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WES BROWN, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

JANUARY 2022

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Members.

Let me start with a quote from one of Liz's favorite authors, Neil Gaiman: "I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things,



learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done." I think this sums up how your House Committee and Board managed our way through the challenges of 2021. Most importantly, we were doing Something. We tried new things, pushed forward, adapted and recalibrated, and pushed forward. Motivated to always do what is best for our Lodge, our Members, our employees, our community, and our Order, this will remain our mantra. In this new year, we promise to carry on doing, pushing, learning, and trying new things to the benefit of our Members, for the betterment of our Lodge, our Order, and our community.

Quotes for this month:

New year-a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately, we write it. The choice is ours. - Alex Morritt

What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet. - Anne Frank

Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely. - Karen Kaiser Clark

Liz and my New Year's wish for you is that the best day of your past is the worst day of your future.

Fraternally, Wes Brown **Exalted** Ruler





Members of the Santa Maria Police Council. Kirk and Simas Law Firm, and Santa Maria Elks present a \$10,100 check to Santa Maria Police Chief Marc Schneider, the result of an October Lodge K-9 fundraiser to purchase protective vests and equipment for Santa Maria Police Dept K-9s. In attendance was Officer Andres Lopez with his K-9 "Rowdi".

SANTA MARIA ELKS LODGE #1538 44TH ANNUAL FIREFIGHTERS **APPRECIATION NIGHT**

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

1309 North Bradley Road

Santa Maria

No-Host Bar 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

\$18 Per person

We would appreciate an email to faith@elks1538.org Or a call to our Lodge Office at (805) 922-1538 Ext 104 No later than Wednesday, January 12, 2022 for reservations

Help show your appreciation, join us for this very special evening honoring those fine men and women who proudly wear the firefighter's uniform

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Credit cards accepted in the Members' Bar with a \$20 minimum purchase

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ELKS Bowling League

After 11 weeks Team 1, Beth and Ryan Mikus, Jerry Cornell,

and Greg Dominguez lead the league with an ASTOUNDING 29 ½ wins and just 18 ½ loss record! In BOTH Team High Series and Game, Team 4, Tyme To Bowl, Debbie Johnson, Donna Mathews, James Franklin, and Larry Galaites leads with ASTRONOMINAL scores of 2855 and 1027, respectively. In BOTH Men High Series and Men High Game, Randy Blankenship had AWESOME scores of 777 series and 302 game! In Ladies High Series Donna Ryczek leads with an ASTONISHING 772 score and in Ladies High Game Belinda Thomas had an AMAZING 310 game! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !

The following bowlers bowled a 200 or higher game or 600 or higher series: Tami Baty – 244/612, Randy Blankenship – 255/663, Scott Daniels – 203, James Franklin – 224,

Larry Galaites – 225, Kelly Kish – 245/665, Tom Klein – 201, Donna Mathews - 200, Lee McClatchey – 201, Beth Mikas – 233, Ryan Mikus – 201, Donna Ryczek – 224/633, Belinda Thomas – 233/625, and George Woehlke -225! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Jokes of the Month:

A man who had too much to drink decides to walk home on New Year's Eve. A policeman stops the man and asks where he was going. "I'm on my way to a lecture," the man replies. The cop scoffs, "Who gives lectures on New Year's Eve?" The man answered: "My wife."

A man walks into a library and declares, "I'd like a roast beef sandwich please." The librarian replies, "Sir, this is a library." So he whispers, "I'd like a roast beef sandwich please."

