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MATT RODRIGUEZ, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

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# **EXALTED RULER**Walt Rodriguez

Members,

The year is passing by swiftly, we are now in November, and we have lots to do and think about. As we come out of October and are finishing up the Halloween candy,



we start thinking about the Thanksgiving dishes that are a regular at our dinner tables. Its' always in the back of our mind the extra weight that we may put on, but the delights that await us outweigh those thoughts, we just can't pass them up.

As always, we need to be thankful for what we have and what we can do for others, as this is the season for giving. We will be handing out holiday baskets to those in need, Eva and the holiday basket volunteers put time, effort and thought into what they can get donated to put in the baskets. They are always looking for volunteers to help put these together, look for the call for help in this issue. As I've said before, reach out to our fellow Members during these times, there are some who are missing family and friends for various reasons and could use some company or just friendly conversation. This is the time of year to bring out the Comfort and Joy to yourself and others, no matter how hard it could be. let's all try to share this with others, because it is the little things that matter the most.

I'm thankful that we have such a great group of volunteers here at our Lodge, this always makes Santa Maria shine amongst other Lodges. It has been nice to see some new volunteers' step in and put in what time they can, there is hope after all. The Officers also

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# **FUN AT FAMILY DAY PICNIC**











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# **CRYING TOWEL**

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Sherry Purser \$500
Pascual Rincon Jr. \$500
Harold L. Ulmer \$500

## September 8

Marc Schneider \$500 Joel Walker \$500 James R. Kramme \$500

## September 15

John Maretti \$500 Donald F. Alin Sr. \$500 Fredrick L Toles \$500

## September 22

Thomas W. Crakes \$500 Peter Ybarra \$500 Rob A. Perry \$500

## September 29

John Ruvalcaba \$500 Tony J. Reagan \$500 Hallie D. Holden \$500

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Corner Day Bar Guys Sam Frickle Richard Morns Jean Lobo George Moore Thomas Nazario Ray Arensdorf Jr Ken Cardona Vicki Melville Bob Mohr

# Brigette Lugo

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# **LODGE ACTIVITIES**



Touring Elks donate a \$3,500 scholarship to Lindsay Sizzlo (#4 in her class from Orcutt Academy with a GPA of 4.67) to assist her at UCSB



Elks Golf Club donates \$750 to Kent Hill for the Veterans Committee and \$1,000 to Anne Glines for the Holiday Basket program



District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Kris Picard presents Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez two Grand Lodge Citations: one for Lodge Growth and one for Exceeding the Grand Exalted Ruler's ENF donation goal



Paula Elkins presents \$2,000 from the September Swap Meet to PER Wes Brown for the Golden Circle of Champions



Inner Guard Chris Wilson (Major Project Chair) presents a Major Project 52 Club Letter and Pin to Ginger Kauffman



Greg Rodriguez from the Bingo Kitchen presents a \$1,000 donation to Touring Elks President Gary Gross for Toys for Tots

# **EXALTED RULER CONTINUED**

put their time in to each party that they are responsible for and do a great job in making them a success, whether its new or reviving the traditional ones.

We should be Thankful to be Member of Santa Maria Elks lodge, the Santa Maria style and hospitality that we display will always be the definition of #1538.

AnnMarie and I would like to thank everyone for all you do and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and may "God be with us always."

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

# **CHARITY** LEADING KAIGHT Castellanos



Members.

It is hard to believe that we are now just past the halfway mark of another Elk year. It feels like just recently we all were strategizing and planning how we could improve Lodge

operations, maintain and create new events for Members enjoyment as well as insure all plans would be fiscally responsible through an accurately balanced budget. Thus far, we have all managed to do just that. This year marked the 95th anniversary of our charter into Elkdom. Our Lodge has evolved though the years thanks to hard the work and support of our Members and community. We should all be grateful to the strong foundation that our Lodge was built on, that being Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. These have always been the guiding principles behind every decision made for the

Just recently our Lodge hosted the visitation of our DDGER and we were able to highlight our Lodge. This happened to coincide when every Lodge must submit their quarterly reporting and status. As I submitted my own report, as well as reviewed all the others, I could not be prouder of what you all have helped us achieve as a Lodge. At just 6 months into the year we are on a recordbreaking pace in the amount of funds we have been able to give back to our community. This has been possible thanks the generosity of multiple Lodge committees, received ENF grants, the outstanding hard work of the Elks Recreation Inc team, and the support the community gives to each of these. Lodge activity event attendance has been outstanding. The interest to Membership continues which is reflective in our Lodge growth. Our Lodge future continues to look bright.

