



**EXALTED RULER**

*Matt Rodriguez*



Members,

Be proud, "We are Family"  
Respect – Defend – Protect

This motto is on every page of the Elks Horn and in our Obligation - we should always keep this in our minds as Elk Members.

Always be proud to be a Member of the Elks, but most of all to be a Member of Santa Maria #1538 - the best Lodge in all Elkdom.

When you joined here you should have realized that this is your new Elk Family. Most of us have experienced, just like family, we do not always agree upon everything, but we always should have what is best for our "Home," our Lodge, in mind.

When you took your Obligation, you said: "I will always Protect our Members, their good names and their families, and I will always Respect and Defend the purity and sanctity of their homes and firesides." These words are there for a reason, to help us build a strong Membership and feel a sense of belonging and security.

\*Respect should be a given. Treat our Members with the respect you would like to get in return.

\*Defend: Always try to lead the conversation into good and not let others talk negative about other Members - this will help keep us a tight knit family.

\*Protect: Make others feel that you are always there for them, no matter what

- this is we need to feel that we can stand together as Members.

We as Santa Maria Elks Members are an elite group and must teach this to our New Members, so we keep the hometown Santa Maria style going for years to come. I ask you from time to time to read your Obligation or come to Lodge during an Initiation to listen to it to refresh your thoughts.

I am asking the Members, "How we can get more people to attend the Lodge meetings?" I am open to suggestions; I would like to see us get into the triple digits again. I am putting an ER suggestion box in the Members' bar. Please drop suggestions or a comment; I want to hear from you.

Thank you to all who volunteer. Your time and efforts keep us going daily.

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

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**TOYS FOR TOTS MOTORCYCLE RUN - NOVEMBER 13**

Monetary and New Toy Donations are Exceedingly Welcome - (Details on page 10)

*All American Lodge*

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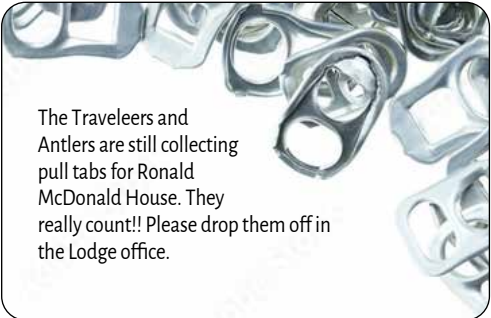
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### CRYING TOWEL

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The Travelers and Antlers are still collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. They really count!! Please drop them off in the Lodge office.

## SANTA MARIA ELKS GOLF CLUB

The Elks Golf Club traveled to beautiful Solvang on August 15th to play the River Course at The Alisal. They were treated to a beautiful golf course and some of the scores reflected the immaculate conditions. Marc Sanchez shot low gross with a 78 and took home low gross honors and \$30. Todd Yoder and Fernie Tarango both shot 79 with Todd shooting a 35 on the back nine while Fernie had a 36, thus Todd won 2nd low gross and pocketed \$25. In the competition Bob Taylor had a net 68 worth \$30 while Fernie Tarango in a card off had a net 69 and claiming \$25 for 2nd low net. The team competition was closely contested with the team of Randy Spears, Billy Brooks, Greg Plahn, and Herman Sanchez shooting a 201 and claiming 1st and winning \$200. The second place team of Mike Jefferis, Randy Gil, Glen Rodriguez, and Gary Concellos had a good score of 204 and winning \$180. In a card off Todd Yoder, Roy Wallace, Hank Rickett, and Flex Contreras took 3rd worth \$170. Alfonso Vargas, Wayne Brown, Jack Conway, and Claude Worsham got \$130 for 4th place. Marc Sanchez won closest to pin on #4, 21 feet and winning \$15. On hole #17 Steve Brown nestled his ball 2'8" also winning \$15. Our membership has blossomed to 101 members with approximately 80 making the trip.

We always have a 50/50 with the Club

keeping half to contribute to our charity and the other half going to the winning tickets. Todd Yoder had the 1st ticket worth \$55, the 2nd went to Dave Hastings worth \$45, and the 3rd winning ticket went to Ann Clark worth \$35.