What do you call a parrot that makes fun of you? A mockingbird.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Mike Kenderes Bowling Chairman



WITH JEREMY "ELVIS" PEARCE AND THE MEMPHIS SONS BAND

JANUARY 15TH —— SANTA MARIA ELKS LODGE 1309 N. BRADLEY RD, SANTA MARIA

MUST BE 21 AND OVER 1309 N. BRADLEY RD, SANTA MARIA TICKETS \$45 EACH BAR & DINNER 5:30 PM | SHOW BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

ND OVER Rectangular tables with

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Rectangular tables with 10 people per table **Buy and 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, Vegetables, Elks Beans, Potatoes au Gratin, Rolls, Dessert

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

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CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT Rodriguez



Members, Hello to our Elks Family, hope you all have weathered this past year in good spirits. This roller coaster ride that we have been on has taken a toll on all of

us in one way or another. Let's pray that this year we can start to enjoy life as we used to, getting back to traveling and spending time with friends and family. This past couple of years has changed the way we look at things and given us the opportunity to change, alter or improve on things here at our Lodge, keeping in mind what is in the best interest of our Members. I'd like to remind you that the Lodge officers are here for you, let us know if you have an opinion or suggestion on how or what we could do to benefit the Lodge.

As you may know since 2016 The Golden Circle of Champions has been helping families fighting pediatric cancer. This event started when Elks Recreation decided to have the first fundraising dinner for the GCoC at the Rodeo. Since then, Tina Tonascia's idea of bringing awareness to childhood cancer through the Golden Circle of Champion's has touched so many hearts. It continues to grow yearly, the thought of taking it to the NFR was frightening, but with her determination and support from the GCoC committee, local and national sponsors, we have just now completed another great year at the NFR. I know this program will continue to grow and help those families by bringing the awareness of child cancer to the forefront. AnnMarie and I are so proud to be part of the Golden Circle of Champions Committee since day one, we want to thank the numerous people involved for the hard work that goes into making it successful, that team only knows how to do things to the fullest.

This Community "Team Santa Maria" makes it mark, doing good things daily.

AnnMarie and I would like to wish you a Happy, prosperous, and joyful New Year.

Fraternally, Matt Rodriguez Esteemed Leading Knight, COB

JUSTICE LOYAL KNICHT Caron Castellanos

Members,



As we welcome the New Year let us once again take a moment to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings we have received, for we have so much to be grateful. The year

carried with it a few of the complications we were able to navigate through the prior year but at the same time also reminded us all of our resilience and the power of a unity and fellowship. We continue to be at our best when we come together for a common goal as we have so often proved.

So, as we welcome this year and having this now in mind, what can we all look forward and plan to do together? Will we continue to do what we have done thus far? Or will we recognize our capabilities to do more for each other and for those in need. My wish is that we do the latter.

So, what could we possibly do? What is something that can actually change the world? Well, there are actually many things we can choose to do. I have heard before that "In a world where you can be anything, Be Kind". Being kind can be as simple as acknowledging someone and gifting them a warm smile (as we never know what their current lot in life may be) to giving the gift of time to a local nonprofit organization wishing to achieve their purpose to assist those in need. As Elks Members in our ever amazing Lodge, we have the opportunity to do all of this within the our own four walls. Volunteering (as much as one is capable) is a great way to help do this. We have so many committees at our Lodge that finding the one best suitable each of us is possible. So let's change the world, get involved, give back, let's Be Kind. Many hands make little work. Let's come together and make a bigger difference than the year before us. We can do this if we continue to come together. If you have any questions on how you can get involved, we are all here to help.

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

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Fraternally, Aaron Castellanos Esteemed Loyal Knight #1538Strong

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

Members



Your Officers were recently in Las Vegas for the National Finals Rodeo and got to visit the Las Vegas Elks Lodge. This oncegreat Lodge sold their building a few years

back and built a brand new one in a different location, and in the process somehow went from a thriving 2,200 Member Lodge to one with barely 400 members remaining.

It reminded me of just how much history we have in our Lodge that I do not think we could ever replicate in another building or location. I wrote a Facebook article back in June about our BBQ pit on the day we reopened CYO after the Covid hiatus that I thought I would share below.

Tonight this Oak Pit BBQ will awaken from the ashes of Covid-19 after a 15 month CYO dormancy. This pit is where so many memories and friendships have been forged and where a million more are ready to begin.