As we come into the Holiday Season let us strive to do everything we can to continue this. Inquire how you can help, support one of our upcoming fundraisers and promote the work we do together. There is still so much more we can achieve. Thank you for everything thus far and in advance for what's to come.

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 KNIGH Teve Jones



Members.

Last month we had the first annual Elktoberfest party at the Lodge and it was a tremendous success. Three years ago, in Munich, Germany I had the opportunity to

see the real thing; ever since then I planned to have one at the Lodge. When I started planning, something amazing happened. A few people from within the Lodge heard what I was doing and reached out to volunteer, and then more did as well. What I ended up with was a sold-out event and a whole bunch of new friends.

This was one of those occasions where some real rockstars really knocked it out of the park like a true team, with little direction and a very short timeframe. I learned that there are so many great people with so many great skills and ideas just sitting in the shadows of the Lodge waiting to shine; many of you are our future party and event planners. If you want to help me plan future events, like a St Paddy's Day or Cinco de Mayo party or any other event, let's get together and do this.

Sincere thanks to the entire team, starting with my wife Maria who never stopped working the entire event, my good friend and Lodge Tiler Ray Sanchez and his wife Lisa, on whom I relied for so many of the small details including advertising, my go-getter Leticia Soria who relentlessly reviewed EVERY German band from LA to SF, sold more tickets than anyone, and even brought an entire German Club with her. Next are the dynamic German duo of Freddy and Barbara Landkammer who created the menu and made the food, and who brought on Jerry and Karmen Gunn to work the pit and the kitchen with them. Further, my good friend Tina Lagrimas and family who took me to Germany in the first place and is always ready for anything, and lastly my comrade Christina Arguijo who didn't even know what an Oktoberfest was but showed up anyway. Thanks, and Well-Done team!

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

# **BROTHERLY LOVE** LECTURING KNIGHT Biely



Members,

Time is flying by! We are already more than halfway through our year and the holidays are fast approaching. As we all realize, we get busier gathering with family and friends. So do we

officers and wives get busier this time of year with our Elks family. Quite frankly, with the advent of that ugly word "COVID" the officers and wives have been called upon to fill in for all the events held here at the lodge. WE NEED

You have been told that our Lodge is based on volunteerism, and so it is. Now is the time to step up and be counted. It does not seem like much but one hour a month from each of our Members would account for over three thousand (3,000) hours of benefit to others. Please join us for one or two Lodge meetings each month. You can decide from the knowledge gained at a meeting where you would like to volunteer. You will also get to know other like-minded Members, meet new friends and be part of the Elks family.

For those of you who fancy yourselves to be pit masters of the backyard, I extend a special invitation to contact Barbecue Chairman Robert Dorado through the Lodge office. We a need fresh strong and willing bodies who are interested in learning and perpetuating "Santa Maria Elks Style BBQ." New captains are forming teams, so get involved.

As many of you are aware, our Club Manager John Maretti is retiring at the end of November. John has been instrumental in turning this Lodge into a well-oiled enterprise. His leadership and counsel have served us a long time and are appreciated by all of us who have come to rely on him. When you see him at the Lodge, thank him. He has earned that and much more from his Elk family.

Remember, volunteer, volunteer, and volunteer. A little of your time and energy brings benefit to so many others.

My kindest thoughts to you and your families during the holiday season.

Fraternally yours, Chuck Biely Esteemed Lecturing Knight

# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - LUIS ARELLANO CLASS**

Edward Arroyo
Ulysses Bautista
Brian Bond
Kristina Bradbury
Rosalie Childress
Fred Cobb
Patricia Constantinidis
Justin Dutton
Patric Earnest
Julie Estrada

Jeffrey Falero
Diana Farrell-Page
Joshua Forman
Alan Foster
Eddie Galarza
Martin Gamez
Corinne Gonzalez
Dionisio Gonzalez
Luis Gutierrez
Silvia Herrera

John Hires
Armando Jasso
Robert Jimenez
Beverly Johnson
Judith LaGreca
Dottie Lyons
David Mc Neili
Shawn McGrady
Dan Melendez
David Morales

