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MATT RODRIGUEZ, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

JULY 2022

EXALTED RULER

Members, *Matt Rodriguez*
 As we begin July, we celebrate Freedom and Independence in the first week. We often take these words for granted, and we can do that because of those brave soldiers who have put their lives on the line to ensure us our freedoms. To those who have and those who are still fighting for us and to the families of those who have lost their loved ones, we want you to know the sacrifices are not unnoticed. They are always in our thoughts as Loyal Americans.



as they progress into the second day. It is always good to hear the

positive feedback from those behind the scenes as well as those who travel to see the Rodeo. I hope you all know that it has been challenging to not only keep this Rodeo alive but to always keep it a top priority for our community; please show your appreciation to all involved.

I am happy to say "Thank You" to the Elks Rec Staff, Directors, and volunteers for putting on another great Rodeo performance! The time and effort that is dedicated to this event takes a toll on all of those involved. By Thursday they are at their wits end and then Friday morning comes and they can slowly start to breathe

We will be Celebrating 95 Years this July 17th. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more info, as this will be a must-attend event you will not want to miss it. If you want to help, please contact me.

"May God be with us Always"
 Fraternally,
 Matt Rodriguez
 Exalted Ruler

Congratulations to Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez for being awarded "CHEA Ritual Contest All State Exalted Ruler"

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THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS MEMBERS WHO DONATED \$51,631.82 TO OUR MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG. EXALTED RULER MATT RODRIGUEZ'S PRESENTATION AT CHEA CONVENTION BROKE \$4 MILLION IN DONATIONS FOR A FINAL TOTAL OF \$4,497,105.63!



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez announces Santa Maria Lodge Purple Pig donation as Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Grillo applauds and CHEA President Jay Larkins celebrates breaking \$4,000,000!



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez takes a few moments at the CHEA Convention to visit with the CHEMPI Theme Child Penelope



Past Exalted Ruler Bryan Feldpouch is reappointed CHEA Organist

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CRYING TOWEL

May 5	
Debbie Harrington	\$500
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May 19	
No Meeting	
May 26	
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Michael Marasco
 Nadine Novo
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 Mark Zagar
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FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Please bring in a pair of new shoes and/or socks to the Office for the Veterans' Committee to hand out to needy Veterans.



SANTA MARIA ELKS GOLF CLUB

The Elks Golf Club ventured to Rancho Maria on May 18th to test their skills. While our membership has grown to 85 members so has our tournament participation with 52 making the short trip.

The par 3 12th hole was greeted by James Foschaar with a shot of 7'2" good enough to win \$15 for his effort. Adrian Tabaldo hit his shot 8' 3/4" on #9 to win the \$15. Steve Salazar shot a low gross score of 76 to claim the 1st place of \$30. Shooting a gross score of 79 Alfonso Vargas was good enough to claim 2nd low gross and winning \$22. For low net, Felix Contreas had a very good 69 to take home 1st low net and taking home \$30. Robin Porter's 71 took 2nd low net and winning \$22.

In the team competition the team of Mike Jefferis, Jaime Flores, Greg Butler, and Roy Wallace shot 177 winning \$200. Second place of \$180 was the team of Danny Landrum, Sandy Landrum, Joe Schimandle, and Alfonso Vargas with a score of 177. In a card off for 3rd place and winning \$160 was the team of Gary Crompt, Billy Brooks, Jamie Francisco, and Al Holley. Capping off the team competition was the team of Jeff Hillary, Dan Egan, Gary Concellos, and Jack Conway for 4th place money of \$140. We always cap off our

tournaments with a 50/50 raffle. Al Holley's name was the 1st drawn and took home \$80. With the 2nd ticket drawn and winning \$50 was Felix Contreras.

We travelled to Santa Barbara to play Glenn Annie on June 20th.

Upcoming Tournaments:

- La Purisima in Lompoc July 18
- River Course in Solvang August 15
- Sandpiper in Goleta September 13
- Cypress Ridge October 11
- (1st round of our club championship)
- Santa Maria County Club November 9
- (2nd round)

The Mission Club in Lompoc (3rd round of our club championship where we will crown a Gross and Net Club Champion along with tournament prize money)

We are always looking for Members that enjoy the game, socializing, and being around a fun group of people.