The laughter, friendship, meat, smoke, cocktails, and love that will once again surround this pit is what makes our Lodge so unique, so special, and so wonderful.

This pit and this Lodge thrive on smiles and laughter and the people that encompass it. We hope you all appreciate just exactly what we have here in Santa Maria, as it cannot and has not been replicated anywhere else.

Tonight let us celebrate all of the friends and family and good fortunes that we have in our lives and let us also pay homage to those we have lost. "To Our Absent Members!"

Let us all be proud of heritage, history, and people of our great Lodge!

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

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.

2021 HOLIDAY BASKET REPORT

It is important to thank all the helping hands who put together the Holiday Baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas - Organized Chaos as I like to call it. We compile all the food and package it for distribution. There were Elks, Antlers, Hancock Students, Family, and Friends working efficiently. Thank you!

100 families were given baskets for Thanksgiving, and another 100 families were given baskets for Christmas:

20 Families in Guadalupe

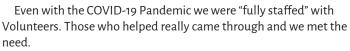
30 CASAS/Foster Children

50 to Families Sponsored by Elks

Smart 'n Final donated \$350 and a very special thanks to the Elks Golf Club who provided a substantial \$600 donation. The Food Bank provided nonperishables at a low cost and several local farmers donated the fresh vegetables. There were a few cash donations, which made a difference in the items we were able to add to the Holiday Baskets. Many thanks again to all!

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

I have two important announcements, first this year is one of the BEST years we have had as a Lodge in having our Members pay their dues, however there are still some that are delinquent and need to pay their dues by March 25, 2022 in order to not be dropped. Statutes require the Secretary to post the names of Members not current on their dues, this will be done by posting a list of names on the Bulletin



The Holiday Basket Committee wishes to thank the Farmers who donated the fresh vegetables and boxes. Commercial businesses also contributed with donations of the bags, bread, and desserts.

A special Thank You to Johnny Maretti and Office Staff for their support in supplying space, time, and support during the gathering of items for the Baskets. It truly takes many helping hands to assemble and distribute the Baskets; and we have a great team in the Volunteers who have helped. We hope that we remembered everyone. If we did forget you, remember angels are silent helpers.

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

Eva Macias Holiday Basket Chairman

Board in the Members Bar starting in Mid-January.

Secondly, I was notified by Grand Lodge that due to the rising cost of lawsuits stemming from Alcohol the cost of Insurance assessed to each Member in their Per Capita Dues will increase to \$12 from \$7. Thus our new 2022-2023 Dues per Member will increase to \$149 per year from \$144.

Phil Daighton Lodge Secretary



SANTA MARIA ELKS GOLF CLUB

The Elks Golf Club traveled to the Mission Club on December 8th for the 3rd and final round of our Club Championship. Mick Towle had a 3 round

total of 249 to Dean Reece's 250 to hold him off and claim the Gross Championship title. Chip Guthrie claimed the Net Title with a 3 round total of 211 holding off Chino Vasquez's 216.

In the closest to pin completions: # 2 was won by Shelly Glover 14'4", number #13 was won by Terri Zubiri 14", Dean Reece claimed #17 with an excellent shot of 3'3".

Mike Jefferis took Low Gross honors with an 83, 2nd James Bevill

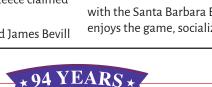


84, 3rd Jeff Balvanz 85, 4th Dean Reece 85, 5th Terri Zubiri 91, and Mike Elliott claimed 6th also with a 91.

In the Net Competition: Chino Vasquez found his stroke and shot a 64 to take home 1st, Robert Westrom 72 took 2nd, in 3rd place was Chip Guthrie 72, 4th Bob Taylor 74, 5th Robin Porter also with a 74, and claiming 6th was Billy Brooks with a 75.