Patricia Richardson Stan Rodriguez Julisa Sahagun Patrick Sheen Angela Soliz Juan Trejo Spiridon Zafiris Transfers
Joan (Palmer) Hires
Lynn Fugitt
Reinstatements
Melissa Galloway
Michael Hester
David De Los Santos Sr
Martin Mendoza
Howard Smith

# **ELKS BBQ (A CONTINUING SERIES):**

We will discuss the actual preparation and cooking for an authentic SM Style BBQ. First is the meat preparation. For cuts of beef, superior quality aged beef and the trimming are very important. Good-quality, properly trimmed meat can make BBQing a lot easier and make you look like you have done it all your life. Trim off any "silver" skin and do not trim off too much fat before cooking. You will do that after it is cooked. For pork, chicken, hamburgers, and a lot of other foods that can be cooked on a BBQ pit, you don't need to worry about the age and trimming, but buy the best quality you can afford. For large cuts of beef: season it and let it set at room temperature for about an hour. This gives the seasoning time to work a little way into the meat and the meat will cook more evenly throughout. If you take meat straight out of the refrigerator and throw it on the BBQ, the outside is well done and dry and the inside is rare.

Next is the fire. Whether cooking with charcoal, wood chips or wood the theory is the same. The ideal temperature is judged with your hand. If you can hold the back of your hand at the same level as the meat for 5 seconds that is a good cooking temperature, 2 or 3 seconds is too hot, and 8 to 10 seconds is too cold.

How do you know when it is done? Most people use a meat thermometer and for beginners that is the best method. There are plenty of places such as cook books, the internet and some thermometers that tell you what temperature range is: rare to well done. Remember, when you remove the meat from the fire and let it rest, it will continue to cook, so remove it at a slightly lower temperature than you want the final temperature to be. Tri-tip is difficult to get at the right doneness because it cooks more when removed from the heat than other meats. Letting large cuts of meat such as beef, pork, and turkey (yes you can BBQ a

turkey) rest before cutting is especially important in keeping the juices in the meat when you cut it. When you are cooking chicken halves you can tell the chicken is done by taking hold of the end of the leg and giving a light twist. If it is done the bone will easily pull free from the meat.

When the meat has rested it is time to do a final trim. Trim off as much fat as you can. When you cut the meat, the thickness is up to you. If you are using disposable plates and plastic utensils cut the meet no thicker than 3/8". Any thicker and it is too difficult to cut on disposable plates with plastic utensils. Remember to cut across the grain. Tri-tip has grain that runs in two directions. The best thing to do is find where the grain changes direction (about in the middle) and cut it in half. Then you can cut each half across the grain.

By far the most difficult part of the BBQ is the timing. If you do not time it so the meat is sliced and ready to serve at the same time as the rest of the meal, the meat will be over cooked, cold and dry. Your guest will remind you of this for months to come! Just as bad is when your food is ready, and the guests have not arrived. Good planning and constant attention to your cooking will make you a hero and not a zero.

A little-known fact about cooking tri-tip. It is great in a crock pot. Put a little wine, some seasoning and vegetables like onions, carrots, and celery in to start. Let it cook all day. This renders out 100% of the fat and leaves you with meat that shreds. Eat it as is or use it in tacos or other shredded beef recipes.

Enjoy!

Wayne Stahl

(Submit any BBQ technique questions to smelkshorn@gmail.com for forwarding to Wayne for a possible future FAQ column.)

# GET YOUR OPPORTUNITY DRAWING TICKETS SUPPORT THE PAST EXALTED RULERS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Ticket are \$100.00 each. You get 2 Dinners with the purchase of a ticket. Drawing will be Sunday November 27, 2022 at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge No Host Bar 3:00 pm Dinner 4:00 pm Drawing to follow after dinner. Dinner BBQ 1/2 Chicken, Elk Beans, Salad, Garlic bread & salsa

CONTACT ANY PER TO BUY A TICKET



# Santa Maria Elks Lodge 1538 Cordially Invite you to Attend Our ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE for all of Our Departed Members

Sunday December 4, 2022 1:00 PM

1309 N. Bradley Road Santa Maria, California 93454

Cold Cut Buffet will be served following the Service Please call 805-922-1538 RSVP

