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MATT RODRIGUEZ, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

MAY 2022

EXALTED RULER Walt Radriguez

stay tuned.

There is no turning back now, here we go onto the second month already, we have started out with a good show of support thus far, let us keep it coming. We all know we can do whatever we put our minds to if we leave the negativity on the side of the road and keep the positivity fueling us. This is



going to be another good year for our Lodge and its Members. As it has been in the past, the Elks have always continued to show support for the different organizations in the community, we will continue to reach out and help as needed. This year on May 22nd the Lodge will provide the location for the Elks Rodeo Queen candidates joint BBQ, they will each have tickets on sale with proceeds going to their organization, they will disperse the food out of our back yard. We will also have a raffle drawing on the 27th at our CYO to highlight the Queens before Rodeo, on both days we will have all three candidates here at the same time, this will be exciting. Put these days on your calendar and support them. We will have other community events coming this year, so

I want you all to know that all your challenging work and efforts as volunteers does not go unnoticed, you may at times think is it worth it? What we as Elks volunteers do here and for the community shows what we are made of the integrity and determination is what keeps us the talk of the town. I would like to hear from those who told me they would like to get more involved, get with me and let's get you rolling with a committee or project. AnnMarie and I are continuing with our serve team and Rodeo committee, so we need you to jump in and give us a hand. You are all appreciated, you are the fuel that keeps us rolling.

"May God be with us Always"

Fraternally, Matt Rodriguez **Exalted Ruler**

2022-2023 ELK YEAR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS









Mother's Day Champagne Brunch

Sunday, May 8, 2022 9:00 am - 12:00 pm MOTHER OF AN ELK MEMBER EATS FREE

\$15 - ADULTS, \$7 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER (MUST SHOW MEMBERSHIP CARD)

Menu

Ham or Sausage SCRAMBLED EGGS **COUNTRY POTATOES BISCUITS & GRAVY** FRUIT SALAD Coffee or Tea ORANGE JUICE CHAMPAGNE

All American Lodge

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MEMBERS!

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CAR SHOW MEETING

Monday May 9th at 7:00 pm at the Lodge 26th Annual Car show Saturday June 25th, 7:00 am-3:00 pm

Contact Gerry Simas 805-934-1717 for car show entry (805) 922-1538.

Exalted Ruler and First lady Thanks you all

THE INAUGURAL BALL WAS A GREAT EVENT.

AnnMarie and I would like to thank everyone, we want you to know we are so grateful for your time and efforts in making this a special day for all. The decorations in each room were over the top, the food was well received and raved about. All who attended are still raving about it, this was a good way to start off a new year.

Santa Maria Elks #1538 We are Family

MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG DONATION

John Wells
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Bryan Feldpouch
Troy Wing
Clarence Nash
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for you, don't
stop and ask,
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ELKS B WLING LEAGUE

Team 1, Beth and Ryan Mikus, Jerry Cornell, and Greg Dominguez continue rocking in FIRST place with a SENSATIONAL 35 wins and just 9 loss record! In Team High Series, Team 2. Tami Baty, David Adams, Ashley Kelley, and Odis Walton lead with a SPLENDID 2901 series! In Team High Game, Team 1, Kelly Kish, Shelley Glover, Scott Daniels, and Annette Slack have taken the lead with a SWELL 1048 game! In Men High Series, Rance Lewis continues leading with a SUPERIOR 790 and in Men's High Game, Mike Head leads with a SUBLIME 316 game! In Ladies High Series, Debbie Johnson continues leading with a SUPERLATIVE 785 and in Ladies High Game Bev Klein had a STELLAR 311 game! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The following bowlers bowled a 200 or higher game or 600 or higher series: David Adams – 210, Johnny Anguijo – 234/647, Tami Baty – 228, Randy Blankenship – 243/627, Jerry Cornell – 208, Scott Daniels – 236, James Franklin – 214, Larry Galaites – 228, Kelly Kish – 266/729, Tom Klein – 242, Rance Lewis – 245, Lee McClatchey – 201, Beth Mikas – 246/709, Donna Ryczek – 220, and Belinda Thomas – 222 and Odis Walton - 206! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Jokes of the Month:

Man asked me how much my car was worth. I replied, "Depends how much gas is in the tank!"