### We have 4 tournaments left on our schedule for this year:

Sandpiper in Goleta	September 13
Cypress Ridge	October 10
Santa Maria Country Club	November 9
Mission Club in Lompoc	December 7

The Cypress event will be the 1st tournament of our Club Championship series followed by Santa Maria and Mission. In order to claim the Club Championship one must participate in the last 3 events. We will crown a Net Club Champion and a Gross Club Champion at the Mission Club. Last year's Gross Champion was Mick Towle while the Net Champion was Chip Guthrie. Both will be hard pressed to defend their titles this year as our Membership has grown and has attracted some good sticks.

Fernie Tarango  
 Tournament Chairman

## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Your Exalted Ruler asks YOU to come join our team of Volunteers. We have lots of fun events coming up. Get involved and be guaranteed to enjoy the time.

**Working together is the key!**  
**A waterfall is strong and powerful.**  
**A drip is irritating and annoying.**



## CYO REPORT FOR AUGUST

Date	Band	Dinners	Xcut
5	Ron Miller & Gun Metal Gray	319	36
12	Soul'd Out	361	41
19	Dj John Ortiz	323	64
26	Steppin' Out	646	64
Total Dinners Sold		1659	166



## CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

*Aaron Castellanos*



Members,

Reading through past Elks Horn articles, there have been multiple subjects and matters discussed - whether it be relaying Lodge events, celebrations,

need for assistance, or to express gratitude. Yet they all have a common purpose, which is the desire to include every one of you in the work and impact we have as a Lodge. In the past few months one of those matters is participation and growth in attendance at our weekly Lodge meetings which I must reiterate is one the most important and best ways we can all utilize our privileges of Membership in Our Order. We have all heard repeatedly all the important business that is discussed and decided during these sessions, and we will continue to do so regularly as it involves the maintenance, growth and future success of our Lodge for years to come. Recently the attendance at Lodge meetings has in fact increased in participation. This increase is nowhere near in the scale of the once standing-room-only attendance that our Lodge had back in the day, regardless it does give hope of heading in the right direction. As of the past few weeks participation has increased with a gain of 10-20 more Members attending. This win, as small as some may feel it is, is something that we feel, and hope, will continue in the upcoming weeks. I cannot begin to express what a change in energy is felt by all present when attendance is announced to be greater than the week prior. With that, I will once again ask that we look at finding time our schedules to attend. Be part of your Lodge and see what it is all about

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,

When you received your Membership card, it not only made you a Member of our Lodge, but it also gives you access to all of the almost nine hundred Elks Lodges. I wanted to take some time in this article

to highlight some of our sister Lodges in the area as well as some noteworthy Lodges to see.

One of the Lodges that everyone in California should visit San Francisco Lodge #3, which is the 3rd Elks Lodge ever established. The historic San Francisco Elks Lodge hides in plain sight, tucked inside a Union Square building that also houses the Kensington Park Hotel and Farallon Restaurant. This Lodge is a little hard to find, as you need to enter the lobby, pass the check-in counter, and press the 3rd floor button in the elevator, but the history and the bar area are worth the trip. In addition, every drink in this bar is only \$5, and if you have ever drunk in San Francisco, you know that this is a bargain,

Much closer to us is the San Luis Obispo Lodge. If you have young kids or grandchildren or are just a kid at heart, then the SLO Elks is the place for you. They have two outdoor pools, one regular and one kiddie pool, and a large hot tub that are all available to use for a small fee. In addition, they have a pass-thru bar where you can order drinks and food while standing in your bathing suit. In addition to their pools, they have RV spots and a lot of activities to enjoy, plus a restaurant that serves lunch throughout the week. Stay here and Uber into SLO for a mini vacation.

Another local favorite of mine is the Oceano Lodge due to its proximity to the beach and its fun vibe. This lodge also has RV camping for way cheaper than the Pismo Beach area RV sites. In addition to camping, this small Lodge has lots of creative events and parties that many other Lodges do not. Check out some of their weeknight dinners!