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

# # 6449 **Dennis Baker**

BORN: July 18, 1944 INITIATED: June 27, 1974 DIED: September 10, 2022

# 2954 Vernon Claycamp, PER, PAVP, PDDGER

BORN: January 8, 1927 INITIATED: February 11, 1965 DIED: September 20, 2022



# **FUN AT FAMILY DAY PICNIC CONTINUED**















































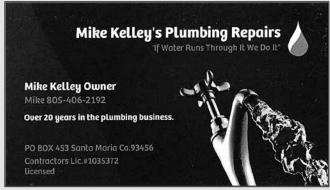














# **SECOND VETERAN'S MINI STANDDOWN**





































# **VETERANS**

Whew! September was a busy month for our volunteers from the Santa Maria Elks Lodge 1538. Our Veterans Committee served lunch to over 100 veterans on Wednesday September 14, at the Santa Maria VA clinic. A crew of 12 Elks Members traveled to the West LA VA clinic on Monday September 19, to set up, cook and serve a BBQ lunch to over 400 veterans. On Wednesday September 27th we hosted our second Veterans Mini Stand Down at our Lodge. Thanks to ENF grant funds from Grand Lodge we were able to feed over 200 people a chicken lunch and give out

\$1,250 to several nonprofit groups that participated in

our event including:

Alan Hancock Veterans Scholarship Foundation \$250 New Beginnings Counseling Center \$250 42-MM Golf Foundation \$250 American Veterans United \$500, featuring Frank Renteria, Vice President Area 2

Frank served as our guest speaker, speaking about claims and benefits and suicide prevention for veterans. The highlight of the event was a \$2,000 donation from Clover Lane Foundation to help purchase four stab-proof vests for the Band of Brothers. This group, also known as Echo, provides 24-hour crisis help to veterans in need. These vests will help protect them if they encounter dangerous situations when helping vets during an emergency.

Another generous donation was from the Elks Golf Committee for \$750 and who also presented a check to the Band of Brothers for \$1,000. During the Mini Stand Down, 85 heavy-duty jackets with hoods were handed out to vets in need. We also had over 13 different veteran's groups who gave out information about the services they provide.

We will be hosting another Mini Stand Down on Wednesday, November 30, from Noon to 3:00 pm. at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge.

Thanks again for the generous support from our volunteers, donors, and veterans' organizations. Special thanks to our military men and women who served and continue to make our country great and safe. Elks care and Elks share.

Suzanne "Sam" de St. Jean Flk Member and Veteran Volunteer God Bless our Veterans



# BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS,

# **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Honor Flight Central Coast California is looking for all "WWII", "Korean", "Vietnam" and Other Veterans to complete applications for their all-expense paid 3-day "Tour of Honor" trip to Washington, DC to see their Monuments or to support a Veteran by being their Guardian on a once in a lifetime flight, at your own expense.

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or contact Santa Maria Elk and Santa Barbara County Liaison Jay A. Conner, Army Veteran 1966-1968

(805) 550-6305

## Jay A. Conner

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# **SANTA MARIA ELKS GOLF CLUB**

The Elks Golf Club traveled to Goleta and played Sandpiper on Sept 13th. Eighty members and guests made the short journey and were treated to great weather, magnificent views of the ocean, and a great golf course. We had three closest to pins with Dean Reece claiming #6 with a great shot of 9'9" and winning \$20. Kevin Niles also won \$20 on hole #11, 6'2". Amber Foschaar had the best shot of the day on hole #18, 3'5 1/2" and winning \$20. In the net completion, Blanca Entrena had a net score of 60 winning \$90. In second place was Robin Porter with a very respectable 62 winning \$85. Third place was Amber Foschaar with a score of 67 and winning \$80. Taking 4th place was Billy Brooks with a 68 and taking home \$70. We had three net scores of 69 and in the tie breaker Greg Plahn won 5th claiming the \$65. Also shooting a 69 was Dewey Alexander taking 6th and winning \$60. The third 69 was Brian Claverie taking home \$55 for 7th place. In another tie breaker for 8th place with a net 70 was Paul Feeley winning \$50. Wayne Brown won \$45 for 9th place. In the gross completion Todd Yoder shot the low round of the day, 75 to win \$90. Marc Rodriguez had an 80, good enough for 2nd worth \$85. Shooting an 80 also but losing in a cardoff was Steve Haskins claiming \$80. Jeff Gough beat Rick Grenz in another card-off for 4th winning \$70, shooting the other 81 was Rick Grenz winning \$65. Fernie Tarango took 6th for \$60. With a score of 83 and pocketing \$55 was Mike Zubiri. Shooting the other 83 was Kenny Oxborrow good enough for \$50. Coming in 9th place was Mick Towle with an 84 winning \$45.

