one was combing the 4 net scores of the team. In the team competition: the team of Wayne Brown, Jeff Ballanz, Bob Taylor, and Chino Vasquez posted a score of 296 to claim 1st place. In a card off: the team of Daniel Troup, James Foschaar, Gary Adair, and Bob Smidt took home 2nd place. Claiming 3rd place was the team of Mick Towle Steve Clark, Adrain Tabaldo, and Fernie Tarango. Due to the heat and the greens drying out it proved a challenge to get the ball near the hole on some of the par 3's. Trinidad Martinez managed to get his ball on # 2 with a distance of 22'1", #8 definitely one of the toughest par 3's in the area proved no challenge for Roy Wallace getting his ball to 10'6" from the hole. The shot of the day was on # 11 by Jeff Belvanz with a shot of 7'7". The 13th hole with its false front was negotiated by Steve Salazar putting his ball 17'7". Having

the lowest gross score was Nick Towle with an 80, in a card off with Fernie Tarango for 2nd low gross was Dean Reece with an 82. In the net competition Sandy Landrum showed the men she is a competitor shooting a net score of 69 and claiming 1st place. In another card off Daniel Troup claimed 2nd low net with a 71.

Or next trip was to Paso Robles on July 14th.

Upcoming Events:

-August 11 - River Course in Solvang - 1st tee time @ 9:30.

-September 8th - La Purisima.

-October 20 - Santa Maria CC.

-November 9 - Cypress Ridge.

-December 6 – Lompoc, The Mission Course – our final event of the year.

Our last 3 events are part of our club championship, taking their net scores for those tournaments and crowning the Club Champion at the Mission Course where the Elks photographer will take a picture of our champion receiving a plaque to commemorate his/her achievement. Fernie Tarango

DID YOU KNOW?

Here we are almost mask-free and ready for the Rodeo at last: it has been quite a journey! But first here we take a looking at 2003-2004--which did not seem like too long ago until I saw photos of the cars & trucks.

2003-2004 comes out of the gate with another Winemakers Dinner on April 12th, Talent Night on the 19th and the All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on the 26th, a fundraiser for Major project. The Bingo Committee which was formed in 1980 generated \$150,000 for local charities in 2002-03. The Elks Bowling League raises money for the Major Project through weekly 50/50 raffles; for example, \$2,255 was collected in April.

Cleanup in the south parking lot made visible the horseshoe pits! At the Traveleers Easter campout they held an Easter egg hunt and Easter bonnet parade which must have been after the Champagne festivities. The 2003 Lodge Car Show was a big success, best-ever with 151 entries and a sold-out BBQ. People bring outside food to CYO to BBQ: now that is crazy.

#1538 won the district Ritual Contest and went on to place fourth in the State Contest. Beginning with the first CYO in August, prices increase as follows, \$10.00 for Members \$15.00 for guests and the "new and improved" salad bar \$7.00. 94 teams with 15 players per team are expected to participate at #1538's 2003 Soccer Shoot! The menu for after Highway Clean-up is upgraded from hot dogs to also include road-kill pizza. In August, #1538 as it has for past 34 years, hosted the BBQ Classic Bowling Tournament. With 55 teams representing 17 Lodges throughout California participating, it was a "fantastic success". The tournament raised funds for #1538's high school Student of the Month scholarships. Apparently the Clown Committee, "Kadiddlehoppers", has fallen on hard times in the early 2000's but is attempting to rekindle the itself. In September, 425 Members and their families enjoyed the Family Day Picnic at the Lodge, another great success. The Sportsman Committee once again

sold 1,500 \$1.00 raffle tickets for a pig from the FFA to be drawn at the Adult Halloween Party which was held at CYO. Meanwhile, the problem of bar glasses disappearing remains a perplexing dilemma that is costing the Lodge a lot of money. Friday lunches are still on the calendar! International Night at "Oasis of Elks 1538" was billed as Ali Bobby and his Desert Nomads. Based on the photos, an incredibly good time was had by all--I have no idea where the dancers came from (although First Lady Myrna danced in from the wings in full regalia). It seems that the Adopt-A-Highway crew is having too much fun or perhaps spiking the coffee. The Traveleers Halloween'ish campout was filled with creativity, including talented pumpkin carvers and a costume contest. (My favorite costume was a Member with "a cereal box hanging from his neck with knives stuck in it"; he was a "cereal killer". Now that is creative. How does cash end up on the side of the freeway? With inflation the Adopt-A-Highway crew must be making good money nowadays. The Members of the Sportsman's Committee donated their .22 rifles to the 4-H to teach gun safety to young men ages 9-13. The Traveleers last article of 2003-2004 referenced "creamed eggs on toast" and another game of bean bag baseball. (Probably difficult to injure anyone with a bean bag but the eggs?)