When you travel around the state or the country, take the time to stop in and see some of the other lodges and you will be surprised at just how many of them know of Santa Maria Lodge 1538! We are well known.

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

## BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

*Chuck Biedy*



Members,

The Elks year is moving right along. The Elks Family Picnic is now a memory and fast approaching is the Oktoberfest Celebration and, before you know it, the Halloween parties

will be here. The children really enjoy the games and projects and, of course, love to dress up in their costumes. Bring them down and turn them loose. The big kids (adults) have as much fun dressing up as the tykes.

I am gratified to report that most of our Members and guests are abiding by the dress code we have for Friday night Cook Your Own. Thanks to you all for conforming to the rules regarding appropriate dress. As there are always a few who continue to push the envelope; be advised this standard of conduct and dress will continue to be monitored by our volunteer greeters at the door and by all your officers. We would rather not be "hall monitors," but until everyone is on the same page, we will speak to anyone not in compliance.

For those Armed Forces veterans who have not yet attended one of our Stand Downs, please try to make the next one scheduled for November 30. War stories and memories are shared. A great lunch is consumed, and you might meet your newest best friend. Notice of upcoming events will be published in future Elks Horn issues. As always, if you have an issue that you need help with, contact any officer. We are here for you in the best Lodge in Elkdom. Questions, suggestions and/or constructive criticisms are always in order and are welcomed by your officer corps.

For anyone looking to invest some time burning wood and cooking meat, our barbecue teams need serious minded volunteers (there is that word volunteer again). Many of us who have been on the teams are getting a bit older and could utilize the help. Most in Santa Maria have done a lot of barbecues in the back yard. If you would like to enhance your expertise and learn the Santa Maria Elks method, contact Robert Dorado, Barbecue Committee Chairman, or the front office. You will be put to work and have a wonderful time doing it.

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## LODGE ACTIVITIES



*Carmel Schwindt Donates \$4,475 raised from the August Craft Fair to Elks Rec President Peter Sterling for the Golden Circle of Champions while Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez looks on*

*The Traveleers donate \$500 to Elks National Foundation*

### LECTURING KNIGHT CONTINUED

It has been nice seeing some fresh faces at Lodge meetings. I would really like to see yours at least once per month. Your attendance and input are what keeps our Lodge at the forefront of all others.

With that, stay safe. Until next month...

Fraternally,  
Chuck Biely

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### ELKS BBQ (A CONTINUING SERIES):



#### Santa Maria Elks Salsa Recipe

This will make approximately one gallon of salsa. One-gallon feeds about fifty people unless you are using it as a dip and then it feeds fewer people. Santa Maria Elks salsa is a chunky style so do not put it in a blender.

1. One #10 can diced tomatoes. Also use the juice. A #10 can is 102 ounces so if the store does not have #10 cans buy enough smaller cans to get close.
2. About twenty-five ounces of diced green chilies.
3. ½ pounds of white onions chopped fine. Yellow or Spanish onions will make the salsa bitter.
4. 1 ½ to 2 tablespoons of crushed garlic.
5. ½ cup vegetable oil.
6. Salt and pepper to taste.

#### Santa Maria Elks Seasonings

To make seasoning for home use, follow these guidelines. This is a good starting

Point, you can adjust it for your taste:

-Use regular table salt.

-The pepper should be the fine ground style. If you use a shaker the course grind will not come out. If you use a shaker with large enough holes for the course pepper, too much salt and garlic will come out.

-Use granulated garlic. Do not use garlic powder. It clumps from the moisture from the meat. Do not use garlic salt either. You are just adding more salt and truly little garlic. For 2 cups of mix use the following and mix well.

1 cup salt

¾ cups granulated garlic

¼ cup fine ground pepper

Wayne Stahl

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

- Please remember to buss your own tables - this includes in the Members Bar, simply return used glasses to the bar when finished, leaving your table ready for your fellow Members. During CYO and dinners there are always busing stations in the hall to return dishes and silverware.
- Gentleman, collared shirts are required at Friday night CYO. Should you enter prior to the Greeters being on duty, you are still required to wear a collared shirt (you will be asked to leave unless a collared shirt is worn). Also, gentleman please remove your hats while seated in the dining room during dinner.
- There has been an increase of some Members and their guests' treating employees, security, and officers with disrespect. This behavior will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by the House Committee with possible house suspensions for Members (and guests being banned from entering the Lodge in the future). Let's all just treat everyone with respect please.