In the 50/50 drawing we drew eight tickets: Jeff Balvanz, Steve Hanson, Gary Concellos, Robin Porter, Steve Haskins, Steve Clark, Marc Rodriguez, and Danny Landrum each went home \$25 richer.

Cypress Ridge on October 10th was the 1st round of our Club Championship. We had 64 players in the field and were tasked with a tough format. We used 2 best net balls on the front 9 and 3 best net balls on the back. The first team comprised of Dan Troup, Brian Claverie, Gary Wechter, and Dan Egan won \$200 with a score of 158. Coming in 2nd place with a score of 163 was Buck Brocket, Terri Zubiri, Gary Cromp, and Steve Haskins they pocketed \$180. 3rd place was the team of Robin Porter, Adrain Tabaldo, Jamie Francisco, and Wayne Brown winning \$165. Just one stroke back with a score of 165 was the team of Danny Landrum, Sandy Landrum, Ann Clark, and Steve Clark, they won \$150. Rounding out the team competition and winning 5th

place in a card-off was the Steve Salazar, Greg Butler, Chet Montoya, and Paul Feeley for \$135. For the closest to pin competition and winning \$15 each on #2-1'5" Ed Chersicla, #11-5'8" Danny Landrum, on hole #13 with a shot of 6'1" Ron Redman. The low net winner with a score of 62-Ed Chersicla and coming in 2nd was Chet Montoya with a very respectable 67. Steve Haskins won the low gross with a great score of 77 while Fernie Tarango beat out Mike Zubiri in a card-off with a score of 80. In the 50/50 raffle Chino Vasquez was the 1st ticket draw and won \$40. The following people each won \$30 Adrain Tabaldo, Bob Taylor, Steve Salazar, and Sandy Landrum.

The Elks Golf Club is charity orientated and we pride ourselves in supporting local organizations. We recently gave the Band of Brothers \$500, Veterans \$750, and the holiday food baskets \$1,000. All this is made possible with the support of our Membership which currently sits at 104 Members.

The Cypress Ridge tournament was the 1st round of our Club Championship which will be followed by Santa Maria CC in November, then the 3rd and final round at The Mission Club in Lompoc where we will crown a Gross and Net Club Champion. Leading the gross category after round one is Steve Haskins-77, Fernie Tarango-80, Mike Zubiri-80, Mick Towle-81, Mike Jefferis-82, Mike Elliott-83, Brian Claverie-83, Danny Landrum-83, Greg Butler-83, and in the hunt is Bruce Myers with an 84, Terri Zubiri-85. The Net Championship is being hotly contested by several players: Chet Montoya is the 1st round leader with a 67, Mike Elliott-68, Terri Zubiri-69, Steve Haskins-70, Dan Egan-70, Danny Landrum-70, Greg Butler-70 Adrain Tabaldo-71, Brian Claverie-71, Fernie Tarango-72, and not to dismissed with 73's Mike Jefferis, Dave Hastings, Mike Zubiri, Blanca Entrena

In order to claim a Club Championship one must compete in all 3 rounds. Unfortunately our defending Net Club Champion from last year, Chip Guthrie, had to miss the 1st round and is not eligible to defend his title. The defending Gross Champion, Mick Towle, is only 5 strokes out and should not be counted out.