It has been an extremely rewarding journey from 1927 to 2004. I have learned so much about this amazing Lodge and I need to thank Tommy Gee, Bill Tunnell, Janet Cullivan and Johnny Maretti, just to name a few, for helping solve some mysteries of #1538. Helping fill pages in the Elks Horn when Lodge activities could not happen hopefully provided information and laughs, but now that #1538 is back rocking it this is my last history article; do I hear cheering? I plan to continue to contribute articles to the ElksHorn just not every edition.

Expect an interesting Elk history piece next month, so I will still sign off.
To be continued....
Georgia Daughton
Public Relations Chairman

ELKS RODEO PARADE - THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Our nationally recognized Rodeo provides four days of non-stop action for locals as well as guests from across the country. The Elks Rodeo Queen contest allows local non-profits to raise funds for their organizations. In addition, the Golden Circle of Champions program raises thousands of dollars for distribution to local families facing childhood cancer. Due to its success, this program it has been adopted by PRCA Rodeos across the nation.

By the time this article reaches you we will be a little over a month from the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and Parade. The Elks Rodeo Parade committee is looking forward to presenting the 78th annual Elks Rodeo Parade. We wish to invite everybody to the Elks Rodeo Parade to be held Saturday, September 4th at 9:00 am. Once again boys & girls of all ages will line the route of the Parade to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine as we showcase our Community. The Parade has 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.

As the cost of staging the Parade continues to increase, we rely on the support of our many Sponsors which are our sole source of funds. As the date of the Parade grows nearer, we will be reaching out to past Sponsors and well as new supporters seeking help to fund the Parade. Any support you can offer will be deeply appreciated.

The Parade is put on each year by an all-volunteer committee. I would like to thank all of the Volunteers that 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 a safe and 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
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HAVE YOU SEEN SANTA MARIA LODGE #1538?

Members,

As activities at our Lodge have been curtailed for the last year here is what your officers and volunteers have done to continue our mission to support our Community.

- Served 33,623 Grab n Go meals on Monday and Friday nights to our Members and the public throughout the pandemic.
- Donated 3,017 unsold Grab n Go meals: 1,362 to the Santa Maria Police Department, 123 to the CHP, 15 to the City Park Rangers, 10 to the SBC Sheriffs Dept., 1,252 to Marian Hospital, 86 to the SM Fire Dept., 165 to the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter and 4 to WEBS veterans.
- Extended the Grab n Go Drive Thru to other organizations struggling throughout the pandemic, such as: giving the local Girl Scout Troops the opportunity to sell their cookies when all other venues were unavailable to them, using the drive through to collect donations for Toys For Tots and doing raffle drawings to raise money for the Homeless Shelter, the Food Bank and C.A.S.A.
- Utilized our parking lot to be a distribution point for the Santa Barbara County FoodBank and volunteering to give out 38,525 bags of groceries, a total of 996,496 pounds of food, to 19,299 local families in need since April 2 of last year.
- Completed many maintenance and improvement projects, i.e. the Solar upgrade, extending the patio and erecting a tent to allow for outside dining when indoors was not an option, the gym and bathroom remodel, installing the back gate, and the parking lot being resurfaced.
- Hosted the Michael Clayton veteran's Day BBQ in our parking lot to serve 1,500 Tri-Tip sandwiches to local veterans and their families when the city would not allow him to hold his annual event at the Veteran's Hall.
- Assisted Elks Recreation at our Event Center to bring the rodeo grounds to life for the "Haunted Hills" and "Christmas in the Country" which were well received by families from up and down the coast. The Haunted Hills drive-through event worked with multiple high school drama departments and City of Santa Maria where over 2,000 vehicles participated. Christmas In the Country drive-through event worked with multiple high school drama programs and had a live Bethlehem scene with live camels. Elks Recreation donated \$30,000 to the Recreation and Parks department for youth programs, \$2,500 to St Joe's High School Drama department, \$1,500 to FFA chapters. Nearly 7,500 vehicles participated - including hundreds of letters to Santa which all got hand-written responses. In the parking lot while the cars were in a holding pattern they also raised \$16,000 for Golden Circle of Champions "Stuffing the Stocking" to aid local families with children undergoing cancer treatment.
- New Breakfast Buffet
- Elks Santa Maria Valley Little League championship