Fernie Tarango
 Tournament Chairman

LODGE ACTIVITIES



The Elks Golf Committee donate \$500 to Kent Hill and PER Tony Campas for the Veterans



The Elks Golf Committee donate \$250 to Steven Funkhauser for the Antlers



Past Exalted Ruler Tony Campas Installs Ray Sanchez as Lodge Tiler

CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

Aaron Castellanos



Members,

As finish another amazing Elks Rodeo, a big "Thank You" and Congratulations goes to Tina Tonascia and the Elks Recreation Inc. Team. Each year seems to

surpass the prior and continues to positively spotlight our organization. This brings much pride to our community, a 79 year tradition. The amount of work and detail that goes into putting on an event like this is very demanding and we are all extremely fortunate to have such an amazing team of volunteers who work tirelessly to make it happen year after year. Your support of this event is crucial to its success and aides the organization in its goal of giving back much needed relief to the community we live in. I hope you will continue to support all future events as you have thus far.

Aside from celebrating the success of our rodeo we have another great milestone to celebrate. This year marks the 95th year since our Santa Maria Elks Lodge received its charter in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E) on July 14th, 1927. Our Lodge has strived to remain worthy of such a Membership, ever-guided by the principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity which could have never happened without the support of our Members past and present. The amount of good that we have been able to do should make all of us immensely proud. Together, along with every committee, our Members, and the support of our community, we have been able to give back over 40 million dollars for the betterment of where we call home. There is still much more to give in the years to come.

We hope to see all of you as we throw a big celebration this July 17th here at your Lodge grounds.

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

JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT

Steve Jones



Members,

At last count, we have well over 50 separate committees that include the famous wood crew, the greeters, barbecue teams, table setting and serving crews, CYO crews, Bingo (and the bingo kitchen team).

There is also a motorcycle club, a golf club, a bowling club, the sportsman's club, and the car club. In addition, we have the Antlers, the highway clean-up crew, and we have actual clowns. Did you know that there is a crew that comes into the Lodge every Wednesday just to wrap the baked potatoes for Friday nights? There are so many more that I have not even listed.

I want to take the time to highlight one of the many committees in the Lodge which had dwindled down to just two guys throughout pretty much all of Covid and have only recently acquired some new members; still, their essential job at the Lodge never stopped, never took a week off, and hopefully never will. These two guys, Alx Sanchez and Ray Sanchez, are the Co-chairs of the Photo Committee and have been responsible for almost every photo in the Elks Horn and every photo of every event you have ever gone to. They are there during Lodge meetings, Initiations, special events, New Year's Eve parties, Halloween, Christmas parties, picnics, youth activities, craft shows, swap meets and so much more. Our own personal paparazzi if you will.

They are, as are the rest of the Officers and all other committees' Members, all volunteers who put in their time week after week with little recognition, fame, or thanks, but without them we would be deprived of so much Lodge history and so many wonderful memories.

This month, I offer a very special "Thanks" to everyone who has ever volunteered within the Lodge. Maria and I appreciate you!!!

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

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

Chuck Biely



Members,

Happy Independence Day to you, our Lodge and our Wonderful Country.

Our Exalted Ruler, Matt Rodriguez, is representing us

at the Grand Lodge national convention in Atlanta, Georgia, along with our Leading Knight Aaron Castellanos and Chairman of the Board Wes Brown. With the rest of the California Hawaii Elks Association leadership, our state will be shining.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make our rodeo another in a long string of great successes. It does not happen without your effort, time and dedication to a great tradition in our community. The amount of money raised by the three Queen Candidates as well as the Golden Circle of Champions was amazing. Congratulations to all who participated in the campaigns.

On Sunday, July 17, 2022, we will be celebrating Santa Maria Lodge 1538's 95th birthday as well as the homecoming of Exalted Ruler Matt and First Lady AnnMarie with the festivities on the lawn. All Members and their families are welcome; join us and you might meet new friends and certainly will see old friends. Also, don't forget the Craft Fair on the Lawn. The creativity and imagination displayed is something to behold.

To those of you who do not attend meetings on a regular basis: who cannot set aside one Thursday each month to attend a meeting? A couple of hours are not too much to give in return for your Membership in the Best Lodge in Elksdom. Don't let your name get on the Crying Towel. Come join us at Lodge. Be careful and be safe.