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 Faith Reynolds (Office Manager/ Membership Desk) x105  
 Janet Cullivan (General Information/ Club) x106  
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**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.**

*In Memoriam*  
 "TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"

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

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**# 6808**  
**Robert Vaughn**  
 BORN: October 10, 1942  
 INITIATED: April 24, 1975  
 DIED: July 26, 2022

**# 7607**  
**Edward Imperato**  
 BORN: September 14, 1936  
 INITIATED: February 23, 1978  
 DIED: July 22, 2022





*New Traveleer Members*



*Delia Garnett delivers backpacks*



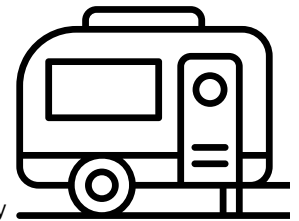
*Steve And Luci Fetzko*

## TRAVELEERS

August has become the Traveleers "give your rig a rest" month, as we gather at one of our Member's homes (sans RVs) to conduct our monthly meeting and to socialize. This month's meeting was held at Jim and Peggy Cox's backyard which afforded us plenty of room to accommodate all fifty-three of our Members in attendance and gave us the opportunity to personally welcome our six new Members: Jim & Kitty Parker; Sonny Nash & Marty Durrett; Chuck & Mary Kay Smith (see photo). As you can imagine, the arrival of many cars and trucks on a residential street could have seemed like an invasion, but Peggy personally directed our vehicles to locations within easy walking distance to her home. A big Traveleers "Thank You" to Jim and Peggy for hosting our meeting.

Among the business matters discussed was the club's continuation of our donation of backpacks and school supplies to be given to local elementary schools for distribution to underprivileged students. This program started by Joyce Chrisman is continuing in her memory by Delia Garnett, who has taken on the coordination of our fund-raising events, and the personal delivery of the backpacks to school administrators. Delia (herself a former teacher) is shown presenting backpacks and supplies to the principal of Pine Grove School, which is one of the many schools receiving donations this month. Thank you, Delia for carrying on this important philanthropic project of the Traveleers of Elks Lodge 1538.

Frequently a Member who is observing a birthday during the month will volunteer to provide champagne for all to celebrate his/her birthday. This month Steve Fetzko was our honoree. Steve and his wife Luci are shown taking a break as champagne hosts for a photo op during this month's gathering. Congratulations Steve and many happy returns. And, oh yes, thanks for the champagne!



You can always tell if a club or committee is doing well by how many new Members they attract. The Traveleers are doing well! If group glamping (RV'ing) sounds attractive to you, then we encourage you to contact our Membership chairperson, Luci Fetzko (lkfetzic@gmail.com) for an invitation to join us on one of our next campouts. .

### Upcoming Campouts:

Valencia Travel Village, Valencia  
Morro Dunes RV Park, Morro Bay  
Yanks RV Resort, Greenfield

October 29 – November 1  
November 14 – 17  
January 12 – 15, 2023

Alan Munch  
Asst. Wagon Master

*Thank you!*

## HUGE SHOUT OUT TO OUR MEMBERS AND A NEED FOR HELP!

"Thank You" to Rick Martino and Cliff Scoles who both have been working for years around the Lodge doing small maintenance repairs including plumbing, electrical and other upgrades to keep our Lodge up and running. Without their generous support and many hours of volunteerism it would have cost the Lodge a lot of money to get these jobs done. Thank you, Rick and Cliff! With this being said these two guys are getting tired and need help, any Members who have knowledge of general construction, plumbing, electrical and such that would have time to volunteer to help the Club manager keep the Lodge up and running - we need you.

Please contact the Club Manager.