Through all of this the Santa Maria Lodge #1538 officers, their spouses, and Volunteers were seen working fulltime jobs, running businesses, and dealing with the pressures of the pandemic. This team believes the position they hold is a privilege and honor bestowed to them by the Members of this Lodge and that they are Members and Volunteers above all else.

ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION PROGRAM

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes and life-saving tissue.

The Grand Lodge, Fraternal Committee is asking Elks Lodges nationwide to promote the Organ Donor Program in their Lodge Bulletins and Lodge Web sites to help inspire members and citizens in their communities to make these life-saving donations.

Even though 95% of Americans are in favor of being a donor, only 54% of the U.S. adult population, are registered organ, eye and tissue donors. Nationally, nearly 33,600 patients began new lives in 2016 thanks to organ transplants. 683,000 have taken place since 1988.

Every year 1.5 million tissue transplants are performed. 48,000 patients have their sight restored through corneal transplants each year and 1,500,000 since 1961! Unfortunately, 119,000 men, women and children currently need life-saving organ transplants. Then, add another name to the national organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes. No wonder an average of 22 people die each day from the lack of available organs for transplant!

We Elks Members can help close the gap! The effort of Lodges to promote the program through their Bulletins and Web site can gain

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Organ and Tissue Program Continued from p. 7



them five points in their quests to be named an All American Lodge. More incentives will be announced in coming years

as the program takes shape throughout Elksdom.

For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, click on the Donate Life icon to the Donate LifeSM web-site, or by logging onto www.donatelife.net. This is a great way to show that "Elks Give from the Heart."



DRESS CODE IN EFFECT FOR ELKS CASUAL FUNCTIONS AND CYO FRIDAYS

Elks Lodge 1538 is a flagship among Elk Lodges and not just another "Bar or Club." As such we have a Dress Code. Most times it is casual and allows more casual wear: Long shorts, like Bermuda and cargo style shorts are acceptable after 6:00 pm – except Thursday Lodge Night.

- Please no mid-thigh, cutoffs, short-shorts, or torn/frayed wear.
- Please wear all pants at your waist, not below! And no "Plumber Pants!"
- No Sweat Suits or Beach Apparel – No Flip Flops (rubber style shower shoes) – Sandals okay
- For Ladies: No Inappropriate tops – No dresses shorter than mid thigh
- For Men: No muscle shirts – No T-shirts or caps with vulgar or inappropriate slogans – No gang attire. Gentleman, wear pants at the waist, not below! Hats should be worn properly, not backwards or sideways, and please remove hats when sitting at the table to eat.

CYO (Cook Your Own) Fridays:

AFTER 5:30 pm ALL Men must wear Collared Shirts. (Effective August 1, 2021)

Our Greeters, Staff, and Officers do not wish to embarrass or upset any Member or guest, so please do not put them in that position. We will ask you to leave to change. Members are responsible for informing all guests of the dress code!

Members may bring up to 8 guests.

All persons attending Friday Night CYO must be over 21 years of age.

These rules will be updated as needed and are at the discretion of the Greeters, Staff, or Officer in Charge the day of the event.