Fraternally,
Chuck Biely
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BRADFORD "BRAD" SMITH



Brad was raised on the family farms in Modesto and graduated from Modesto Junior College, serving as Student Body President, then graduated from the University of San Francisco, majoring in psychology and business. He has received certifications in risk management related programs from U.C. Davis, the Insurance Education Association, and the California Department of Self-Insurance Plans.

He has been married to Agnes for forty-eight years, with son Justin, and granddaughter, Delyla. Brad and Agnes are 35-year members of the Modesto Gourmet Group, and 17-year members with Modesto Elks RV Club and have enjoyed travel across the Americas, Europe, and Asia.

Brad spent 29 years in food industry human resources, safety and risk management, completing his career with 10 years as Merced County Risk Management Director. Brad has served as President and Board Chair of the non-profit Sylvan Improvement Club, President of the Stanislaus County Safety Council, Stanislaus County Personnel Management Council, American Society of Safety Engineers – Stockton Chapter, and the Disability Managers Employer's Coalition. He served on committees for the California Manufacturers' Association, California Self-Insurers' Association, California of League Food Processors (Risk Management Committee Chair), and was a Board Member of the Lincoln Estates Homeowners' Association. He was a member of the California Public Agency Risk Management Association, and on the Board of Directors and

the Underwriting Committee of the California State Association of Counties – Excess Insurance Authority.

Brad has served the Modesto Elks Lodge #1282 in multiple chairs and committees, and was Exalted Ruler for 06-07, 07-08, and 08-09. He has Chaired numerous District Committees, was Central District PER Association President, Auditor to PDDGER, Walt Getz, and is a Ritual Word Judge. He was CHEA Central District AVP in 2010 and DDGER in 2013. He has been appointed Grand Lodge Special Rep twice, and appointed as Lodge Advisor. Brad served as CHEA Mid-Term Conference Chair in 2013 and 2018, CHEA Government Relations Committee Vice Chair 2016. He has been a CHEMPI Trustee, served as Continuing Education Committee Chair, Treasurer, Special Project Chair – Pearl Harbor Improvement Fundraising in 2019, and Trustee Chairman in 2020.

He has participated in all CHEA Conferences and Conventions for the last 15 years, has attended 10 Grand Lodge Conventions since 2005 and served as CHEA First Vice President in 2021-2022.

LOUIS "HENRY" SCHMITZ WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT CHEA VICE PRESIDENT



Louis "Henry" Schmitz was born on April 14, 1981 in Templeton to Louis "Earl" and Kathy Schmitz and has sister Jennifer living in Modesto. Henry was active with community service organizations taking leadership roles from the age of 9 in 4-H and continuing into High School with the Future Farmers of America (FFA) as well as being active in sports as part of a State Championship football team.

After graduating with Honors from Paso Robles High School in 1999, he attended Cal Poly SLO on Scholarships. Before graduating from Cal Poly Henry was recruited by a local ozone water purification company as a mechanical engineer. Over the next 8 years this career took him to many corners of the world, such as China, the Middle East, Europe, and the Caribbean, just to name a few. He is the inventor and co-inventor of many patents. In 2007, in addition to remaining a consultant to his previous company, he decided to start his own plumbing business. Over the last 15 years he has plumbed thousands of new houses, wineries, and businesses throughout California as well as being active in many business-related organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Peoples Self Help Housing.

Brad was initiated into the Paso Robles Elks Lodge #2364 in January of 2015 and became Tiler for 2015-2016. He was awarded Officer of the Year in 2017 as Leading Knight and served as the youngest Exalted Ruler to-date of the Paso Robles Lodge in 2018-

2019. Immediately following his term of Exalted Ruler, he was elected to the Board of Trustees and has served as Chairman. In addition to holding many committee positions and Past Exalted Ruler Association President of the Paso Robles Lodge he has also been very active at the District Level: Vice Chairman of Lodge Activities in 2017-2018, Lodge Activities Chairman 2018-2020, Special Assistant to DDGER Jay Dupler in 2019-2020, Secretary to DDGER Norman "Ed" Martin in 2020-2021, Grants Chairman and Elks National Foundation Vice Chairman in 2020-2022, District Past Exalted Rulers Association Trustee 2021-2023, Esquire to DDGER David Martin in 2021-2022, Ritual contest vice chairman in 2019, 2020 and Ritual Contest Chairman in 2021 during a worldwide pandemic (and having 12 out of 12 Lodges in the District participate safely). Currently he serves proudly as California Hawaii Elks Association Vice President of the West Central Coast District.