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# Golden Circle of Champions

## FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO NATIONAL INTEREST



Founded in 2016, thanks to the support and partnership of the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, the Golden Circle of Champions was conceived to raise awareness and contribute funds to help local children battling pediatric cancer. 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, meet many of the cowboys and cowgirls, and then get to watch the rodeo from a special reserved section located in the grandstands. Through donations and fundraising efforts, support is presented directly to the families to fulfill their most urgent needs: paying bills, buying medicine, and caring for their family.

The children selected each year have ranged in age from 3 months to 17 years and have been diagnosed with a life-threatening cancer or associated illness. The Cowboy Up Carnival and Auction is the chief fundraising event of the year. Additional events include raffles, Stuff the Stocking during Christmas in the Country and, during the Elks Rodeo, they host an annual passing of the boot during each performance as well as along the Rodeo Parade route. Recently a Rummage Sale and a Craft Fair were hosted at Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 with the proceeds benefitting the Golden Circle of Champions.

“Our goal is to bring the much-needed education and awareness, locally and nationally, to pediatric cancer and offer a ray of hope to the families that are navigating through this journey.



They desperately need our help as a community, and we want to let them know we are here for them,” said Founder, Tina Tonascia. “It is our job to tell their story about pediatric cancer, in the hopes that one day we will be able to make a difference.”

Golden Circle of Champions is now fortunate enough to expand this vital mission on a national scale of providing support to these children and their families. Each December the Golden Circle of Champions, in conjunction with Las Vegas Events, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Elks Rodeo, Red Bluff Round-Up, and Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation, honor 20 children and their families from across the country, all who are fighting life-threatening cancers or illnesses, during the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. The Champions are partnered with an NFR contestant who will teach them Rodeo skills. Each Rodeo contestant is given a gold Wild Rag to wear during their competition for their Champion. The Champions are outfitted with Wrangler jeans & shirt, Justin boots, a Resistol hat signed by all the contestants, a Montana Silversmith buckle, a Boot Barn belt, and many other goodies to ensure they feel like Champions! The Champions are also given signs to cheer on their NFR contestant, so the NFR contestant knows exactly where their Champion is sitting. The NFR contestants waving to their Champions is a very special moment.

The GCOC, through your financial support, looks forward to continuing its growth and support of these children and their families.





# KRIS PICARD

## District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 2022-2023

### Visitation to our Lodge on September 29th

Brandy "Kris" Picard resides in Simi Valley, CA where she raised her family of four children on a small horse ranch. Kris has been an Early Childhood Education Teacher for over 35 years and in her spare time, volunteering became a way of life. She became active in 4H, Scouting, school events and horse shows for many years.

After the children grew up and her first husband of 25 years had passed away, Kris left ranching behind, purchased a Montessori school, and joined the BPOE. It is where the next chapter of life began for Kris after meeting David Coleman (now PDDGER) during a local Lodge Visitation while Kris was Lecturing Knight.

In 2015, Kris and David were married, the same year Kris was installed as Exalted Ruler. After having gone through the chairs and serving as Exalted Ruler she took on duties as Lodge Trustee before serving as WCCD Grants Chair, District ENF Chair, Major Project Chair and most recently as the Association Vice President for 2021-2022.

For Kris, belonging to an organization that gives back to its community through its State and National programs of charity and support of our Veteran's and youth makes her very proud. It is because of her belief in the core principles the BPOE stands for that she makes the commitment to give of her time and effort for her Lodge and the Order. Kris' son was so inspired that he recently joined the order to continue charitable work within our District as well.



## BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS,

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#### Jay A. Conner

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## TOURING ELKS

Happy October to all of you. Fall has officially arrived. This month the Touring Elks will be riding on three Sundays during the month. We normally meet up at the Lodge at 11:00 am and Kick Stand Up at 11:15 am. Come join us for the adventure, fellowship, and great food. We have our monthly meetings the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Ladies Bar. Join us there and find out more about the Touring Elks.

This past month we had our Significant Other Party, which was well attended, and we had lots of fun getting to know more about our Member's special person. Great new connections were made.