BPO Elks Grand Lodge Resolution, Voting Results

7/6/2021 12:40

2021 Tamp, FL

Ballots Cast

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Number	Description	YES	NO	% Messages
2021-01	To return to the Laws of the Order the requirement that a Local Lodge conduct a long form Initiatory Ritual for the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler at the time of his/her official visit.	919	1727	35% FAIL
2021-02	To allow Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Associations to incorporate for the purpose of raising, receiving, and distributing funds for such charitable, educational, and scientific purposes that are supported by its Lodge, State Association, and/or Grand Lodge.	1305	1352	49% FAIL
2021-03	To require incorporated Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Associations to obtain Grand Lodge approval before taking certain actions.	1272	1368	48% FAIL
2021-04	To allow Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Associations to incorporate for the purpose of charitable fundraising.	1329	1329	50% FAIL
2021-05	To clarify that the Grand Exalted Ruler shall have the authority to remove any officer of a corporation formed pursuant to the new section 16.035 who neglects the duties of his office, or is guilty of contumacy or conduct injurious to the order.	1678	958	64% FAIL
2021-06	To allow a Lodge to provide for the waiver of dues and fees of any Applicant who is a current or former Elks scholarship recipient with a goal of encouraging membership.	2053	606	77% PASS
2021-07	To allow the Grand Exalted Ruler to grant full membership in the Grand Lodge to Past Exalted Rulers, otherwise qualified, who are prevented from attending a Grand Lodge Convention by reason of the convention having been cancelled or in the event a convention fails for lack of a quorum.	2392	257	90% PASS
2021-08	To codify the policy of preventing the over service of alcohol and to require Local Lodges to establish a House Rule consistent therewith.	2237	421	84% PASS
2021-09	To clarify the burden of proof and standard of review in the case of an appeal from an Executive Order.	2392	263	90% PASS
2021-10	To codify fair process practices that are currently being followed in those circumstances where the rights of Members, Lodges, State Associations, or officers of any entity formed under the Laws of the Order may be impacted.	2389	266	90% PASS
2021-11	To delete the requirement that the Lodge Secretary prepare the November membership report on forms provided by the Grand Secretary since the November membership report is now automatically generated and submitted through CLMS; and to eliminate the requirement that the Lodge Secretary give bond if the Grand Lodge Insurance Program provides such coverage.	2524	126	95% PASS
2021-12	To eliminate the requirement that the Lodge Treasurer give bond if the Grand Lodge Insurance Program provides such coverage.	2454	203	92% PASS
2021-13	To clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee and the duties and responsibilities of the Local Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee as a result of the use of the new Grand Lodge online Financial Reporting System (FRS).	2413	246	91% PASS
2021-14	To allow District Deputies to be appointed to Districts other than their home District.	1042	1594	40% FAIL
2021-15	To increase the amount subject to immediate distribution by the Trustees in the event of the liquidation of a Lodge in order to avoid administrative expense associated with the maintenance of nominal trust funds.	2314	314	88% PASS



LODGE ACTIVITIES



Eddie Navarro, PER Karen Feldpouch, Mike Arndt, PER Bryan Feldpouch, and Alex Ferrel prepare for the Little League Championship Finals



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presented Elk of the Month plaques to John Silva for February, Doug Shearer for March, and Dennis Szczepanski for April



CHEA AVP Kris Picard presents Exalted Ruler Wes Brown with a certificate from ENF in Appreciation for exceeding the ENF per capita donation and a CHEA certificate for 2nd Place Lodge Bulletin



Association Vice President Kris Picard addresses the Lodge during the annual Visitation



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Bill Tunnell with a CHEMPI 52 Club Certificate and pin



PERs Feldpouch throw out the first pitch(s)



Elks Antlers help with the Elks Memorial Service

ELKS BOWLING IS BACK!



IMPORTANT NOTICE: We will have our Winter League bowling meeting at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, August 31 at Rancho Bowl and will start our winter league the following Tuesday, September 14, at 6:30PM. If you don't

have a team but want to bowl, be at our meeting or call league president, Greg Dominguez, at 805-714-7691 before the meeting. It is mucho fun as we have bowlers with averages from 110 to 216.

Mike Kenderes, Bowling Chairman

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, OFFICERS, & OTHERS

Please send all articles, photos, and requests for information and copy for the Elks Horn to smelkshorn@gmail.com. We are equipped to assist you promptly and accurately with Lodge newsletter problems or questions. The Lodge Office staff have plenty of other work to do.

WHAT IS BEQUESTS AND LIVING TRUSTS (BLT) LEGACY GIVING?