HOW TO SANTA MARIA BBQ, CONTINUED....

I have often been asked why our Lodge is so famous for our BBQ meals. As some of you know our Lodge was featured on the internationally-viewed show "Man Fire Food" on the Cooking Channel. We were also featured on a follow up show where the host showcased the 10 best types of food he has enjoyed from the hundreds of places he has eaten. Our Lodge was number five of the ten best steaks he has ever eaten. If you saw the show, as well as the outstanding steaks we beat out, that was pretty impressive. Those shows as well as the many books, magazine articles, and internet shows we have been featured in has increased the interest of why we are so successful.

There are a few reasons. The first is consistency: our Lodge BBQ's the same way today as our early BBQ teams did 80 years ago. The people come here again and again because they know they will get the same great meal they had, even years ago. We have not changed

the seasoning of salt, pepper and granulated garlic. The bean and salsa recipes are still the same. Even the macaroni salad recipe our Lodge uses is loved by many people. There have been attempts by some in our Lodge in the past few years to change the recipes and it did not go well. Some long-time restaurants in the area have closed because they made changes that did not work.

Next is the quality of the food - the Lodge does its best to get good quality beef. We serve a good meal at a good price. One other thing is something you normally do not think about when we talk about our success serving a BBQ meal: Our Hospitality - being friendly and courteous. These are the main reasons that our Lodge is so successful and respected and keeps bringing people back for our great BBQ. Our Lodge BBQ's have been successful for about 80 years, so why would we want to change it?

Wayne Stahl



Past Exalted Ruler Don Moshier Presents \$1000 Scholarship awards to Israel Lozano and Marci Jones

The Santa Maria Past Exalted Ruler Association awarded \$1000 scholarships to Delta High School students: Israel Lozano and Marci Jones.

Israel Lozano is known for his kindness and demanding work. He unanimously won 'Student of the Year' and is well-respected by all Delta staff members. He volunteers as Delta High School's Student Board representative and demonstrates strong leadership as part of the Hope Club. He will be attending

Allan Hancock College and plans to study Graphic Design. He is incredibly grateful for this scholarship and wants to thank the Elks for their generosity and support.

Marci Jones is an all-round accomplished young lady. During her time at Delta, she served in the Hope Club and as a leadership student. A very hardworking individual, she managed to graduate early from Delta and is currently attending Allan Hancock College. When she

has spare time, she enjoys coming back to Delta to help with school events. Marci has gone through some challenging times, so she is very appreciative of this scholarship and will benefit from it.

Thank You to all Members who have supported the PERA Scholarship Fundraisers

Karen Feldpouch, PER
Delta Scholarship
Committee Chair

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In Memoriam

"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"

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

#7035

**Past Elk of the Year
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
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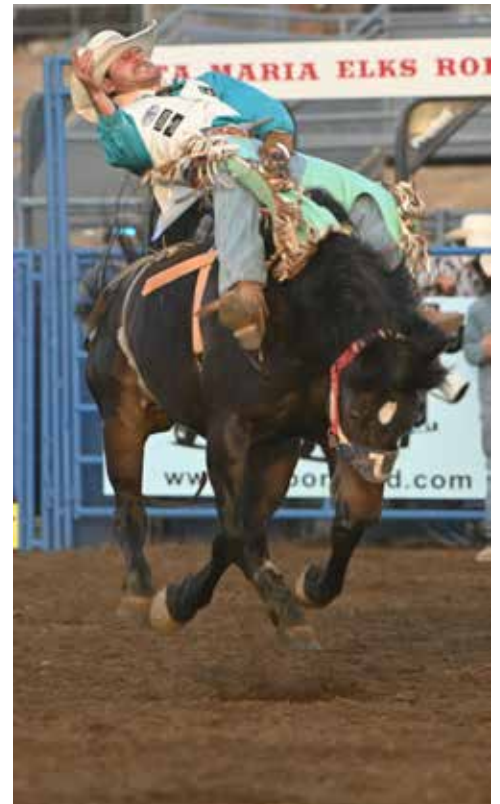
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TRAVELEERS



The Traveleers "circled our wagons" so to speak, at the Paso Robles RV Ranch for our May 19 - 23 campout with 17 rigs and 29 members. The park is a pleasant, family owned and operated business that is always visitor friendly and is one of our favorite locations.