The month of November we have one of our more important fundraisers. It is time once again for our Toys for Tots event during which we have a Poker Run and, yes, vehicles other than motorcycles are invited. We follow the Poker Run with a BBQ lunch, 50/50 drawing and lots of raffle prizes. Last year we had over 100 motorcycles involved, and we would love to reach 150+ motorcycles this year. But we MUST remember the main reason for the season of Toys for

Tots is to provide toys for needy children and young adults in the area who are not fortunate enough to have presents under their Christmas Trees. Last year, we gifted a lot of toys brought to the event by our riders. We also supplemented those toys with over 100 bicycles, helmets, locks, and all types of age-appropriate gifts. We made it a particularly good Christmas for many of the children in Santa Maria, Orcutt and Guadalupe.

Registration starts at 8:00 am, November 13, Poker Run at 10:00 am, Lunch at 12:30pm, and the 50/50 at 1:30 pm with raffle to follow.

Thank You,  
Gary Gross  
Touring Elks President



## VETERANS

Although September celebrated Labor Day to honor and recognize the American labor movement, there were two other days of special recognition during September. The National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 by 39th President Jimmy Carter to remember the grief and hardships of families awaiting news of the over 1,700 Vietnam War service members still missing in action. "Their Sacrifice, Our Pledge" was this year's theme which honored those brave men and women who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing. Each year, a national ceremony is held on the third Friday every September.

September also pays Tribute to Gold Star Mother's and Families. In 1936, Congress set aside the last Sunday in the month to honor Gold Star Mothers, and it has been observed annually since. This year, it was commemorated on September 25. The American Gold Star Mothers Inc. first got its start in 1917, when Grace Siebold's son was killed during World War I. Wanting to create a support system for grieving mothers in similar circumstances, Grace gathered what would become the American Gold Star Mothers to grieve together and tend to veterans in local hospitals. In 2011, President Obama amended the declaration declaring the day to include families as well as mothers.

As you gather next year in September, please remember to respect, and honor the ultimate sacrifices our military and their families have endured. Remember also, Elks Care, Elks Share.

Suzanne "Sam" de St. Jean  
Elk Member and Veteran Volunteer

# Elktoberfest

Santa Maria Elks #1538

## Polka Music by the Oompah Meisters



**October 2nd**

**2-6 pm**

**\$30 PER PERSON**

**Diner includes:  
Authentic  
German Dinner**

**AUTHENTIC  
GERMAN FOOD  
LIVE MUSIC  
GAMES  
DANCING**



Get Tickets in advance, no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets available in the office September 1st.

Contest: Best Dress Individual & Group, & Best Decorated Table

1309 N Bradley Road, Santa Maria CA 93454



**PERS Association Present**  
**For School Scholarships**   
**An Opportunity Drawing**  
**2 Dinners Included**  
**October 16, 2022 4:00 PM**  
**Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538**  
**1309 N Bradley Road, Santa Maria CA.**  
**Cost \$100.00**

## PAST EXALTED RULER'S CORNER

As mentioned last month, the Past Exalted Rulers Association will be having an Opportunity Drawing October 16 at the Lodge. There will also be a raffle drawing, a silent auction, and a dessert auction during the event as well. Tickets for the drawing are \$100 which includes two BBQ chicken dinners. Tickets may be purchased from any PER or in the Members Bar.

### October 2nd will be a full day of fun at Elks Lodge #1538.

-In the morning there will be a Swap Meet on the Parking Lot, there will be food trucks on site that morning as well. Come use our parking lot to sell your wares in time for the upcoming Holidays. \$25 for a space or \$40 for two. All space rental money will be donated to the Golden Circle of Champions, a local non-profit organization that raises money to support children in our community fighting cancer. Contact Paula Elkins at 805-260-4417 to reserve your space, they are going fast.

-In the afternoon the dining hall will be the place to be for our ELKtoberfest, the largest Octoberfest Celebration in Santa Barbara County. Tickets are \$30 per person for Members and their guests only, and you must be over 21 to attend. Admission includes a dinner, live Polka Music by the Oompah Meisters, dancing, contests, giveaways, and drink specials. You won't want to miss either event.