Old is when your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you are barefoot....

Advice for men: Never laugh at your wife's decisions. YOU are one of them!

Mike Kenderes Bowling Chairman



CHARITY LEADING KAIGHT astellanos



Members,

We have officially entered into another Elk year and with that comes new opportunities to better our Lodge. This of course is an aspiration that

all of us wish for at the start of every year. As a Lodge, and from my perspective, we have come far from when I first became a Member. This was facilitated in large part by the hard work and groundwork laid by our past/present Members which is evident by the amount of community influence and charitable contributions made since we became a Chartered Lodge in the Order. Charity is the cornerstone of every Elk structure as well as the highest virtue of every Elk creed and is the motto of the Leading Knight's station. As I reflect on how this Lodge embodies and brings this virtue to life daily, I am inspired to help contribute to its growth and sustainment. Charity is the highest form of Love that manifests itself when one chooses to act in an unselfish manner.

Our main charitable arm is the Elks National Foundation Inc. (ENF) that serves as a shining beacon of this virtue - striving to give back to every community by supporting many projects and programs ranging from scholarships, veteran assistance, and the drug awareness / prevention program for our youth, just to mention a few. Members can contribute in several ways to help the ENF continue to do the great work they have set out to achieve. A great way to help is to join me in becoming a Fidelity Club Member which is made up of Members who choose to make a donation of their choice which is automatically withdrawn monthly from either a checking or credit card. To become a Member of our Lodge Fidelity Club, which as of today is only comprised of 12 out of an over 3100 Member Lodge, just commit to minimum of \$5 a month (\$60/ year). My wish is that bringing a light on this program will inspire anyone that can to join and contribute. I would love to answer any question anyone may have about this subject.

If you would like to join Fidelity Club,

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JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT Janes



In my new position as the Esteemed Loyal Knight, my duty is to Exemplify the Cardinal Principe of Justice, who's emblem is the Open Bible.

So what do Justice and the Open Bible represent within the Lodge and to my station? First and foremost, as far as religion goes, we question no one's religion, nor do we exclude anyone because of creed, race ethnicity, educational, vocation, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical stature. We measure character by what one is and does, not by titles or positions. We do not seek to impose different beliefs in place of personal commitments to God, Family and Country, nor do we ask anyone to act in any manner contrary to the dictates of conscience. We do not permit religious or political differences to intrude into organizational considerations at the local, district, state, or national levels. Therefore, we use the Bible as a symbol of fairness and justice within the

In addition, we seek to bring into our Order only those who delight in wholesome associations with true and faithful Elks. Only persons who possess a deep sense of patriotism, fairplay, and dedication to noble causes. Persons who find the fulfillment of their existence in service to humanity, in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, aiding those in distress--proving themselves to be true friends to all in need.

Further, as a nation-wide community service organization, we love

Our Country and desire to preserve its cherished institutions, traditions, and values. We respect our neighbors and constantly seek to promote their well-being. We believe that enjoyment in life is increased by sharing it with family, friends, and all with whom we come in contact.

This is what Justice and the Open Bible represent to my station - the Esteemed Loyal Knight. I hope you all continue to embrace cardinal principles of our order - Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

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

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNICHT Biely



Members,

Rodeo is fast approaching. Where are you volunteering? Elks Rec needs your support at every level. Nobody will be denied the opportunity to get his or her hands dirty doing a multitude

of jobs at the rodeo grounds. Good people doing demanding work and having a fun time - What could be better? Contact the Elks Rec office to get a schedule for workdays and come on out.

Our three Queen Candidates also need your help by volunteering or donating. Time and money, it is what we all need, right? These three young ladies and their sponsoring organizations have a tough job to accomplish in a brief period. Our support and respect should be given to them freely. How are you going to be involved?

