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MATT RODRIGUEZ, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

APRIL 2022

EXALTED RULER

Matt Rodriguez

Members,

My fellow Members, as I sit here writing this, it is finally starting to sink in. When I walked into the Rodeo office 12 years ago and asked what I could do to help, I did not realize that one day I would be taking on this position. Most of you who know me know I am more of a behind-the-scenes kind of person, not an in-the-spotlight type.



AnnMarie and I thank you all for allowing us to have the privilege of being your Exalted Ruler and First Lady. We consider this to be an honor with great responsibility. We will not take this lightly; we have some ideas for this upcoming year and hope that you will join us on this journey through the year. We want you to know we are here for you, the Members, so do not hesitate to ask how to get involved.

I feel as Exalted Ruler the main goal is to keep our Members and our community "Proud" of Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538. Some of you may have heard this already and you will throughout the year. We need all Members to continue to be proud as you walk through those doors or get that great feeling when you hear about what our Lodge is doing in the community. At the end of the day, this is what makes all the time and effort worth it.

"May God be with us Always"

Fraternally,

Matt Rodriguez
Exalted Ruler

2022 ELK OF THE YEAR

Frances came as a guest to CYO, felt completely At Home, knowing this was the place she wanted to volunteer for. Excited when asked that night to become a Member, sponsored by PER Karen Feldpouch, she was Initiated in April 2012. She immediately volunteered for Bingo: Calling, pull tabs, money counting, payouts. As a Server for all dinners, both on and off site, she became a Team Captain coordinating server volunteers. She set-up, cooked, and served at many Veteran's events including VA Hospital, Clinic, SB County Stand Down, Michael Clayton Vets BBQ. Worked on several BBQ Teams including Friday CYO as a meat cutter (and Special Cuts). She helped with weekly FoodBank distribution, monthly Highway Cleanup, and has been a Kaddidhopper Clown.

She has been a "Purple Pig" Major Project chairman helping raise money to assist disabled children (see details in this Elks Horn) even donating raffle items that raised \$4,000. Frances helped host the West Central Coast District Ritual Competition at our Lodge, serving as the Candidate, and has served as Lodge Tiler. In addition to helping with Holiday Baskets she made sandwiches, delivering them to our annual Soccer Shoot team, and making lunch weekly for our Wood Crew (without which we would have no BBQ).

As a volunteer at Mini Rodeo and Rodeo she set up, served BBQ, ran the Dance Hall, helped with Beer Booths, and sold Rodeo clothes and hats. She was a scorekeeper for Golf Tournaments



ELK OF YEAR FRANCES BRAWNER

raising money for the Golden Circle of Champions which helps families that are fighting pediatric cancer. She drove her own tractor to clear rubbish for Operation WEBS (Women Empowered to Build Strong), the recipient of an ENF Freedom Grant to help build tiny homes for homeless veteran women (see June 2021 Elks Horn page 5). Frances has run our Lodge Kitchen as cook, server, setup, inventory and ordering manager for all meals for all events.

She wants to impress upon all new Members that you can achieve your goals while serving.

It has been her honor to serve Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 and her Community with the motto: "Every hour I can volunteer to Our Lodge allows Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 to provide more to our needy Community."

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February 17		
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Mark Rodriguez		\$500
Mateo T. Canale		\$500
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MEMBERS!

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ELKS BOWLING LEAGUE

Team 1, Beth and Ryan Mikus, Jerry Cornell, and Greg Dominguez continue to roll on in FIRST place with a STUNNING 20 wins and just 4 loss record! In Team High Series, Team 3, Mines in the Gutter, Bev and Tom Klein, Mike Head, and George Woehlke continue leading with a SUPER 2883 score! In Team High Game, Team 2, Tamy Baty, David Adams, Ashley Kelley, and Odis Walton lead with a STELLAR score of 1034! In Men High Series, Rance Lewis continues leading with a STERLING 790 and in Men's High Game, Mike Head leads with a SPECIAL 316 game! In Ladies High Series, Debbie Johnson holds on to her lead with a SUPREME 785 and in Ladies High Game Bev Klein had a SENSATIONAL 311 game! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The following bowlers bowled a 200 or higher game or 600 or higher series: Tami Baty – 226, Randy Blankenship – 245, Jerry Cornell – 227, Scott Daniels – 207, James Franklin – 203, Larry Galaites – 237/633, Kelly Kish – 256/678, Tom Klein – 222/634, Beth Mikas – 247/693, Donna Ryczek – 220, and Belinda Thomas – 222! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Jokes of the Month:

Since light travels faster than sound, some people might appear bright until they speak.