A gentle reminder to always be on the lookout for new Members and Members visiting from other Lodges and be sure to welcome them to our Lodge and show them the gracious hospitality Santa Maria Lodge #1538 is famous for.

Stay safe and we'll talk again next month.

Don Moshier, PER  
 President, Past Exalted Rulers Association

### Friday Night Cover Charge Notice:

For those not buying a CYO Dinner there may be a Cover Charge upon entrance to the Lodge.



**HALLOWEEN**  
 COME JOIN THE PARTY  
**October 29th 2022**  
 Tickets go on sale  
 September 28th in the front  
 office \$25.00 Members  
 \$30.00 Guest Members are  
 allowed to buy 8 guest tickets  
 only. There will be food trucks  
 & DJ Art Reynoso  
 the event is from 7:00 P.M  
 till 1:00 A.M. There will be a  
 costume contest and prizes

No Weapons & Must follow the Elks dress code.



**Kids HALLOWEEN Party**  
 Calling all ghosts and ghouls  
**October 26th 2022**  
**5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**  
 Costume Contest  
 Spooky Games  
 Halloween Treats & Eats



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2022-2023 OFFICERS**

Exalted Ruler ..... Matt Rodriguez  
 Esteemed Leading Knight ..... Aaron Castellanos  
 Esteemed Loyal Knight ..... Steve Jones  
 Esteemed Lecturing Knight ..... Chuck Biely  
 Esquire ..... Jeremy Forman PER  
 Chaplain ..... Marty Durrett PER  
 Inner Guard ..... Chris Wilson  
 Tiler ..... Ray Sanchez  
 Organist ..... Bryan Feldpouch PER  
 Secretary ..... Phil Daigton PER, PAVP  
 Treasurer ..... Liz Brown  
 1 Year Trustee ..... Don Moshier PER  
 2 Year Trustee ..... Mike Arndt  
 3 Year Trustee ..... Tony Campas PER  
 4 Year Trustee ..... Jim Elkins  
 5 Year Trustee ..... Wes Brown PER, CoB

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# OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Daily: Bar & Lounge Open at 10  Sunday NFL Viewing Package	Adult Halloween Party Tickets on Sale on Monday	Elks Bowling Every Tuesday Rancho Bowl 6:30 pm			For Needy Vets Jackets, Beanies, Socks as Winter is Coming	1 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm
2 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm ElktoberFest (Details Page 10)	3 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Night Dinner 5:30 Family – 7:00 pm Chicken Enchilada House Committee	4 Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	5	6 Lodge 7:30 pm  Elks Horn Articles Due	7 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to DJ John Ortiz	8 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am to 9 pm
9 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm  Cigar & Fine Spirits 2pm Patio	10 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Night Dinner 5:30 Family – 7:00 pm BBQ Steak Sandwich	11 Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	12	13 Lodge 7:30 pm	14 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Soul'd Out	15 Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am Bar and Lounge Open 10 am to 9 pm
16 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm  PERA Fundraiser (Details Page 11)	17 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Night Dinner 5:30 Family – 7:00 pm Chicken Fried Steak House Committee	18 Pub Grub 5:00-7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	19	20 Lodge 7:30 pm	21 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Ron Miller & Gun Metal Gray	22 Bar and Lounge Open 10am to 9 pm
23 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm	24 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm ½ BBQ Chicken	25 Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 PM BING 6:00 pm Sportsmen 7:00 pm Touring Elks 7:30 pm	26 KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY! 5:30 – 8:30 pm (Details Page 11)	27 Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm	28 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Soul Cool	29 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am to 7 pm ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY 7 pm – 1 am (Details Page 11)
30 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm	31 HALLOWEEN NIGHT!! No Grab 'n' Go	<p><b>NOTE: Deadline for Elks Horn copy is 8:00 pm, THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH!</b>          Please email all copy to <a href="mailto:smelkshorn@gmail.com">smelkshorn@gmail.com</a> and include your name and phone number. Early entries appreciated.          All contents herein are for the private use of the members of the Benevolent &amp; Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.</p>				