We will be taking two months off and restarting our season in March with our 1st tournament in Paso Robles. We will be expanding our area for tournaments to include The Santa Barbara Golf Club and Glenn Annie Golf Course. We will also be playing with the Santa Barbara Elks Golf Club. We welcome anyone that enjoys the game, socializing, and having a good time.

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LODGE ACTIVITIES



Social and Community Welfare Committee presented a \$500 check to Touring Elks for Toys for Tots





Greg Rodriguez and Bingo kitchen members present a \$450 donation check for Veterans to Bob Lopez

Treasurer Chuck Biely presented a \$500 Membership Attendance Drawing check to 5 Year Trustee Jim Elkins



Lodge Secretary and Membership Chairman Phil Daighton presented a letter and pin from the Grand Exalted Ruler for bringing in at least three New Members to Loyal Knight Aaron Castellanos, Treasurer Charles Biely, Kirk Murdock, and Trustee Jim Elkins

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

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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 Office hours Monday-Friday 10 am - 5 pm

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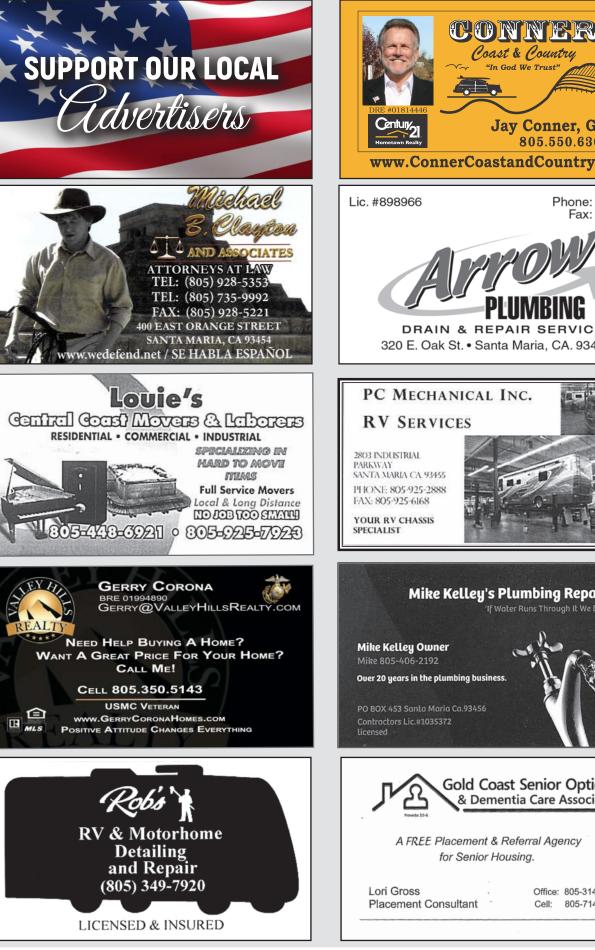
SUPER BOWL PARTY!

Super Bowl Sunday is quickly approaching! We will be having our annual Super Bowl party on Sunday February 6, 2022. It will be a pot-luck feast, so bring your favorite dish. There will be power provided for your electrical appliances, and a lot of room for anything else. You can bring sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts or main dishes.

Starting time is at 12:00 noon - the game starts at 3:00 pm. There will be door prizes, raffles, and bar specials! For questions, please call Chairman Bob Lewis at 805-937-7119 or Co-Chair Steve Jones at 805-363-1148.

21 and older only please!





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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN EVA MACIAS AND EXALTED RULER WES BROWN PRESENT A CERTIFICATE, A \$300 CHECK, AND AN AMERICAN FLAG TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Monica Lopez Hernandez from Pioneer Valley with a 3.60 GPA is 86th in her class of 712. Her Activities include: Can-Do, REACH (Resilience, Education, Adventure, Community and Health, CAUSE, CASA, SHARE, Speech and Debate, AVID, EAOP (Early Academic Outreach Program), and assisted her family financially during COVID. Her 950 Service Hours include: Santa Maria Public Library, Marian Regional Medical

Center, Planned/Organized food give-away, Planned/Organized donations for Domestic Violence Protection Centers, and Planned/Organized an event to Fund Raise \$1,500 for North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center.