On a different note, but dealing with respect, each Member of our Lodge was granted Membership because existing Members thought enough of them that they were invited to join this Benevolent Organization. It is a Private Club with a select Membership. There should be a feeling of pride in being part of such an excellent group of people working toward a common goal of helping others. Recently, there have been incidents where Members, or their guests, have displayed a cavalier attitude towards respect to our building, our rules, and Members. This conduct and or attitude of disrespect cannot endure. This is your club, treat it with respect. Remember also, you are responsible for the conduct of your guests. You should advise them of the appropriate dress code or risk being turned away at the door. Save the potential embarrassment from happening to you.

I look forward to seeing each of you at a Lodge meeting where you too, could win the \$500 attendance drawing, as I did recently!

Fraternally, **Chuck Biely** Esteemed Lecturing Knight



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

2021-2022 Elk Year is behind us now and we can now gear up to make the 2022-2023 year just as great of a year, or better, as far as Membership. Last year the Lodge started with a Membership of 3,051 members, as the year progressed, we

initiated 224 new Members had 18 transfers into our Lodge and 36 reinstated for a total of 278 new Members last year. Unfortunately, we had 49 brothers and sisters depart us the death. 15 Members transferred out of our Lodge and 9

through death, 15 Members transferred out of our Lodge and 9 Members took an absolute demit and 62 Members were dropped for non-payment of their dues.

The final Membership total for last year ended up with a

total of 3,194 Members a PLUS of 143 Members!

If you know of a Member that was dropped for non-payment and they want to reinstate have them contact the office; they have several options for reinstatement. Continue to invite your friends and family to become Members of this great organization.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office for anything you might need, Kim, Julie, Faith, Janet, and myself are all here to help the Membership. Let's have a Great 2022-2023 Elk Year.

Phil Daighton, PAVP, PER Lodge Secretary

SANTA MARIA ELKS GOLF CLUB

The Elks Golf Club traveled to Paso Robles on the 14th of March to kick off our 2022 season. We had a great turnout with 44 players and were welcomed with great weather and a golf course that was in excellent condition.

In the competition for closest to pin on hole #4, Steve Clark conquered the field putting his tee shot 30 3/4 inches. Mick Towle was the closest on hole #17 with a shot of 5'2". In the gross competition it was dominated by two of our newest members. Alfonso Vargas shot a 78 to claim low gross and Mike Zubiri shot a 79 to take home 2nd low gross. The net competition was heavily contested with 3 players being within one stroke of each other. Steve Salazar shot a net 70 to win low net with Wayne Brown and Jeff Balvanz tying with a score of 71. Wayne Brown prevailed in the tie breaker claiming 2nd low net. In the 4- person 2 best ball team format the team of Alfonso Vargas, Wayne Brown, Chip Guthrie, and Robin was victorious with a score of 123. Coming in 2nd was the team of Danny Landrum,

Our schedule for 2022:

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

Sandy Landrum, Daniel Troup, and Chino Vasquez with a score of 126. A card off was needed to break the tie for 3rd place between two teams both shooting 131. The team of Mike Zubiri, Brandon Bakke, Jay Mahfood, and Adolfo Vargas prevailed to take 3rd place. The team of Dean Reece, Steve Salazar, Paul Feeley, and Gary Cromp claimed 4th place.

We will be traveling to Santa Barbara to play the Santa Barbara Golf Club on the 19th of April. We currently have 74 members and would welcome anyone that enjoys competition, socializing, making new friends, and playing different courses.

Fernie Tarango, President

LEADING KNIGHT, CONTINUED

please visit https://www.elks.org/enf/FidelityClub.cfm or visit us at the Lodge for guidance (and an ENF Membership card sticker). I thank you for any consideration and hope some of you find it to join.