The temperature on arrival day was 97 degrees, so after setting up, many of our group retired to their air conditioned rigs or found a cool shade tree. For dinner we went about 4 miles down the road to the Firestone Walker Brewery. Back at camp, Karen Munch served a dessert of fresh-baked pies topped with ice cream. A fire ring was set out by Alan in a large grassy area near the rigs and everyone congregated there for the balance of the evening.

Friday morning started off with an excellent breakfast prepared by Tom and Adri Simas - Thank-You Tom and Adri. Our golfers headed out to the local links and several of the ladies went shopping and antiquing. The rest just enjoyed the great weather which had cooled appreciably, and a few even took a dip in the RV park's pool. The golf results as reported were quite impressive as Hal Ulmer, Bobby Randolph, Greg Rodrigues, and Joe Steigler all got "pars" – congratulations to all.

Saturday Breakfast was once again hosted by the Simas' (thanks again Tom and Adri). A mid-day champagne toast was hosted by Alan and Karen Munch in honor of Karen's birthday, followed by a nice appetizer lunch. After lunch, the Traveleers' monthly business meeting was conducted in a very nice area with grass and lots of

large shade trees. At the meeting a donation of \$200 was approved for the Ronald McDonald House in memory of long-time member Joyce Chrisman. A hat was passed for ENF and a gift raffle to finance the Traveleers expenses was also held. That evening, the fire ring was set out and again everyone gathered round.

Several of the members who stayed until Monday took in the Estrella Warbird Museum at the Paso Robles Airport. I can recommend it to anyone who has an interest in awesome aircraft, military history, and antique/ customized automobiles. In the evening, the fire ring was again set out bringing to a close what was a wonderful campout with many of the Best People on Earth.

Upcoming Campouts:

July 7 – 10 Pacific Dunes RV Resort

River Run RV Park in Bakersfield, September 15 - 18

As always, if you would like to join us as a guest for one of our campouts, simply send an email to our Membership volunteer, Lucy Fetzco (lkfetzic@gmail.com) for an invite. We'd be pleased to show you what it's like to be part of a fun group of Elks RVers.

Alan Munch

Asst. Wagon Master

BBQ ROOM PLAQUES AVAILABLE JULY 1ST

For a long time Members have wanted to have a plaque in the BBQ Room but space has not been available. An inventory of the existing plaques has been taken and we have done our due diligence with a careful examination of Elks records to determine that upwards of 150 belong to deceased Members and spouses or people who are no longer Elks. Plaques that are to be replaced will be stored should a friend or family member inquire.

The first 30 plaques will be available for purchase July 1st.

The cost is \$200 which includes the plaque, engraving, the mounting space, and a donation for BBQ Room improvements to be determined by budget and input of the BBQ Teams. The best spots will go fast so pick yours by looking for plaques with a colorful sticker in the lower right hand corner. Note the name and general location – Payment reserves your spot.

Pick up an order form in the office during business hours and return it to Janet Cullivan in the office.

THE PAST ELKS OF THE YEAR THANK ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR PARADE ENTRY

A special thanks to Greg Rodriguez, our driver for the past 5 years and to Richard Cowell, of Rancho Nipomo BBQ and Deli, for the purchase of a sign: "In Memory of Our Departed Past Elks of the Year". Credit also goes to Myrna Scoles for coordinating our entry and the decorations.

Many others helped with decorations before and after the parade. Thanks to Bonnie

and Jack Taylor for delivery of pizza for the after-parade get together.

We also want to recognize Javier and his crew, who saw that the wagon was out and ready every time we wanted work on it.

We are grateful for the Lodge's support.

Cliff Scoles

Past Elk of the Year

RODEO QUEEN CORONATION



Rylie Halsell is Crowned 2022 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Queen. She and Queen Candidates Ashley Palin and Primavera Rosales raised \$505,304 bringing the total to more than \$15 Million since the Queen Competition started in 1946 – all to be returned to fund youth activities in our community

Elks Commemorate Memorial Day



BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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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, our beverage prices were increased on April 1st. I thank you for your understanding and support.

John Maretti - Club Manager



PAST EXALTED RULERS CORNER

The PER Association and the Lodge officers would like to thank all the volunteers that helped with the Fireworks Booth. It was great seeing you. It was your help and support that made it a great success. Our Lodge appreciates you!