Fernie Tarango Golf Committee Tournament Chair

# **BOWLING**

After just 3 weeks of bowling, Team 2, Odis Walton, John Bolterman, Ashley Kelly and Tami Baty and Team 8, Soule Mates, Colby Freitas, Madeline Thompson, Travis Soule, and Deanna Stote are TIED for FIRST PLACE with AMAZING 8 wins and just 4 losses! Team 2 also leads in Team High Series AND Team High Game with ASTOUNDING 2783 and 1003 scores respectively! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The following bowlers bowled a 200 or higher game or 600 or higher series: Johnny Anguijo – 238/687, Tami Baty – 239, Randy Blankenship – 231, Jim Bolterman – 253/642, Travis Soule - 203, and Belinda Thomas – 213/608! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Joke of the Month: This guy worked in a diamond mine. Every day he would leave work with a wheel barrel full of sand. Every day the guards would sift the sand and never found anything. One of the guards was retiring and told him he wouldn't tell anybody but asked how he was stealing diamonds. The worker replied, "No steal diamonds, just wheel barrels."

Mike Kenderes Bowling Chairman



# **TOURING ELKS**

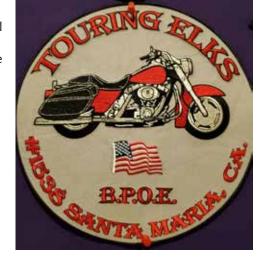
Hello Fellow Elks.

The end of the year is here. November is full of lots of fun things to do. One of my favorites is the Marine Corp Reserves, Toys for Tots Bike Run. This is a Poker run with five stops along the central coast. This year's Santa Maria Valley Bike Run is on Sunday, November 13th. Please bring an unwrapped toy for the children in need.

Registration is 8:00 am to 10:00 am with Coffee & Donuts served.

Kickstands Up promptly at 10:00 am. Our route takes us to La Simpatia, in Guadalupe, the Lompoc Elks Lodge, Figueroa Mountain Brewing in Buellton, Naughty Oaks Brewery, returning to the SM Elks Lodge for

BBQ, Music, 50/50 and raffles. We will have



VIP Mobile DJ serving up the music and expect a large crowd so get there early. Last year we had over 100 motorcycles and we expect more this year.

Last year we were able to purchase over 100 Bicycles, helmets, and locks for children ages 3 -18 years old here in Santa Maria, Orcutt and Guadalupe. We also purchased over 300 more toys for the kids. All are invited to the event even if you do not ride a motorcycle. BBQ, 50/50 and the raffle are a terrific way to participate. Just please bring an unwrapped toy. If you would like to make a monetary or raffle donation but are unable to attend, just see one of the Touring Elks or contact Gary Gross at: (805) 260-5180 or SMVBikerun@gmail.com.

**Gary Gross** President Touring Elks #1538 Touringelksprez@gmail.com

# SWAP MEET TO BENEFIT GOLDEN CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS







# **PAST EXALTED RULER'S CORNER**

We hope that you and your family are doing well.

The Lodge had a remarkably busy and successful October. The Swap Meet raised \$2.000 for the Golden Circle of Champions. Elktoberfest had over 200 in attendance and plans are in the works for next year's event. The Kid's Halloween Party had a great turnout with very imaginative and fun costumes. The Adult Halloween Party had about 500 attending with highly creative costumes and fun was had by all.

The PER Association Opportunity Drawing has been rescheduled to Sunday November 27, and will include a silent and dessert auction. Each \$100 ticket includes two BBQ Chicken Dinners, dinners without an Opportunity Drawing ticket are \$9.

## Payout schedule:

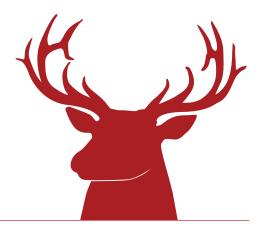
1st ticket: \$300 25th, 50th, 75th tickets: \$150 100th ticket: \$300 125th, 150th, 175th tickets: \$200 200th ticket: Grand Prize \$7,000

Tickets are available at the Members Bar and from any Past Exalted Ruler, with the Funds raised going toward the PER Scholarships given out each year.

The Lodge currently has some opportunities for employment. If you have interest, please give the Lodge Office a call for specifics.

Take care, and God be with you. Don Moshier, PER President, Past Exalted Rulers Association P.S. Don't forget to fulfill your patriotic duty to vote on November 8th.

Don Moshier, PER President, Past Exalted Rulers Association



# **SOCCER SHOOTOUT**





























Your Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 hosted its annual "Soccer Shoot" on Saturday, September 24th, 2021, held on our Lodge lawn. 98 boys and girls competed in five age groups (7 and under, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-15) for highest score.

