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WES BROWN, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 2021

**EXALTED RULER**

*Wes Brown*

Members,

December, the last month of the year; a month of giving and of receiving, a time where we look back and remember those we have lost while rejoicing in the blessing of knowing they were a gift we will cherish forever. It is the month we remember all the angels that have come into our lives and of all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us.



Liz and I know how blessed we are and how thankful we are for all the Elks angels that have been brought into our lives to help us through our difficult days and the challenges we have faced. It is our wish that the Christmas spirit of Faith, Hope, and Love may be your constant guide and that Family, Friends and the Fellowship of the Elks will give you the strength that it has given us to persevere through whatever lies ahead.

Liz and I wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**Quotes for the month:**

“Every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings.” It’s a Wonderful Life

“It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.” Mother Theresa

“The way you spend Christmas is far more important than how much.” Henry David Thoreau

“What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future.” Agnes M. Pahro

“Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it’s Christmas.” Dale Evans Rogers

Fraternally  
Wes Brown  
Exalted Ruler

**ELKS ACTIVE AT ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA COUNTY VETERANS STAND DOWN**



*All American Lodge*



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### CRYING TOWEL

<b>October 7, 2021</b>	
Raymond De Lisle	\$500
Miguel Velasquez	\$500
Billy W. McCarty	\$500
<b>October 14, 2021</b>	
Gary Kruse	\$500
Julian Morin	\$500
William Reid	\$500
<b>October 21, 2021</b>	
Ryan Acquistapace	\$500
James Elkins PRESENT	\$500
Samantha Soto	\$500
<b>October 28, 2021</b>	
Harley Galaviz	\$500
Calvin Wilson	\$500
Manual Nunez	\$500

### MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG DONATION

Karl Van Norman	George Johnston
Vicki Melville	Robert Mohr
Glenda Jennings	Robert Baker
John Centeno	Richard Cooper
Raeleen Silva	BINGO PLAYERS

### GREETERS

Luis Arellano	11/26 - 12/2
Bob Lopez	12/3 - 12/9
Vern Lopez	12/10 - 12/16
Efrain Bautista	12/17 - 12/23
Luis Arellano	12/24 - 12/30
Bob Lopez	12/31 - 1/6

As a Flagship Lodge we have a Greeter Committee to welcome our fellow Elks. We would like to have you join our team of Greeters, please call the Lodge office and leave your contact information for Luis Arellano.

**Elks 1538**

Elks Major Project Fundraiser  
**"Leading Knight Challenge"**  
 Here's your opportunity to get into the holiday spirit! This package includes:  
*Christmas COUNTRY*  
*Magical Holiday Hayride*  
 for your party of 18!  
**MORE PRIZES:** a \$500 Visa gift card, bottle of Don Julio Tequila, 2 Yeti tumblers... and a whole lot more!  
**Ticket: \$20**      **Drawing: Friday, December 10, 2021**  
 at the Elks Lodge  
 ~ Friday Night Cook Your Own ~  
 Need NOT be present to win.



### ELKS BOWLING LEAGUE

After 7 weeks Team 1, Beth and Ryan Mikus and Greg Dominguez lead the league with a very STUNNING 18 1/2 wins and 13 1/2 loss record! In BOTH Team High Series and Game, Team 5, Strike Force, Rance Lewis, Jack Hamner, Kelly Kish, and Belinda Thomas leads with GREAT scores of 2815 and 983, respectively. In Men High Series Tom Glover leads with a SPECTACULAR 751 series and in Men High Game Randy Blankenship had a STUNNING 302 game! In Ladies High Series Bev Klein had a SUPERB 717 score and in Ladies High Game Beth Mikus had a SPLENDIFEROUS 275 game! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

200 or higher game or 600 or higher series: Tami Baty - 212, Randy Blankenship - 257, Scott Daniels - 200, Greg Dominguez - 212, James Franklin - 234, Larry Galaitis - 234, Jack Hamner - 212, Kelly Kish - 234/635, Rance Lewis - 201, Beth Mikas - 269/673, Belinda Thomas - 217, & George Woehlke-211! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Christmas Funnies of the Month: What happens to elves when they behave naughty? Santa gives them the sack. .... What did Adam say the day before Christmas? It is Christmas, Eve!... What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me and we will go places! ...How is Christmas exactly like your job? You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit....What did the beaver say to the Christmas Tree? Nice gnawing you! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Mike Kenderes  
 Bowling Chairman