What is the punishment for bigamy? Two-mother-in-laws

Mike Kenderes
 Bowling Chairman



WELCOME NEW MEW MEMBERS - WAYNE ALLEN CLASS

Sonya Alvarez
 Diego Avila
 Sabrina Barney
 Natalie Bennett
 Joe Bingham
 JJ Budd
 James Carter
 Rigoberto Castillo
 Bruce Corsaw
 Daniel Cohen
 Kristopher Cunningham
 Mark Densmore
 Lydia Garcia
 Rodman Gibbs
 Brian Hartsell
 Makenzie Johns

Melinda Lizalde
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 Sara Santos

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 Tomi Stinson
 Tyrone Streeter
 Robert Spelman

Reinstatements
 Chris Guerrero
 Donnie Nogues

Transfers
 Mary Fonseca PER
 Randal Cederlino
 Kelly Gonzalez

CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

Arion Castellanos



Members,

I sincerely thank everyone of you for allowing me the pleasure of serving as your Loyal Knight this past year. As we come to the end of another Elk Year

and I reflect on all the great things we have achieved together, I feel ever so proud of our Lodge and our community collectively. This feeling is one I wish to continue to feel in the upcoming year.

As the 2022-2023 Leading Knight I look forward to working with all returning and new officers in the many projects we will be taking on. The amount of work that is needed to maintain/improve and ultimately evolve our Lodge is enormous, yet luckily the group of officers each year bring with them a vast amount of experience and ideas that have facilitated excitement and a sense of fun in the process. It has been my absolute pleasure getting to know each other and know that we are all there for a common purpose of making a difference. This to me has been one of the best ways I have been able to use my Membership in the Order to-date.

I was fortunate enough to have been mentored and brought into Lodge leadership during my first year of Membership. I was informed and taught about the position expectations and assured I would always have the support of those that came before me. This was very reassuring and something that has indeed held true.

This past year we have grown the Membership of our Lodge and, with it, have brought in Members from different backgrounds and professions. It may seem to some that involvement in your Lodge may be limited to certain aspects due to time as Members, but the truth is it is not. Yes, commitment is something that is necessary and of utmost importance, but if you feel you can bring leadership skills that can better our Lodge, I beg you to please get involved. Inquire about what that may look like with any officer. This Lodge was built by some the greatest people of our community and entrusted to us to maintain

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JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT

Steve Jones



Members,

The Exalted Ruler recently selected our new Elk of the Year - Frances Brawner! Congratulations are in order and there was truly no one more deserving of the award this year than

her. There are many awards given out at the Lodge - Elk of the Month and Year, Officer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, but to me, the Elk of the Year is the highest award we offer within Lodge Membership. All of the recipients should be thanked, praised, and held in the highest regard, for these are the true pillars within our Lodge.

The beauty of this award, is that it is never given to a current Lodge Officer and it is selected by the Exalted Ruler with input from all of the past Elk of the Years. That means that you have to prove yourself to the other pillars of the Lodge and honestly earn it.

The next time you walk through the Lodge hallway, please pay attention to the pictures on the north wall between the restrooms. There you will find all of the Past Elks of the Years. You will know many of these faces, as these are the Elks who have gone above and beyond the call of Elkdom. These are the men and women that have been there for this Lodge at the drop of a hat on any given day, and each has helped this Lodge in so many different ways.

Frances took over as Kitchen Manager (for free) for the last year plus much more. Other recipients have literally built entire Lodge additions or have been the Lodge electricians and handymen for years. One was instrumental in building the entire south campground, and there are many more stories to tell. Each of these men and women have left their mark on this Lodge and will be remembered for decades to come.