#RoadToFidelity

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

LODGE ACTIVITIES



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents an Elk of the Month plaque to Ray Sanchez for August 2021



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents an Officer of the Year plaque to Lecturing Knight Steve Jones



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents an Elk of the Month plaque to Greg Rodriguez for February



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents a Grand Lodge Special Citation to Don Moshier PER

LODGE ACTIVITIES



Lecturing Knight Steve Jones is welcomed by the Past Officers of the Year



Bingo Kitchen workers presents a donation to the Kaddidlehoppers Clown committee



Elks Rec presents a donation to P.L.A.Y. (People for Leisure and Youth)



Secretary Phil Daighton presents letters and pins from the Grand Exalted Ruler to Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez and Loyal Knight Steve Jones for sponsoring 3 or more Members



Secretary Phil Daighton presents letters and pins from the Grand Exalted Ruler to Jorge Felix for sponsoring 6 or more Members



Treasurer Liz Brown presents a \$500 attendance drawing check to Lecturing Knight Chuck Bielv



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents an Elk of the Month plaque to Al Torres for November 2021



Newly Installed Antler Offers (from left to right):

Wyatt Wonnell Chaplain President Tab Miller Treasurer Jenna Arguijo Inner Guard Bobby Jackson Secretary Serena Hernandez



Exalted Ruler Wes Brown presents an Elk of the Month plaque to Jean Morse for October 2021



Treasurer Chuck Biely presents a \$500 Attendance Check to Kirk Murdock

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Secretary Phil Daighton presents a Grand Lodge "Making A Difference" Special Citation to Exalted Ruler Wes Brown























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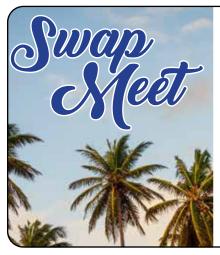












MAY 15, 2022 7AM - 2 PM

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1309 N BRADLEY ROAD, SANTA MARIA

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2022-2023 ELK YEAR INAUGURAL BALL

































2022-2023 ELK YEAR INAUGURAL BALL



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez and Student of the Month Chairman Eva Macias present Student of the Month check to Elizabeth Garcia Barrueta

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Elizabeth Garcia Barrueta from Santa Maria High School has a 4.48 GPA and is Ranked 2nd of 724 and has 464 Service Hours. She has completed Honors classes, 4 AP classes and 3 classes at Allan Hancock College

Her Awards include Academic Excellence and EAOP A-G On Track.

Activities include Mayor's Task Force, Secretary of Los Compadres, Secretary of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Close Washington, California Scholarship Federation, and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID).

Her Community Involvement and Service: Marian Medical Regional Hospital, tutoring other AVID Students, Central Coast Air fest, Open Streets, Veteran's Hall Food Pantry, Day of the Dead, and Walk to End Alzheimer's.





BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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If you don't apply we don't know you want to go.

For details go to www.HonorFlightCCC.org or contact Santa Maria Elk and Santa Barbara County Liaison Jay A. Conner, Army Veteran 1966-1968

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AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORSAKEN.

#10932 Albert Vega BORN: September 17, 1925 INITIATED: February 15, 1977 DIED: October 24, 2021

#7035 Robert "Bob" Kolasinski BORN: December 25, 1937 INITIATED: March 25, 1976 DIED: February 28, 2022

#9204 Thomas Davis BORN: May 16, 1933 INITIATED: June 27, 1978 DIED: March 2, 2022

#9094 Robert Ontiveros BORN: March 1, 1957 INITIATED: December 6, 1984 DIED: March 12, 2022

#14381 Frank Marez BORN: July 6, 1956 INITIATED: December 2, 2010 DIED: March 21, 2022



TRAVELEERS

Although this Traveleers' news contributor to the Elks Horn has been sidelined for a few months (knee replacement), the fun-filled camping trips that the Traveleers have undertaken have by no means been interrupted: The Traveleers have camped at the Valencia Travel Village (October), Morro Dunes RV Park (November), Pacific Dunes RV Park in Oceano (December) and Yanks RV Resort in Greenfield in January (thank you Steve for filling in the Yanks Campout below for me).