The following are bowlers who bowled a

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**THE BACKBONE OF OUR LODGE IS THE VOLUNTEERS.**

**HELP US STAY STRONG, JOIN THE FORCE.**

USHERS, SERVERS, BINGO, PUB GRUB  
 CALL THE OFFICE LEAVE YOUR INFO

## CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

*Matt Rodriguez*



Members,

'Tis the Season to be Jolly, whether you're decking the halls, dashing through the snow, or trying to make spirits bright. This is the time of the year,

that when we hear those famous Christmas songs it seems to bring back the youth in most of us, remembering those Family Christmas gatherings with all those especial dishes and great memories. So, take the time to spread Good Tidings and Joy, help make this a joyous season by reaching out to that one friend or family member who you haven't spoken with for some time. Just pick up the phone or send a simple Christmas card asking how they are, you will brighten their Holiday. That is what I feel Christmas is all about, it's not the gifts or what we have, it's who we make or have made those long-lasting memories with.

In December we are one month into the "Leading Knight Challenge" raising money for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc. (CHEMPI) known as The Purple Pig. This was created in 1950 to help children with disabilities, it funds approximately 32 paid therapists and preschool vision screeners. These therapists travel all over to give these children the help they need at no charge to the family. I have spoken with one of the therapists - she explained that she visits these children in need and these visits are very well received by the families. She is grateful that she can provide these much-needed visits. Get with me and help us raise the money needed to put Santa Maria #1538 where we always are, on top and to support the main reason for this fund raiser, to help the children Walk, Talk, See and Play. Thank you in advance.

AnnMarie and I would like to wish you all, a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Fraternally,  
Matt Rodriguez  
Esteemed Leading Knight, COB

## JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT

*Aaron Castellanos*



Members,

It is hard to believe we are once again entering a new holiday season. Time has a way of reminding us all that we are here only thanks to our uncompromising resilience. As I reflect on

our experiences throughout the past year and the lingering effects it has created currently, I am ever more thankful to have gone through it together in this great family and community.

December is a month where we focus on the blessings we have received throughout the year as we enter a new month of hope and wishes for the year to come. There is so much that I am thankful for this year. I will forever remember and be ever grateful for the support and trust you all have shown us every step of the way. The holiday season is time to spend with friends and loved ones. As an Elk in this great brotherhood, I have the fortune of doing so year-round. The brotherhood of Elks has always focused on this ideal and it truly lends itself to facilitating this. The friendships and memories that I have been able to forge in the time I have been a Member have already left a lasting imprint in my heart. Being a part of one the best Lodges and officer corps in all Elkdom is something that everyone wishes to experience and feel, and I have been lucky to live that every year since Initiation. We truly are one of the best Lodges in the country; this is not measured by our size or numbers but by the amount of care and the giving spirit of each of you. I am thankful for each of you every month of the year and will continue to be for years to come. I urge everyone to continue leaning on each other for support and urge any opportunity to express your appreciation so as not to take each other for granted. I wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Best wishes for the rest of the year. Much love for you all.

"Normalize telling your friends you love them. Tell them a lot."

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

Fraternally, Aaron Castellanos  
Esteemed Loyal Knight  
#1538Strong

## BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

*Steve Jones*



Members,

When I first heard of the Elks Organization and of the Elks Lodge, the thing that came to my mind was the Loyal Order of the Water Buffaloes from the classic Flintstones

cartoon. I still use this reference today when I am trying to explain what a Lodge Officer is or does, or what a Lodge meeting is like. The conversation always goes something like this, "Remember the Lodge meetings and the Grand Poohbah from the Flintstones cartoon? Well, it's pretty much exactly like that without the big blue water buffalo hats." This is followed by an "Aw haw" moment, and for those of you who remember the cartoon, you will remember just how spot on they were in their portrayal.

Although there was never a fraternal organization called the Loyal Order of the Water Buffalo, did you know that the Elks were extremely close to being named the Buffaloes instead of the Elks? All of us could have been part of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Buffalo?