The BLT Legacy Giving Program allows caring individuals to make charitable gifts that support children served by the Major Project (aka The Purple Piggy Bank). There are a number of different ways to provide for future generations of the children served by our CHEMPI Therapists and Vision Screeners. Remember 96 cents of every dollar contributed goes directly to services provided to children in need.



Both Elks and non-Elks can add the Major Project as a beneficiary to their life insurance, wills or retirement plan. Individuals can also make gifts of stocks and other assets to CHEMPI. Additionally, there is a special program available that allows those who are able to contribute \$10,000 or more to support the Major Project while receiving income and potential tax benefits.

Please consider making a lasting Legacy Gift to the children in whatever manner works best for you. For more information, contact Lodge Chaplain Joey Machado, our Lodge BLT Legacy Giving Chairperson at 805-621-4454, or contact the CHEA Office in Fresno at 800-742-1907.

Joey Machado, Bequests and Living Trusts Chairman



FATHERS DAY BRUNCH





HOWDY FOLKS,

There is so much going on at Elks Recreation. At the time we rescheduled to Labor Day Weekend, there remained some uncertainty about our ability to operate a full rodeo without restrictions. Although we are very excited to announce we will have a rodeo, we are diligently working to bring our community another top-quality rodeo program.

The planning of the rodeo is not the only thing we have going. This year we kicked off our "You've Been Flagged" program in celebration of our Independence Day and the freedoms we enjoy. For a small donation you could have your favorite veteran, business or residences flooded with Old Glory. Our phones have been "blowing up" with text messages, emails and Facebook posts in appreciation of the program. Thank you to all who participated in this event to make it so successful. A special shout out to Central Coast Packaging Services and Frank and Alida Freda Properties for all their support and the many volunteers who flooded the community with those beautiful flags! We look forward to next year being even bigger and better.

We are also very excited to announce that the planning of Haunted Hills and Christmas in the Country is in full swing. As you know by now, we at Elks Recreation are not satisfied with mediocre. Based on our talented staff and volunteers, and the strong support we have received from our sponsors and the community, these events will be even bigger and better as well! If you or your business are interested in participating as either a sponsor or are interested in putting up a display, please reach out to our Elks Recreation Office.

We hope to see you all at our Official Queen Kickoff on Saturday, August 14th at the Elks Lodge. Tickets are available online at elksrec.com.

We have a great team of staff, volunteers, and community whom we proudly refer to as Team Santa Maria. You are the team that makes these events so successful. Thank you so much for continuing to bring quality entertainment to our community. If you would like to join Team Santa Maria and have firsthand experience on giving back to your community, please call the rodeo office (805) 925-4125.

Until next time,
Peter Sterling
President
Elks Recreation, Inc.



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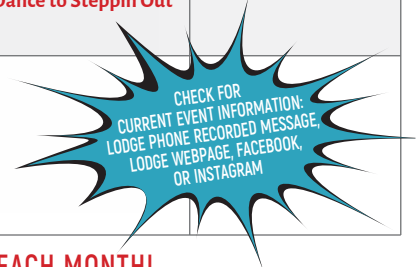
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1 Bar and lounge open 11 am – 9 pm	2 Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm BBQ Spare Ribs House Committee 6 pm	3 Pub Grub 5:30-7:00pm Bingo 6pm	4	5 Food Bank 9'ish Lodge 7:30pm Elks Horn Articles Due	6 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00pm Dance to Inside Traxx	7 Bar and Lounge Open 11am - 9pm
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22 Bar and lounge open 11 am – 9 pm	23 Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm Chicken Fried Steak	24 Pub Grub 5:30-7:00pm Bingo 6pm Investigations 6:30pm	25	26 Food Bank 9'ish Lodge 7:30pm Balloting	27 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00pm Dance to Steppin Out	28 Bar and Lounge Open 11am - 9pm
29 Bar and lounge open 8 am – 9 pm Menudo/Posole 7 – 9 am All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet \$15 9 – 11 am	30 Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm BBQ 1/2 Chicken House Committee 6pm	31 Pub Grub 5:30-7:00pm Bingo 6pm Sportsmen 7:00pm Touring Elks 7:30pm	Bowling Meeting August 31st Details page 9			



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.

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