One of you reading this will be the next recipient of this award and it may be for a talent or skill we never thought we needed at the Lodge. I look forward to seeing what talents you'll bring to this Lodge in the future!

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

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

Chuck Biely



Members,

Well, Howdy Members

As you know, the new Elk Year begins April first, and your new officer corps is already working to ensure a great year

for Santa Maria #1538. The election of your officers set a terrific team into action. Ritual practice has already begun in earnest with a great team of coaches.

The decorations for the Inaugural Ball were wonderful with all Members invited to help with this. After all, this is a Lodge of volunteers, not merely the officers and spouses. Your participation by volunteering is the backbone of this greatest Lodge in Elkdom. As the Investigation Committee Chairman for the past 40 years, I challenge those of you who have become Elks in that time to contact the front office, or any officer, and volunteer for only one hour each month. With our current active volunteers we all can accomplish so much for our Lodge and our Community. All of our Members, for no matter how long, are the reason this Lodge has kept the spirit of Elkdom alive and well. You never know--you might even make some new like-minded friends, and I guarantee you will have a great time. Get involved; you may like it.

This new Lodge Year will be packed with activities, all designed to enhance Santa Maria #1538 in the minds of all who encounter its Members. Be one of those to whom others look with a bit of envy. I would be remiss to not thank those of you who chose to support my election as your new Lecturing Knight. I am truly grateful. See you in Lodge!

Come join us at the Lodge, be careful, and be safe.

Fraternally,
Chuck Biely
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Welcome to another Elk year; hopefully, with the pandemic in our rear view mirror and mask and closure mandates behind us, it is time for the Lodge to get 100% back to our busy normal schedule. We will need Members, and spouses if they wish, to step up and volunteer at functions such as CYO, Serving Crews and Bingo just to mention a few. Most volunteers have been able to take a break during the pandemic as our Catering and Tuesday Bingo were not running at 100% capacity. Please consider giving a little of your time to help maintain Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 as one of the top Lodges in the country.

The Rodeo and the Parade--which are two of the largest community activities the Lodge puts on--can always use your help. It takes a tremendous core of volunteers to put on these events. Please contact the front office or one of the officers if you want to get involved and we will put you in contact with the appropriate individuals.

I also thank our Members because last year was the best year we have had with Members paying their dues. We only ended up with approximately 50 Members who had to be dropped. By this issue of the Elks Horn you should have paid your 2022-2023 dues. We have made it easier to pay with a new option of on-line pay. Please consider paying your dues if you have not already as it takes a tremendous

amount of work and cost to continue to send reminders and calls throughout the year.

For those Members who were dropped, please keep in mind that you have two options to reinstate:

1st --you have 60 days from the date you were dropped to reinstate without penalty. You must pay last year's dues and this new year's dues to not lose a year of Membership and have a simple reinstatement process without being re-voted on and read at a Lodge meeting.

2nd -- if you do not take advantage of the 60-day reinstatement you will need to go through the process of reinstatement, a fee of \$75, an application with a Member sponsoring your reinstatement and the normal process of being voted back into the Membership. With this reinstatement you will not need to pay last year's dues unless you want the credit for the year of being a Member.

Please: Remember if you do not reinstate you are not allowed back into the Lodge to enjoy our Membership privileges even as a guest! Contact me or the front office if there is anything we can help you with as far as Membership or if you want to volunteer.

Phil Daighton, PAVP, PER
Lodge Secretary

LEADING KNIGHT, CONTINUED

and continue to make it greater. Let's do just that.

We all look forward to the upcoming year and coming up with more ideas to bring you. Thank you once again for your continued support.

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 Leading Knight

Members, just a reminder that the Elks Horn is available on-line or you may send a request to the Lodge Secretary to email it to you. Please consider this instead of a printed issue as downloading it saves your Lodge many dollars that may be used in other worthy endeavors to serve our community. You also receive your Elks Horn several days earlier than by snail-mail.

Please send your request to pdaighton@elks1538.org.