The actual history goes something as follows. As the Elks evolved from their predecessor organization, the Jolly Corks, there was great debate over a permanent name for the new organization. Some suggested Buffaloes, but that was initially rejected. It was not until some of the Jolly Corks visited the famous Barnum's American Museum and admired the head of the magnificent Elk that a decision was reached. After a recommendation by the appointed committee, a vote was taken. Seven voted for "Buffaloes" and seven voted for "Elks." One man switched sides, and on February 16, 1868, the newly born Order was permanently named "Elks." So over 150 years later, we are all Elks instead of Buffaloes based on just one vote.

In closing, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings, Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad, and Happy Festivus, to you and your families from me and mine.

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

## HOWDY FOLKS,

Starting with our rodeo having been moved to Labor Day weekend, this last quarter of 2021 is packed with events. Not only did we start cleaning up from a great Rodeo in early September, but we jumped right into our Haunted Hills drive-thru experience! As Haunted Hills ended, setup for our annual Christmas in the Country began immediately! Christmas in the Country opens on November 26th and runs through December 26th. We are excited that this year will be improved over last year, so be sure to get your tickets now before they sell out. Visit our website at [elksrec.com](http://elksrec.com) for more information.

As a nonprofit, I believe one of the most important things is to not lose sight of the amount of work that goes into putting on each one of these events. It takes a talented team of volunteers who work tireless hours to make them so successful! As we move on from one event to the next, we want to acknowledge all the people who volunteer their time to put in long hours day after day. Many volunteers return year after year to do it all over again and are the support that makes

our organization a pillar of this community. Personally, I would like to thank all of you for your efforts and commitment to making these events so successful. You are all truly one of a kind and we are extremely fortunate to have you all!

Although we have many volunteers we could always use more, especially during this holiday season. Come join us and bring your friends to help us convert our Rodeo Grounds into a winter wonderland for Christmas in the Country. Whether you have special talents or just want to lend a hand, there is plenty to do, and all are welcome. We invite you to join Team Santa Maria by calling the Elks Recreation Office at (805) 925-4125.

We wish you a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you at Christmas in the Country!

Thank you,  
Peter Sterling  
President, Elks Recreation, Inc.

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Memorial  
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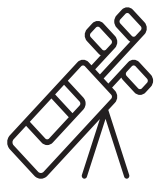
**Elks Childrens  
Christmas Party**  
Bring the Kids for  
a fun filled  
evening.

Wednesday December 15, 2021  
5:30PM-8:00pm

There will be games, prizes and music. Pictures with Santa, popcorn, ice cream, and soft drinks.  
Hamburger & Fries \$6.00  
Chicken Nuggets & Fries \$6.00



ELks Members and Family only



## SANTA MARIA ELKS GOLF CLUB

The Elks Golf Club played Cypress Ridge on the 9th of November where they were greeted by a light rain and a mist the majority of the day. Being die-hard golfers the weather was no match for their dedication to the game. This was round two of our club championship and both the gross and net titles are being closely contested. We will crown our gross and net club champions at The Mission Course next month. In today's competition, closest to pin winners were Terri Zubiri on hole #2, 5'11" and on hole #11 was Bruce Myers with an excellent shot of 5'1/2". The low gross was Dean Reece with a 76 and taking 2nd was Mick Towle with a 77. In the net competition,

Gary Concellos took low net honors with a 65 followed by his close friend Chino Vasquez with a 68. The team competition, which was a two person one best ball format, was won by the team of Fernie Tarango and Gary Concellos with a score of 60. In 2nd place was Mick Towle and Gary Crompt with a 61 in a card off. Also shooting 61 and taking 3rd was Steve Salazar and Billy Brooks; 4th place went to the team of Greg Butler and Chip Guthrie with a 62. Adrain Tabaldo and Roy Wallace shot a 66 good enough for 5th place. Danny and Sandy Landrum shot a 67 to claim 6th.

As our season concludes next month, we started the year with 34 members and currently have 71 members. The growth can be attributed to our members sharing how well our tournaments are organized, the thrill of competition, a fun group, and the socialization.



## ELKS RECREATION INC. EVENTS UPDATE

We are excited to announce that the 79th Annual Santa Maria Elks Rodeo will take place June 2nd- 5th, 2022. Mark your calendars and get "Rodeo Ready" because plans are well underway, and we are sure it will be our best Rodeo yet!