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Paola Karina Moron Morales from Pioneer Valley with a 4.40 GPA is 7th in her class of 711 and has completed two Advanced Placement (AP) classes. Her Awards include: Advanced Placement Excellence, Varsity Athlete, Academic Excellence-Distinguished scholar, and California Scholarship Federation.

Paola's Activities include: Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Partners in Education Job Readiness Program, UNICEF, Connect for Cancer Club, Track and Field – Varsity, Trail Blazer-Vice President, Link Crew, and AVID.

Her over 264 Service Hours include: Santa Maria Recreations and Parks Teen Intern, Central Coast Aquarium, Translating for Spanish speaking visitors, Gratitude Act, and Santa Maria Public Library.



Abigail Blackburn from St. Joseph High School with a 4.50 GPA is 1st in her class of 109, has passed four-AP courses, and has 295 Service Hours.

Her Awards include: AP Scholar with Honor, Girl Scout Gold Award, Principal's Honor Roll, Scholar Athlete, National Honor Society, and California Scholastic Federation. Abigail's Activities include: Drama, SJHS Outdoor Club, Equestrian Club, Volleyball, Track and Field, and Basketball.

Her Service hours include: Girls Scouts Patrol Leader, Santa Maria Elks Haunted Hills Halloween Drive Thru, West Point Moms Bake – packaged boxes for military members; St Andrews United Methodist Church Summer Fest.



AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORSAKEN.

#12925 Joe Centeno

BORN: September 5, 1935 INITIATED: July 18, 2002 DIED: October 14, 2021

#15536 Gabriel Zamora

BORN: November 14, 1977 INITIATED: October 12, 2017 DIED: October 13, 2021

#9677 Billy McCarty

BORN: August 14, 1931 INITIATED: December 04, 1986 DIED: November 15, 2021 #8586 Charles Vansickle BORN: April 22, 1933

INITIATED: December 02, 1982 DIED: December 1, 2021



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	Esteemed Lecturing Knight Steve Jones	Change Se
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	TreasurerChuck Biely	
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	Inner Guard	
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CURRENT FUENT INFORMATION: CURRENT FUENT INFORMATION: LODGE PHONE RECORDED MESSAGE. LODGE VEBPAGE FACEBOOK. OR INSTAGRAM		Elks Bowling Rancho Bowl Every Tuesday 6:30 pm				1 New Year's Day Lodge Closed
2 Bar and Lounge Open 10 to Closing	3 Office Closed Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm BBQ Steak Sandwich	Pub Grub 5:30-7:00pm House Committee 6:30 BINCO 6:00 pm Investigating Interviews 6:30 pm	5	6 Lodge 7:30 pm Balloting Elks Horn Articles Due	7 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00pm Dancing to That's What She Says Group	8 Bar and Lounge Open 11 to Closing
g Bar and lounge Open 10 to Closing	10 Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm Meat Loaf	11 Pub Grub 5:30-7:00pm BINCO 6:00 pm PER Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Firefighter Appreciation Night (See p. 1 for details)	13 Lodge 7:30 pm	14 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00pm Dancing to Soul Cool Band	Adopt - A-Highway 8an Bar and Lounge Open 11 to Closing PERs Present Elvis Show!! (Details p. 2)
16 Bar and lounge Open 10 to Closing	17 Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm BBQ Spare Ribs	18 Pub Grub 5:30-7:00pm BINGO 6:00 pm	19 Orientation 6:30 pm	20 Lodge 7:30 pm PER Night Initiation	21 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00pm Dancing to Brass Factory	22 Bar and Lounge Open 11 to Closing
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Please email all copy to smelkshorn@gmail.com and include your name and phone number. Early entries appreciated.

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