The Yanks RV Resort was the destination for the 'Traveleers' first campout of the new year on January 13-16, 2022 with a great turnout of Members – 13 rigs and June Pusley invited a guest, Terrie Eskew, who joined our group that weekend. Welcome to our group Terrie. On Thursday evening we usually all go out to dinner at a local restaurant, but Chuck & Linda Glines graciously made both beef & chicken stews, along with bread made by Bob & Joyce Turner, which was plenty hearty and much appreciated. On Friday morning Mark & Toni Brown served us "Omelet in a Bag" for breakfast with lots of add-ins. This was a first for some of us and I must say it was delicious. Also, on Friday the Turner's sponsored for the first time a game of "Bunco" - we had 16 participants and all had a fun time. On Saturday morning Tom Simas, Richard Chrisman and Ed Hawes made us all a wonderful breakfast. And I must say with 'Lots of Bacon.' During our business meeting on Saturday, we had a collection for ENF, and a raffle, a champagne toast hosted by Hal Ulmer and Patsy Moreau for a "celebration of life." Thank you, Hal, and Patsy, for the bubbly. At the conclusion of the "official" campout on Sunday morning, Tom Simas's crew astonished us once more with a hearty breakfast just before departing. I want to send out a Big Thank you to all who prepared meals for us that weekend. As well, I would like to thank all the Members that attended in making this weekend a successful and wonderful campout.

In February, the Traveleers were off to Casa de Fruta Orchard Resort in Hollister from the 17th - 20th. Casa de Fruta Resort was one of the furthest destinations that the group has traveled in a while at over 200 miles, but the traffic was mostly light, and the venue was well worth the trip. Thursday evening's meal was at a local restaurant, aptly named "Casa de Fruta," which was also conveniently located next to the RV park. Friday morning found five of our usual golfers venturing out to play golf. However, it turned-out to be a real "adventure" – or more accurately a remake of a "Laurel and Hardy" movie. First off, it took the group quite a while to even find the course and things only went downhill from there. It was so bad that they found themselves driving their golf

carts through a housing tract looking for hole #8. They finally stopped to ask directions (real men never do that!) from another golfer, who said they missed a turn a block back. They finally got back on the course, but never did find the 8th hole. They played the 9th hole, and called it a day, declaring Hal Ulmer the winner (the other players preferred to remain anonymous), and headed back to camp. Meanwhile, back at the campgrounds, Joyce Turner ran the Bunco game during the early afternoon and those not playing were mostly kicking-back, enjoying the weather until the potluck dinner that evening. Due to COVID concerns, we did not have access to the park's clubhouse, so instead we gathered outside one of our rigs and set-up a chow-line. As usual, great food was provided by the Members and again, as usual, no one went away hungry. Saturday's mid-day champaign toast was in honor of Carol and Jobie Steigler's 58th anniversary, who also provided the libations – thank you Steiglers, and Congratulations. Also celebrated during this campout was Bob Turner's birthday – Happy Birthday Bob! Following a "finger food" lunch at noon, the monthly Membership meeting took place and during the meeting a collection for ENF was conducted and a raffle was held, the raffle proceeds going to the group's operating expenses. That evenings' activities included a cook-yourown dinner, with our BBQ crew Chuck Glines, Jobie Steigler, and Randy Bisho. A few of our Members decided to stay over at the RV park for another day, but prior to the departure of most of us on Sunday, Bob and Joyce Turner served an excellent breakfast for everyone to enjoy -- it was much appreciated.

Once again, the trip was a success and enjoyed by all.

Upcoming Campouts:

May 19 - 22 Paso Robles RV Ranch June 9 - 12 Atascadero Elks Lodge July 7 – 10 Pacific Dunes RV Resort



As always, if you have access to an RV and are interested in group campouts, then send our Membership volunteer, Lucy Fetzko, an email (lkfetzlc@gmail.com) for an invite to join with us as a guest for one of our next trips.

Alan Munch Asst. Wagon Master

DINNERS AND FOODBANK UPDATE

From April 2, 2020 to March 31, 2022

Dash and Dine Meals made 41,600 Meals donated 3,147

FOODBANK

Bags given out 45,348
Pounds of food given out 1,179,346 pounds
Families served 22,699
Individuals served 66,467

79TH Elks Rodeo & Parade 2nd - 5Th, 2022







For Further Information and Forms: Elks Rodeo Office 2325 Skyway Dr., Suite H Santa Maria 805-925-4125 FAX: 805-925-4578 website: elksrec.com email: elksrodeo@elksrec.com

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 Vets 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 RODEO FANS,

Our Santa Maria Elks Rodeo is just around the corner! Time to dust off your boots, get those new pair of Wrangler jeans and Justin boots because this year promises to be another great experience for the entire family!