SANTA MARIA ELKS GOLF CLUB

Our golf club started its season on March 14th, and we have set what I feel is a very good schedule with venues that should satisfy our Members and their guests.

We use the last three events to crown our Club Champions (a Net Champion and a Gross Champion). We currently have 70 Members and are always looking to add new Members who want to socialize and have fun. If you are interested in joining us, contact either Fernie Tarango at ftarango@sbcglobal.net or Chuck Scheithauer at acscheithauer@comcast.net

As the Elks Lodge is very charity-orientated so is our golf club; we support the Veterans, The Antlers, holiday food baskets, and the K-Unit. If you have a worthwhile charity that could use our donation, let us know and we will certainly consider them.

Fernie Tarango, President

Our schedule for 2022:

Santa Barbara Golf Club - April 19th

Rancho Maria - May 18th

Glenn Annie - June 20th

La Purisima - July 18th

River Course - Solvang - August 15th

Sandpiper - September 13th

Cypress Ridge - Oct 11th

Santa Maria County Club - November 9th

Mission Club - Lompoc December 7th



LODGE ACTIVITIES



Treasurer Chuck Biely presents a \$500 Attendance Drawing check to Bob Smith



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Frances Brawner with a plaque, flowers and jacket as the 2022-2023 Elk of the Year



Past Elks of the Year join new Elk of the Year Frances Brawner



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents Eva Macias with a December Elk of the Month plaque



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents David Clark with a March Elk of the Month plaque



Elks Rec presents a \$5,000 donation check to the Antlers for their help during the Rodeo, Haunted Hills, and Christmas in the Country



Elks Rec presents a \$500 donation check to Santa Maria FFA for their help at the Rodeo Grounds

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- Club Manager/Catering: John Maretti x103
- Julie Willis (Accounts Payable/General Information) X104
- Faith Reynolds (Office Manager/Membership Desk) X105
- Janet Cullivan (General Information/Club) X106
- Bookkeeper x107
- Lodge Secretary x108
- Lodge Bar x110
- Kitchen Manager x114
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Antlers