Haunted Hills was an enormous success, and the community came out to support us in true Santa Maria fashion. We cannot thank all our volunteers enough who worked tirelessly late into the night to provide a truly spooktacular experience for all our guests! Our volunteers did it all! From setting up spooky scenes, maintaining the scenes thru some wild weather, scare acting during tours, and then getting it all cleaned up at the end, we appreciate each one of you! We cannot wait to see you back in the Fall of 2022 for another Spook-tacular Haunted Hills event!

As the Holidays approach we invite you to join our second Annual "Christmas in the Country" this Holiday season! In true Team Santa Maria spirit and working together with the City of Santa Maria

Recreation and Parks Department and the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce "Christmas in the Country" will be open Friday, November 26th through Sunday, December 26th. Visitors will embark on a drive-through magical holiday light experiences at the Elks Event Center with displays presented by local businesses and families. Health and safety protocols will be followed in cooperation with County and State guidelines. Tickets are on sale now online at [elksrec.com](http://elksrec.com).

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

Elks Recreation is excited to bring joy to the community and have been working hard to continue to provide family entertainment on the Central Coast through an outlet that meets the guidelines of public safety while celebrating the community spirit.

### SANTA MARIA ELKS HAUNTED HILLS





*Michael B. Clayton*  
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# VETERANS

## HISTORY OF THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

On November 10, 2021, Marines across the globe recognized 246 years of service to Our Country, the sacrifices made to defend democracy, and the Marine Corps' enduring legacy as America's premier fighting force. The Marine Corps was established on November 10, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress. Following their role in the American Revolution, the Marines were abolished following the Treaty of Paris in April 1783. Then, on July 11, 1798, Congress ordered the creation of the Marine Corps and directed that it be available for service under the Secretary of the Navy. The birthday, also known as Marine Corps Day, was originally celebrated on July 11 from 1799 until 1921 when Major General Lejeune issued an order to formalize the tradition and establish the official day to honor the birthday of the Marine Corps. The ceremony traditionally includes a guest of honor, a reading of Gen. Lejeune's birthday message and the current Commandant's message, recognition of the oldest and youngest Marine present, and a cake cutting. While the first cake ceremony is unknown, the first on record took place at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., in 1937. Major General Thomas Holcomb, the Commandant, presided at an open house for Marine Corps officers, including the cutting of a huge cake in the shape of Tun Tavern, the birthplace of the Corps.

History of Veterans Day - November 11  
World War I – known at the time as "The Great War" - officially ended when the

Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, fighting had ceased when an armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Therefore November 11, 1918 is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

On November 11, the Michael Clayton Annual BBQ was held here at the Elks Lodge serving over 1600 steak sandwiches followed by our annual Members Veterans Dinner serving over 70 dinners.

We have purchased gifts for the Toys for Tots Toy Run and we are still selling our Red Friday shirts collecting money for the Helping Soldiers. We have sent over 50 packages to active soldiers overseas. Thank you to everyone who have helped us reach our goals - without you we would not be able to help as many veterans.

Tim Reynolds  
Veterans Chairman

## SANTA MARIA, CA - B.P.O. ELKS LODGE 1538

1309 N. Bradley Road  
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### LODGE STAFF

- Club Manager: John Maretti x103
- Kitchen Manager x114
- Christine Iverson x105
- Janet Cullivan x106
- Faith Reynolds x104
- Julie Willis x101
- Membership x104
- Lodge Secretary x109

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Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538  
1309 N Bradley Rd, Santa Maria Ca.

You are cordially invited to attend the official visitation of the  
West Central Coast District Deputy  
**GRAND EXALTED RULER**  
**David Martin**

Thursday, December 16th, 2021  
Committee Reports 5:00PM  
No Host Bar 5:30PM  
Dinner 6:30PM  
Lodge 7:30PM



Menu: Santa Maria Style BBQ Top Sirloin, Baked Potato, Green Salad, Elk Beans, Garlic Bread, Salsa  
\$18.00 Per Person

Please RSVP by December 13, 2021  
Lodge Office (805) 922-1538 ext. 104  
lodge@elks1538.org