Please support the PER Fireworks stand at Boone and Broadway with proceeds benefiting the Elks Lodge. Anyone interested in helping with the fireworks booth or other PER functions please see any PER.



The PER Association gave two \$1,000 scholarships to students from Delta High School that were greatly appreciated. Also, the PER Association has begun sponsoring awards and giving out \$250 scholarships to cadets graduating from the Allan Hancock Academy.

July upcoming events:

July 17 there will be the "Concert on the Grass" held at the Lodge to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538. We look forward to seeing you there.

July 23rd will be the second "Christmas in July" Craft Fair held at the Lodge on the grass. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Golden Circle of Champions. Get your applications at the Lodge office before all the spots are filled.

Fraternally,
Don Mosher PER
PERA President

D.A.R.E. GRADUATION



Graduation Ceremony held at St. Mary's School



Awards are given out as Elks D.A.R.E. liaison Al Torres looks on

GOLDEN CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS SWAP MEET FUNDRAISER



DRESS CODE IN EFFECT FOR ALL ELKS FUNCTIONS

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

- Please no mid-thigh, cutoffs, short-shorts, or torn/frayed wear.
- Please wear all pants at your waist, not below! And no "Plumber Pants!"
- No Sweat Suits or Beach Apparel - No Flip Flops (rubber style shower shoes) - Sandals okay
- **For Ladies:** No Inappropriate tops - No dresses shorter than mid thigh
- **For Men:** Collared shirts required after 6:00 pm on Thursday and Friday. No muscle shirts - No T-shirts or caps with vulgar or inappropriate slogans - No gang attire. Gentleman, wear pants at the waist, not below! Hats should be worn properly, not backwards or sideways, and please remove hats when sitting at the table to eat.

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

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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BBQ

Sunday, July 24

No Host Bar 4:30 - Dinner 5:30

RSVP to the Lodge Office by July 18





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Red, White, & Boom Fireworks Show & Concert @ Elks Event Center July 4th Gates open 4 pm Music by Mestizo 5:30-8:30 Fireworks 8:45 Free Admission Parking \$10 Kids Activities, Refreshments available for purchase				JUNE 30 BBQ Plaques \$200 Available after July 1st PER Fireworks Booth Corner Boone/Broadway Open Noon-7pm	1 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Sound House PER Fireworks Booth Open Noon-8pm	2 Bar and Lounge Open 11 to 9 pm PER Fireworks Booth Open 10am-8pm
3 Bar and Lounge Open 11 to 9 pm PER Fireworks Booth Open 10am-8pm	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY LODGE CLOSED PER Fireworks Booth Open 9am-7pm	5 Pub Grub 5:00 – 7:00 BINGO 6:00 pm	6	7 Lodge 7:30 pm Elks Horn Articles DUE	8 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Soul Cool	9 Bar and Lounge Open 11 to 9 pm
10 Bar and Lounge Open 11 to 9 pm	11 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm BBQ Steak Sandwich House Committee 6:30	12 Pub Grub 5:00-7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm PER Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14 Lodge 95th Anniversary Lodge 7:30 pm	15 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to DJ Art Reynoso	16 Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am Bar and Lounge Open 11 to 9 pm
17 Bar and Lounge Open 11 to 9 pm Lodge 95th Celebration Concert on Lawn ER Homecoming	18 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm Chicken Fried Steak	19 Pub Grub 5:00-7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	20 All Veterans Lunch – Noon Care Packages provided to Needy Vets	21 Lodge 7:30 pm	22 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Swing Shift	23 Christmas in July Craft Fair! 10 am – 4 pm Bar and Lounge Open 11 to 9 pm
24 Volunteer Appreciation BBQ- 4:30 Bar/5:30 Dinner Bar and Lounge Open 11 am to 9pm	25 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm ½ BBQ Chicken	26 Pub Grub 5:00-7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm Sportsmen 7:00 pm Touring Elks 7:30 pm	27	28 Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm	29 CHECK FOR CURRENT EVENT INFORMATION: LODGE PHONE RECORDED MESSAGE, LODGE WEBPAGE, FACEBOOK, OR INSTAGRAM	30
31 NO Menudo Bar and Lounge Open 11 am to 9pm	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. All contents herein are for the private use of the members of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.					