The Queen Contest is in full swing. This year we have the Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, St. Joseph High School and Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe, all vying for the crown. We invite you to come out and support them while enjoying many of the events each organization has planned. Please check them out on Facebook for their schedules. I am certain you will find something to enjoy!

There is still plenty to do to get ready for Rodeo and we welcome

any and all volunteers to come out to help. Whether your talent is decorating, landscaping, maintenance or general cleaning, we can use your help to make this year's Rodeo another first class event. If you would like to be a member of Team Santa Maria, please call the Rodeo Office at (805) 925-4125.

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

ELKS WRANGLER KIDS STICK HORSE RACE - ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY MAY 13

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 until 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.

JR BREAKAWAY ROPING - ENTRIES TO CLOSE FRIDAY, MAY 6TH

What an amazing opportunity for our youth to participate in the annual rodeo in this new event spreading across the nation. There will be money payouts and a Champion Buckle awarded to the winner

in two separate age divisions: ages 12 and below and ages 13 thru 17. To enter please download the forms at elksrec.com and return with waiver and fees to the Elks Rodeo Office.

SANTA MARIA ELKS TEAM ROPING - ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, MAY 6

The Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Office is accepting entries for the Elks Team Roping Event from Monday, March 21st through Friday, May 6th until 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.



79TH ELKS RODEO & PARADE EVENT SCHEDULE

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

Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Golden Circle of Champions Cowboy-Up Casino Auction & Fundraiser

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 AT THE ELKS EVENT CENTER DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 PM

Santa Maria Elks Rodeo is proud to present one of the most heart-warming events of this year's Rodeo! This event is a fundraiser for the Golden Circle of Champions held in conjunction with the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, to raise awareness and provide funds to give back to our local families who have children battling pediatric cancer. This event will include dinner, auctions and lots of Casino action!

Each year, 25 children and their families are honored during the opening night of the Elks Rodeo. The children attend a dinner at the Rodeo, hosted by the Hitching Post in Casmalia, and get to meet many cowboys and cowgirls. They are then invited to watch the Rodeo from a special section located in the grandstands. Through donations and fundraising efforts, support is provided directly for the families to fulfill their most urgent needs: paying bills, buying medicine and caring for their families.

The children who are selected each year have ranged from age three months to seventeen years of age and have been diagnosed with life-threatening cancer or associated illness. The Cowboy-Up Casino & Auction Fundraiser is the chief fundraising event of the year! Additionally, events include various raffles and auctions. During the Elks Rodeo, there is the annual "Fill The Boot" passing during each performance.

This program started in Santa Maria and now it is with great honor to announce that the mission

of the Golden Circle of Champions has helped in supporting children and their families on a national scale! Since 2018, The Golden Circle of Champions, in conjunction with the Las Vegas Events, Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Red Bluff Round-Up, Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, and Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation, have honored twenty (20) children and their families across the country, all whom are fighting life-threatening cancers or illnesses, during the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

Through this organization, our goal is to bring much needed education and awareness, locally and nationally, and to offer a ray of hope to these children and their families who are navigating through this journey. They desperately need our help as a community. "It is our job to tell their story about pediatric cancer in hopes that one day we

can make a difference", stated Founder Tina Tonascia. We invite you to come together to help support these brave and beautiful children and their families to show them they are not alone, they need to know together we are STRONGER!

For more information please call the Rodeo Office or visit elksrec.com



ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE FOR RYDER

May 9 10:30-3:00 – Santa Maria Elks Lodge in the Bloodmobile

To sign up, please go to donors. vitalant.org enter the Blood Drive Code: K2305 or call 805-542-8500.

May 9th, 2022 will be the 6th Annual Blood Drive in memory of Ryder Taylor-Gheno who was born with two major congenital heart defects (CHD): Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) and Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return (PAPVR). He had major open-heart surgery at only 2 days old that required him to stay in the PICU for the first 7 months of his life. At just 11 months old, Ryder underwent three more open heart surgeries. During all his time at Valley Children's Hospital, Ryder received well over 1 gallon of blood products to keep him alive. Ryder was discharged one month after his fourth open heart surgery -- just in time to celebrate his 1st birthday at home.