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Auditing & Accounting

Kirk Murdoch

BBQ Teams

Doug Shearer

John Silva

Beast of Burden

Chuck Biely

Bequest/Living Trust

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Bingo

Larry Stevens PER

Bowling

Mike Kenderes

Boy Scouts

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Budget & Building

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Business Practices

Tony Dart PER

By-Law-Revisions

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Car Show

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Tony Dart PER

Clown Club

Alx Sanchez

Community Activities

Aaron Castellanos

Contest Albums

Phil Daughton PER

CYO Pit Crews

Rick Smith

Robert Dorado

Decorating

Carmel Schwindt

Drug Awareness

Al Torres

Elks Horn

Kim Newman PER,

Andy Licoscas

Elks Memorial Day

Tony Dart PER

Elks National Foundation

Suzanne Fillmore

Vicky Melville

Elks Parade

Tim Murphy

Jaime Flores

Exercise Room/Building

TBD

Family Picnic

Chuck Biely

Flag Day

Bob Lewis

Fraternal

Dick Parker PER

Funeral Services

Karen Feldpouch PER

Golf

Henry Rickett

Government Relations

Mike Cordero

Greeters

Jeremy Foreman PER

Luis Arellanos

Hoop Shoot

Eddie Navarro

Holiday Baskets

Eva Macias

House Committee

Matt Rodriguez

Internet/Social Media

Alx Sanchez

Steve Jones

Investigations

Chuck Biely

Lodge Activities

Aaron Castellanos

Lodge Historian

Tommy Gee PER

Lodge Photography

Alx Sanchez

Ray Sanchez

Major Project

Chris Wilson

Mediation

Dick Parker PER

Membership/Lapsation

Phil Daughton PER

Menudo Club

John Silva

Linda Silva

Mother's Day

Phil Daughton PER

Orientation

Phil Daughton PER

Officer's Parade Wagon

Matt DePhillips

Presiding Justice of Subordinate Forum

TBD

Promotions & Marketing

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Ritualistic

Bryan Feldpouch PER

Safety

Wes Brown PER

Scholarships

Eva Macias

Serving Team Captains

Linda Claborn

Linda Silva

Matt Rodriguez

Set-up/Lunch Waiters

Mary Lou Miranda

Sickness & Distress

Dave Clark

Soccer Shoot

Eddie Navarro

Social & Community Welfare

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Sportsman Committee

Joe Tuttobene

Standing Relief

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Student of the Month

Eva Macias

Touring Elks

Gary Gross

Travelers

Steve McGehee

Veteran's Services

Timothy Reynolds

VIP Visitation Protocol

ALL LODGE OFFICERS

Wood Crew

Norm McDonald PER

Youth Activities

Jeremy Foreman PER

Thank You!

On behalf of the Officers and Members we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to

Wes and Liz Brown

Exalted Ruler and First Lady

2020-2021, 2021-2022

Your leadership these past two years has kept that light shining at the end of the tunnel.

Mother's Day

Champagne Brunch

Join Us

Sunday, May 8, 2022

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Menu

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*Student of the Month Chairman Eva Macias and Exalted Ruler Wes Brown present Student of the Month Awards to (left to right) **Dylan Michael Felix** and **Arely Esparza** Students of the Month*

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Dylan Michael Felix from Orcutt Academy High School has a 4.44 GPA and is 15th of 138, has 153 Service Hours and completed 3 Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

His Awards include: Varsity Letter in Cross Country and Track, Orcutt Academy High School 4.0 Honor Roll.

Dylan's Activities include: Cross Country Team Captain; Orcutt Academy ASB; National Honor Society; and CSF.

His Community Involvement and Service: St Louis de Montfort Youth Ministry and Community Service Projects; Rotary Club of Nipomo.

Arely Esparza from Pioneer Valley High School has a 4.42 GPA and is Ranked 10th of 712, has 261 Service Hours and completed 5 Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

Her Awards include: California Scholarship Federation and Quest Bridge College Prep Scholar Award.

Her Activities include: AVID Student (Advancement Via Individual Determination); Santa Maria Public Library volunteer, Future Business Leaders of America; National Honors Society; Key Club; Link Crew; Marian Medical Center volunteer.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW LODGE CHAPLAIN MARTY DURRETT, PER

I taught in Bakersfield for 34 years--all grades, and combinations of grades, one through six. Every year with my students was my favorite year! I also worked in the curriculum office and held administrative positions. After my retirement, traveling was a wonderful experience—an African safari; touring China; seeing Europe and taking cruises.

During the time I lived in Paso Robles, I ran the Senior Center and was a Chaplain at Twin Cities hospital for a while. Quilting became my hobby and I've always been an avid reader.

I feel blessed to be an Elk and a Member of Santa Maria Lodge #1538. I look forward to a fabulous year!



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Tony Dart PER



20 YEAR PINS

Presented by
Tony Campas PER



25 YEAR PINS

Presented by
Myrl Wallace PER



30 YEAR PINS

Presented by
Barry Stewart PER



35 YEAR PINS

Presented by
Willie Moore PER



40 YEAR PINS

Presented by
Tommy Gee PER



45 YEAR PINS

Presented by
Don Moshier PER



50 YEAR & LIFE PINS

Presented by
Keith Barks PER



55 YEAR PINS

Presented by
John Mascarenas PER



70 YEAR PINS

Presented by
John Mascarenas PER



In Memoriam

"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"

AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORSAKEN.

#9250 Mike Furtado BORN: January 27, 1957 INITIATED: August 1, 1985 DIED: December 4, 2021

#12617 Gary Stanley BORN: February 28, 1948 INITIATED: April 28, 1987 DIED: February 9, 2022

#7777 Daniel D Blough BORN: July 21, 1953 INITIATED: February 22, 1979 DIED: February 19, 2022

#14113 Christopher Weaklim BORN: June 7, 1951 INITIATED: March 19, 2009 DIED: January 26, 2022

#7035 Bob Kolasinski, Past Elk of the Year BORN: December 25, 1937 INITIATED: March 25, 1976 DIED: February 28, 2022