## MEMBERS!

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

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



# ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY







# Cheers

## ELKS NEW YEARS PARTY

December 31, 2021

No host Cocktail Party with hors d'oeuvres: 6:15 PM  
Dinner: 7:30 PM \* Dancing: 8:30pm-12:30am

Elk Member & Guests:  
\$60.00 PER ticket  
\$720.00 Per table (12 per table)

### MENU:

New York Steak  
Baked Potato  
Sonoma Vegetables  
Green Salad  
Dinner Rolls  
Cheesecake

1 BOTTLE OF Red Wine ON EVERY TABLE  
Champagne Station at 11:45pm in the gift room.

SEMI-FORMAL DRESS: COAT & TIE REQUIRED  
DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED

### INFORMATION:

Tickets must be purchased in person to verify membership, tickets go on sale in the office on Monday Nov 1, 2021 from 10am-5pm  
Monday thru Friday  
No refunds

Santa Maria Style Breakfast  
SCRAMBLED EGGS  
BISCUITS AND GRAVY: MENUDO / POZOLE  
SERVED AT 12:30 A.M

*Dancing to  
Mestizo*

*2021*

## ELKS NATIONAL FREE THROW

### "HOOP SHOOT" CONTEST

**For All Boys and Girls – Ages 8-13 yrs.**

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Minami Community Center 600  
West Enos Drive

Registration: 9:00 am to 10:15 am

Competition begins: 10:30 am

### \*Covid Guidelines will be followed\*

All boys and girls ages 8-13 years are welcome to participate and must be accompanied by a parent.

Contestant age group will be determined by their age as of April 1, 2022

- Local Winners Advance to District, State, Regional and National Competition
- Nationals Finals – Chicago, Illinois
- National Champions are Enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame

The "Hoop Shoot" program builds character while promoting integrity, hard work, discipline, and good sportsmanship. So come on out and volunteer and be part of this great program.

For more information, contact Eddie Navarro @ 720-3581 or visit [www.elks.org/hoopshoot.cfm](http://www.elks.org/hoopshoot.cfm)





Exalted Ruler Wes Brown and Scholarship Chair Eva Macias present Student of the Month certificates to Maya Rosas, Deisy Aguilar, and Neev Vinchhi

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Maya Rosas from Orcutt Academy has a 4.64 GPA and is Ranked 2 in her class. Maya has 124 Service Hours. Her awards include: National Honor Society; California Scholastic Federation; ELC Program Eligibility (completed at least 11 UC approved courses); Academic Honors for having a 4.0 GPA all 4-years at Orcutt Academy; Scholar Athlete; Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary Order Hill Youth of the Year (2017-2018); and Girl Scout Silver Award.

Maya's activities include: Officer for Orcutt Academy Class of 2022 Club; Freshman Connect Crew; Girls Varsity Soccer; and Orcutt Academy National Honor Society, YMCA – Summer Camp Internship; Girl Scout Camp and STEAM Program Aid; St Louis de Montfort Catholic Church – Alter Serving, Campus Setup and Cleanup; and Orcutt Presbyterian Church – Food Bank Volunteer.

Deisy Sanchez Aguilar from Pioneer Valley High School earned a GPA of 4.54 and is Ranked 3rd in her class of 712. Deisy has over 650 Service Hours. Her Awards include Academic Excellence for having a 4.0 GPA or higher: Seal of Biliteracy Academic Excellence with Distinction, and Scholar Athlete for Water Polo and Swim Season.

Deisy's Activities include AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) College Prep for 6 years and Vice President 2019 to present;

Water Polo Varsity Team President 2019 to present; Internship as a Junior Law Assistant at Adamski Moroski Madden Cumberland and Green & LLP Law Firm (Summer 2021 to present) Junior Law Assistant, and CSF (California Scholastic Federation) for Academic Excellence 2018 to present. St Joseph Church Youth Group Leader; Cal Poly Mentorship Program; UCSB Early Academic Outreach Program; Boy and Girls Club Volunteer Program 2018 – 2020; Tutor for Elementary students; and Link Crew A Team.

Neev Rahul Vinchhi from Ernest Righetti High School earned GPA of 4.6 and is Ranked 3rd in his class of 561. Neev has over 230 Service Hours. His Awards and Recognition include academic excellence Renaissance Awards every semester since 10th grade; Boys State Leadership Conference; Future Business Leaders of America, Track and Field scholar athlete award and Varsity Letter.