He spent five amazing weeks at home, and even attended his first and only Elks Rodeo where he got to meet many of his prayer warriors. Sadly, at only 13 months old, Ryder contracted RSV and quickly lost his battle to CHD.

Because Ryder needed so many blood transfusions during his life, an annual blood drive was started in his name, which occurs on his birthday to keep his memory alive. We honor, remember, and celebrate Ryder on his special day, while giving back to the local blood bank. We also hope that Ryder's annual blood drive will bring awareness to CHD as it is the number one birth defect, occurring in 1 in 100 births.





Touring Elks Motorcycle Raffle Winner Bob Lopez

TOURING ELKS

Spring has sprung, the Easter bunny has scampered away, and the weather is

great for riding your Motorcycles.

With that said, please come out and join us for one of our rides. We typically ride three Sundays

during the month.

Our rides are through the back country avoiding Freeways, etc. There is great scenery, and we normally make them lunch rides, so you have a chance to visit with your fellow riders. Great conversations are had and friendships bloom.

We had our 29th
Annual Bike Raffle
with a BBQ with lots
of great prizes more
than just the top six
higher dollar prizes.
The winner of the 2022
Harley-Davidson Black
Road Glide was Bob Lopez

Road Glide was Bob Lopez and as he doesn't ride sold it to another Member who is enjoying their new ride.

So, husbands, sons

and daughters don't forget to take care of your MOM for Mother's Day! Take her for a ride! We would love to see all who ride at the Lodge come out and join our committee. Our meetings are the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, in the Ladies Bar. Well until next time I hope to see you out riding...

Gary Gross,
Touring Elk President
805-260-5180
TouringElksPrez@gmail.com

Cilizen & 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



COME JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING
FOR THE 2022
ELKS RODEO PARADE?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN LEND A HAND PLEASE CONTACT JAIME FLORES (805) 720-5342

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 Club Manager

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MAY 2022								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1 Committee Chairman Breakfast 10 am Members Bar Open Daily 11:00 am – closing	2 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7 pm Meatloaf	3 Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm Bingo 6:00 pm	4	5 Elks Horn Articles DUE Lodge 7:30 pm	6 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Steppin' Out	7 Bar & Lounge Open 11 am to Closing		
Mothers' Day Brunch 9-12 Bar & Lounge Open 11 am to Closing	BLOOD DRIVE 9 10:30-3:00 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 Family Night 5:30 -7pm BBQ Spare Ribs House Com. 6:30 Car Show Meets 7 pm	Pub Grub 5:00 – 7:00 BINGO 6:00 pm PERA 7:00 pm	Citizen & Student of Year Banquet 6:30 pm	12 Lodge 7:30 pm	CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm Dance to Double Shot	14 Bar & Lounge Open 11 am to Closing		
SWAP MEET 7am - 2pm Bar & Lounge Open 11 am to Closing	16 Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm Chili Relleno	17 Pub Grub 5:00-7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	18	19 Lodge 7:30 pm	20 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm Dance to Ron Miller & Gun Metal Gray	21 Adopt - A-Highway 8:00 am Bar & Lounge Open 11 am to Closing		
22 Bar & Lounge Open 11 am to Closing	Grab'n Go 5:15 Family Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm ½ BBQ Chicken	Pub Grub 5:00-7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm Investigations 6:15 Sportsmen 7 pm	25	26 Food Bank 9'ish Lodge 7:30 pm Balloting	27 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm Dance to Sound Investment	28 Bar & Lounge Open 11 am to Closing		
29 Bar & Lounge Open 11 am to Closing NO Menudo This Month!!	30	Pub Grub 5:00-7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm Touring Elks 7:30 pm	JUNE 1	2 Lodge 7:30 pm	CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 - 8:00 pm	CHECK FOR CURRENT EVENT INFORMATIO LODGE PHONE RECORDED MESS LODGE WEBPAGE, FACEBOO OR INSTAGRAM		

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

Please email all copy to smelkshorn@gmail.com and include your name and phone number. Early entries appreciated.