#14612 Don Hallwachs BORN: November 18, 1930 INITIATED: November 1, 1997 DIED: February 8, 2022

#101925 Robert Schwarzkopf BORN: July 19, 1940 INITIATED: December 1, 1988 DIED: February 11, 2022

79TH ELKS RODEO & PARADE 2ND – 5TH, 2022



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ABOUT SANTA MARIA ELKS RODEO AND PARADE

The Elks Recreation Foundation was established in 1943 when it held its first fundraising event, a dance at the Veteran's Memorial Building. They used the funds raised from that event to stage the first Elks Rodeo in 1944. The initial two-day event was preceded each day by a mounted parade from the Vet's Memorial Building to the Santa Maria Fairgrounds. The first Rodeo netted Elks Recreation nearly \$3,000 and a long history of fundraising to support local youth sports and recreation was born. Since that time, over \$14 Million has been distributed to local youth recreation programs through the Annual Elks Rodeo Queen Contest.

HOWDY FOLKS,

Put away those Halloween Masks, take down the Christmas lights and ornaments. It's time to dust off the saddle, put on your spurs and stack up those bales of hay. That's right, you guessed it, IT'S RODEO TIME!!!! But how can that be? We just put all the 2021 rodeo stuff away and here we are again.

Yes, the past several months since our September Santa Maria Elks Rodeo seems to have been like that. It's been a little hectic, but once again it's time to get ready for another World-Class Rodeo Season. The season always starts with the prep work for the Queen Contest. We had our first breakfast meeting where we met this year's candidates and Queen Contest Committees. Unfortunately we will not be hosting our Annual Beard-A-Reno contest. Due to concerns regarding bus transportation and Covid requirements, we felt it best to pass on our beloved Minetti Mini-Rodeo as well. Though disappointing, we look forward to their return next year!

Things are falling into place on this year's performance that will be held June 2nd-5th. As promised we expect another World Class show! For more information please visit our website. We have a lot of work ahead of us, and a First Class Rodeo like ours requires a lot of volunteers. If you have special skills and would like to volunteer please let us know. If not, don't dismay, I am certain we will be able to find an area that you may help with. We invite you to be part of the fun, meet new people, and enjoy volunteering for this great community event.

See you out there,
Peter Sterling
President
Elks Recreation, Inc.

ELKS WRANGLER KIDS STICK HORSE RACE

Our presenting sponsor, Santa Maria Pediatric Dental Group, invites all children between the ages of 4-5 to try their hand at some rodeo action by participating in the Wrangler Stick Horse Race in the Rodeo Arena prior to the start of the PRCA Rodeo performance on all four days of the 2022 Elks Rodeo.

Sixty riders will be chosen overall, with 15 competing each day. All participants will receive a "goodie" bag and two General Admission Rodeo tickets (1 adult and 1 child) for the day the child is competing.

Contestants will be given a number that they must wear to gain entry into the arena. All contestants will be allowed one person inside the arena to assist with their ride. There is no charge to enter the race.

Entries will be accepted Monday, March 21st through Friday, May 13th at 5:00pm. To enter, download the application from elksrec.com and return it to Santa Maria Pediatric Dental Group during regular office hours at 570 East Betteravia Road, Suite "C" or call (805) 922-2888 for more details.

MUTTON BUSTIN'

Local kids have a unique opportunity to try their hands at some real rodeo action, riding a mutton (sheep) in the Rodeo Arena. The event is open to all children ages 5 to 7, weighing under 60 pounds. Each chosen contestant will have a chance to perform in the event during the four days of Rodeo fun. Each contestant will receive a goodie bag of gifts and the daily winner will receive a custom-made silver buckle compliments of the Tri Valley RC Modelers. Entries for this year's Mutton Bustin' Event sponsored by CoastHills Credit Union and Justin

Boots are available on our website or at the Elks Rodeo Office from Monday, March 21st through Friday, April 8th at 5:00pm. Sixty names will be drawn from those entries received and entrants need not be present for the draw. There is no charge to sign up for the drawing. Children who are chosen will be required to pay a \$50.00 registration fee, show proof of age, proof of medical insurance, and complete a registration form at the Elks Rodeo Office.