Neev's Activities include: In ASB (Associated Student Body) he has been class treasurer, class secretary, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) representative, School Site Council; 4-year member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); and Track and Field for 4-years. He has been president of Interact Club; vice-president of Key Club; vice-president of ASTRA Club; Santa Barbara County Food Bank; and volunteers at the Santa Maria Public Library, reading to elementary-school aged children, cleaning books, organizing games and artwork projects for the children.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Dedicated to Kent Hill

Matthew Castillo  
Mark Cheli  
Juan Cisneros  
Robert Crespin  
Micheal Cunningham  
James Escobar  
Oscar Espinoza  
Russell Fricia  
Tammie Green  
Steve Hernandez  
Justin Jack  
James Jolly  
Marc LeDuc  
Ignacia Lopez  
William Marshall  
Terry Merlo  
Justin Meier  
Pamela Mordan  
Oscar Placencia

Pablo Perez  
Robert Reynoso  
Joe Ruiz  
Angela Singer  
Christopher Stover  
Leonel Vargas  
Corina Yee  
Mark Zagar  
Victor Diaz

### Reinstatements

Sandra Coutley  
Joseph Mastroddi  
Joseph Nunez  
Aaron Smith  
Martin Solano  
Steven Santillan

### Transfers

John Watts  
Elenita Donato

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR ELKS FAMILIES

The Elks National Foundation launched its 2021-2022 Legacy Awards contest on September 1, 2021. Legacy Awards are \$4000 scholarships for high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks. Any child, grandchild, stepchild, step-grandchild, or legal ward of an Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2019, is eligible to apply, Legacy scholars are required to serve with a Lodge every year. Legacy Awards applications are due on or before February 7, 2022. Learn more about the Legacy Awards contest at [enf.elks.org/Leg](http://enf.elks.org/Leg).

In 2021-2022, the ENF will award \$4.2 million in college scholarships, which will help ensure a bright future for our nation's young people. As important Members of the Elks family, Elks scholars have many social and service opportunities to connect with the Elks and one another. For more information about our scholarship programs, and for ways Lodges can get involved with Elks scholars, please visit [elks.org/scholars](http://elks.org/scholars).

## In Memoriam

"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"

**AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN,  
NEVER FORSAKEN.**

# 5753

**Alvin Fumia**

BORN: January 1, 1932

INITIATED: February 4, 1971

DIED: October 7, 2021

#11276

**James Mike Henson**

BORN: July 17, 1941

INITIATED: September 24, 1992

DIED: October 13, 2021

#5685

**Gerald Beall**

BORN: May 7, 1940

INITIATED: September 24, 1970

DIED: October 18, 2021

#6364

**Richard "Dick" Malmen**

BORN: July 5, 1930

INITIATED: February 7, 1974

DIED: October 22, 2021



# ANNUAL CLAYTON VETERANS BBQ AT LODGE





# LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DINNER



# VETERANS NIGHT







SANTA MARIA ELKS LODGE #1538  
PER ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

# Elvis, the Memphis Years



with  
**JEREMY "ELVIS"  
PEARCE**  
And The  
**MEMPHIS SONS BAND**

*January 15th*

Santa Maria Elks Lodge  
1309 N. Bradley Road  
Santa Maria

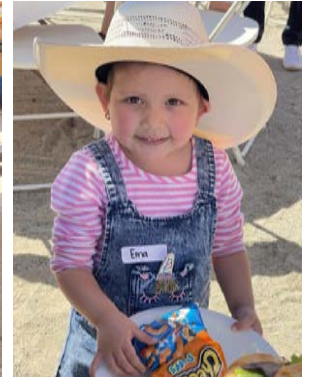
Must be 21  
and over

Tickets: \$45 Each

Bar and Dinner 5:30 pm  
Show Begins at 7:00 pm

## GOLDEN CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS OUTING

Thank you to Robin Serritslev and her Team at Santa Ynez Valley Therapeutic Riding for hosting our Golden Circle of Champions for a real cowboy experience! This amazing day for our Champions even included a special visit from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Mounted Unit!



Rectangular tables with 12 people per table  
**Buy an entire table and decorate it  
with your own "Elvis" theme!**  
*Portion of proceeds to benefit the  
Delta High School Scholarship program*

Dinner Menu:  
Chicken Breast, Broccoli Salad, Vegetables,  
Elks Beans, Potatoes au Gratin, Rolls, Dessert

Tickets on sale December 15th  
Must be picked up by January 3rd



## LODGE ACTIVITIES



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Suzanne Fillmore with July Elk of the Month



The Elks Golf Committee presents a \$600 donation to Holiday Baskets Chair Eva Macias



The Touring Elks donate \$250 to Rick Silva for the annual Firefighter's Guadalupe Christmas Eve Childrens Candy and toy distribution



The Santa Maria Past Exalted Ruler Association presents a \$500 donation to Touring Elks Chairman Gary Gross for Toys For Tots



Greg Rodriguez presents a \$300 donation from the Bingo Kitchen Crew to Touring Elks Chairman Gary Gross for Toys For Tots

## 2021 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BASKET SCHEDULE

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

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

**Important December dates to remember:**

**Monday 17-** Deadline for Sponsoring a Family

**Monday 20-** 6 pm Baskets Setup

**Tuesday 21-** 7 am Basket Perishable Items  
8:30 – 11:00 am Basket Pickup

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

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

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

Eva Macias  
Holiday Baskets Chairman





**B.P.O. ELKS – NO. 1538  
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 ..... Glenda Jennings  
 Organist ..... Bryan Feldpouch, PER  
 1 Year Trustee ..... Karen Feldpouch PER  
 2 Year Trustee ..... Charlie Castillo  
 3 Year Trustee ..... Mike Arndt  
 4 Year Trustee ..... Tony Campas PER  
 5 Year Trustee ..... Jim Elkins

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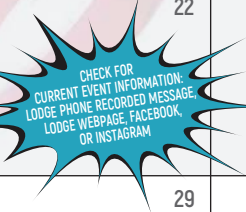
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# DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NO Menudo until May 2022</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY Thru December 26</b>	<b>Elks Bowling Rancho Bowl Every Tuesday 6:30 pm</b>	1	2 <b>LODGE DARK 7:30 pm</b>	3 <b>CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00pm Dance to Soul'd Out</b>	4 <b>Bar and Lounge Open 11 to Closing</b>
5 <b>Bar and Lounge Open 10 to Closing Elks Memorial Service Lodge Room 2 pm</b>	6 <b>Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm BBQ Spare Ribs</b>	7 <b>Pub Grub 5:30-7:00pm BINGO 6:00 pm House Committee 6:30</b>	8	9 <b>Lodge 7:30 pm</b>	10 <b>CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00pm Leading Knight Challenge Drawing Dancing to Sound Investment</b>	11 <b>Bar and Lounge Open 11 to Closing</b>
12 <b>Bar and lounge Open 10 to Closing</b>	13 <b>Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm Chicken Fried Steak</b>	14 <b>Pub Grub 5:30-7:00pm BINGO 6:00 pm</b>	15 <b>Elvis Tickets on Sale Children's Christmas Party 5:30 - 8:00 pm (See p. 14 for details)</b>	16 <b>District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Visitation Lodge 7:30 pm (See p. 7 for details)</b>	17 <b>CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00pm Dancing to DJ Tymeless</b>	18 <b>Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am Bar and Lounge Open 11 to Closing</b>
19 <b>Bar and lounge Open 10 to Closing</b>	20 <b>Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm BBQ ½ Chicken</b>	21 <b>Pub Grub 5:30-7:00pm BINGO 6:00 pm Sportsmen 7 pm</b>	22	23 <b>Lodge 7:30 pm</b>	24 <b>Christmas Eve Lodge CLOSED NO CYO</b>	25 <b>Merry Christmas Lodge CLOSED</b>
26 <b>Bar and lounge Open 10 to Closing</b>	27 <b>Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm No Dinner</b>	28 <b>Pub Grub 5:30-7:00pm BINGO 6:00 pm Touring Elks 7:30pm</b>	29	30 <b>Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm</b>	31 <b>New Year's Eve Party 6:15 - 2:00 am (See p. 10 for details)</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>



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

Please email all copy to [smelkshorn@gmail.com](mailto:smelkshorn@gmail.com) and include your name and phone number. Early entries appreciated.

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