79TH ELKS RODEO & PARADE EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 16	Queen Kickoff	5:00 p.m. No Host 6:00 p.m. Dinner	Elks Lodge
Wednesday, June 1	Rodeo Meet - N - Greet	5:00 p.m.	SM Chrysler
Thursday, June 2	1st PRCA Rodeo Performance (Gates 5:00 p.m.)	7:00 p.m.	Event Center
Thursday, June 2	Rodeo Dance	9:00 p.m.	Event Center
Friday, June 3	2nd PRCA Rodeo Performance (Gates 5:00 p.m.)	7:00 p.m.	Event Center
Friday, June 3	Rodeo Dance	9:00 p.m.	Event Center
Saturday, June 4	Rodeo Parade	9:00 a.m.	S. Broadway
Saturday, June 4	Cowboy Up Casino	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Event Center
Saturday, June 4	3rd PRCA Rodeo Performance (Gates 4:00 p.m.)	6:00 p.m.	Event Center
Saturday, June 4	Rodeo Dance	8:00 p.m.	Event Center
Sunday, June 5	Cowboy Church with Coy Huffman	10:00 a.m.	Event Center
Sunday, June 5	4th PRCA Rodeo Performance (Gates Noon)	2:00 p.m.	Event Center

2022 ELKS RODEO PARADE AND QUEEN KICKOFF

The 79th Annual Elks Rodeo and Parade is just around the corner and local nonprofit organizations are gearing up in a big way for this year's Elks Rodeo Queen Contest.

At press-time there are three organizations blanketing our community with fundraisers for youth recreation programs: Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe, St. Joseph's High School and NSBC United Way.

The 2022 Elks Rodeo Queen Candidates will celebrate their campaigns on Saturday, April 16 at the time-honored tradition of the Queen Kickoff and Auction Dinner held at the Santa Maria Elks

Lodge. The Elks Rodeo Queen Kickoff Dinner and Auction marks the official start of the 2022 Elks Rodeo season.

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

Tickets are just \$30.00 and are available at the Elks Recreation, Inc. Office

SANTA MARIA ELKS TEAM ROPING

The Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Office is accepting entries for the Elks Team Roping Event from Monday, March 21st through Friday, May 6th at 5:00 pm. Entry forms are available on our website or at the Elks Rodeo Office. Entrants are required to show a current Elks Membership card from one of the West Central Coast Elks Lodges. Both team members must sign a release of liability. The entry fee is \$200.00 per team. Entries

are limited to two Elks Members or a Member with their wife and or child or grandchild, age 18 or younger. Any Elk Heeler, fifty-five or older, can tie on. PRCA and Elks Team Ropers may only compete in one of the team roping events – NOT BOTH, unless they are a PRCA Gold Card Holder.

Entrants will compete for \$1,000.00 added purse money and awards.

SANTA MARIA ELKS RODEO SPONSOR FLAG TRYOUTS

Sunday – April 10th

Sponsor flags play an important role during our rodeo to recognize our local and national sponsors. For anyone interested in carrying a flag for our 79th Annual Elks Rodeo and Parade tryouts are scheduled for Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at the Elks Event Center. This will be a ONE TIME SESSION. You must tryout on the horse you will ride at the Rodeo.

You will be judged on your horsemanship, arena procedures, personal appearance, personality and an overall combination. Pre-registration is required. For further information call the Sponsor Flag Chairman Jeanette Veino at (805) 929-5784.

ELKS RODEO QUEEN CANDIDATE BIOS



Rylie Halsell

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Hi! My name is Rylie Halsell and am excited to be the 2022 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Queen Candidate representing St. Joseph High School! I am currently a

Senior at St. Joe's and have really enjoyed my time there furthering my faith, relationships, and education. Raising money for the scholarship fund at SJHS is a cause near to my heart because my dad and his siblings were only able to attend with the help of the Saint Joseph community.

In my free time I enjoy riding my horse, Beau Jangles. I am a member of the California Gymkhana Association, Orcutt Hill 4-H, and ridden on the Rodeo Sponsor Flag Team. I have volunteered for many organizations, but the one that had the most impact

on me is the Golden Circle of Champions for Pediatric Cancer. I volunteered at the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo event and had the pleasure of attending the National Finals Rodeo in December as a chaperon for one of the children and their family. It was a truly life changing experience, especially considering my younger brother, Logan, had recently been diagnosed with Leukemia. I plan on staying an active member for years to come.

I am grateful for the support from my parents, three brothers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and many cousins, and the best group of friends that a girl could ask for.

After graduating I will be attending the University of Montana Western as a member of their horsemanship program. I plan on double majoring in Natural Horsemanship Management and Business with hopes of one day owning my own business in the equine industry.



Ashley Palin

RIGHETTI HIGH SCHOOL

Hello! My name is Ashley Palin and I am this year's Northern Santa Barbara County United Way's Elks Rodeo Queen Candidate.

I am currently a senior at

Righetti high school and an active member of my school's FFA chapter. Some of my main interests within the program are public speaking, judging teams, meeting new friends and raising animals. I have raised animals for the Santa Barbara County fair since I was six years old, and this year I will be showing my own goat as well as mentoring a child for the Warrior Goat Program, where we assist children with special needs in showing a goat at our County Fair.

Next year I plan to begin my studies at Allan Hancock College

in order to become a veterinary technician, then transfer to a university. My heart is with the animals and our community, which is why I have chosen to donate a portion of the money fundraised this year to providing support animals for local veterans. I am also actively involved in the Golden Circle of Champions, which is an organization that raises money for pediatric cancer patients. We have been able to provide support to dozens of local families over the past few years. We also take a group of children and their families to the NFR every December, where they are paired with a professional cowboy and watch the rodeo.

I am extremely honored to represent NSBC United Way this year. Providing community support is one of my many passions, and I know the next few months will have many great opportunities in store for this organization!



Primavera Rosales

RIGHETTI HIGH SCHOOL

My name is Primavera Rosales and currently a sophomore at Righetti High School. Born in San Luis

Obispo and raised in Santa Maria, I am honored to be representing the Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe as their 2022 Elks Rodeo Queen Candidate. I am beyond grateful and eager to begin working with Guadalupe's organization to serve and support others in our community.

I am very passionate about helping others, and I will continue to do so throughout my future career as I plan on using my scholarship on medical school to pursue a career as a psychiatrist. As a 15-year-old, that is a challenging ambition, but thankfully I have amazing support. Thank you to my encouraging family, and most importantly, my beautiful and admirable mom, Sandy Soria who taught me that supporting others is important and very rewarding.

Prior to COVID, I was Cheer Captain, Associated Student Body (ASB) President, and involved in Theater, 4-H, Ambassador of

California's For All, and completed hours of community service assisting with past Elks Rodeo Queen Campaigns. Some of my interests include psychology, writing, modeling, travel, and dance, which I hope to share and incorporate throughout my campaign.

I feel thrilled to begin this experience. I am ready to learn, grow, and improve myself and my soft skills as well as create friendships, assist our community, and become more involved with the Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe. I am also proud to represent my Latin community, as a fully bilingual Latina. My main goal is to reestablish a successful and beneficial campaign for the sake of our community and our mission.



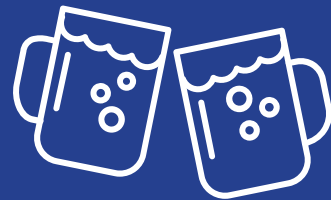
Citizen & Student of the Year Banquet

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Bar: 6:00 pm | BBQ Beef served 7:00 pm

Come and support the Students that will be honored and the Elks Citizen of the Year

\$15 per person - Reservations are required
Please call the Office at (805) 922-1538



We are all aware the cost of everything is going up including food and drink, and our Lodge is no exception. To cover the costs of the rising alcohol and beer prices, we will be increasing all our beverage prices starting April 1st. I thank you for your understanding and support.

John Maretti
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