The first through third place winners, and two guests, were invited to an awards banquet, in their honor, at our Lodge on Monday, September 26th and were presented with trophies and a new soccer ball. It was rewarding to see the excitement and determination in each and every boy and girl who participated. I commend all the parents for getting their children involved in our program. I would also like to thank all the great volunteers, all the officers, trustees and PER's, and wives who contributed their time and enthusiasm through all these years. I was proud to see them praising all our kids. The soccer shoot would not have been possible without them. Their help and support will always be greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Alx Sanchez, Lauri Stoneburner, of the photo committee, and Randy De La Pena for their expertise, making our youth feel and look as the superstars that they are through photos, and to our Lodge for supporting this great program.



Pictured are our 1st place winners, front row L-R: PER/Trustee Wes Brown; Ricky Regno, 8-9 yr. boys, Taylor School; Bryan Pineda, 7 & under boys, Libbon School; Alexando Sandoval, 10-11 yr. boys, Taylor School; Isaiah Perez; Kimberly Perez, 7 & under girls, Alvin School; Sofia Abundiz, 8-9 yr. girls, Oakley School; Eddie Navarro, Soccer Shoot Chairman. Back row, L-R; Carley Yamate, 10-11 yr. girls, Orcutt Jr. High; Samantha Reyes, 14-15 yr. girls, Nipomo High; Diego Gaytan, 12-13 yr. boys, Kunst Jr High; Tommy Gee PER; Brian Amaya, 14-15 yr. boys, Pioneer High; Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez; Jaslene Castro, 10-11 yr. girls, El Camino Jr. High.

# **50TH ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION NIGHT**















# **2022 HOLIDAY BASKET SCHEDULE**

You are invited to join the Holiday Basket Committee. We need helpers to pick up and deliver donations to the Elks Lodge. We also need people to pack the food into the baskets and distribute them (from the Elks Dining Room) as families come to pick up their baskets at the Lodge. Come join us for the Holiday Basket Organized Chaos!

Holiday Baskets are for families in the Santa Maria Valley who cannot afford a holiday dinner for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Please sponsor a family by providing the name and telephone number to the Elks Office at 805 922-1538 (see deadlines below).

# Important dates to Remember:

Thanksgiving (November) Wednesday 16

Monday 21 Tuesday 22

Christmas (December)

Wednesday 14 Monday 19 Tuesday 20

Deadline for Sponsoring a Family 6 pm Basket Setup 7:30 am Basket Perishable Items 9:00 - 11:00 am Basket Pickup

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If you're short on time, not to worry; you can still help. We can use monetary donations to help the increasing number of families we can assist. Also, there are barrels in the front lobby of the Elks Lodge and another in the Member's Bar. Please deposit non-perishable items (no expired dates) in these barrels.

If the family you sponsor is unable to pick up their basket, you, the sponsor may deliver it yourself.

God has blessed you with a family, home, and much more. Be the one to give to others so that they may enjoy the day and be thankful as well. Please email any questions at eva.macias805@gmail.com or leave a message at 805 886-6061.

Eva Macias Holiday Baskets Chairman

# **ELKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION**





































# **FOOD BANK STATS** AS OF 9/29/2022

47,077

Bags given out

23,573

**Families served** 

70,674

Individuals served

1,161,732

Pounds of food given out

#### **2022 NEW YEARS PARTY** 12 Per Table \$720 Per Table



# Proposed By-Law and House Rules

Per Grand Lodge Statutes every 5 years the Lodge must update the By-Laws and the House Rules. The proposed changes are listed below and will be voted on at the Lodge meeting on December 15, 2022.

# **BY-LAWS**

## Article II: MEMBERSHIP

#### -Current:

Section 5: Members may bring in as a guest (non-member) a maximum of 4 times throughout the year.

A member can bring in a maximum of 20 guests at one time.

# -Proposed change:

Section 5: Members may bring in as a guest (non-member) a maximum of 4 times throughout the year.

A Member can bring in a maximum of (8 guests) at one time.

## Article V: Elective Officers and Duties

#### -Current:

Of the Secretary: Section 2: For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall receive as compensation \$142.50 per annum, payable annually.

# -Proposed change:

Of the Secretary: Section 2: For the faithful performance of their duties, he or she shall receive as compensation \$1.60 per member per month based on the beginning Lodge Membership number as of April 1st of each Elk Year. Payable every two weeks.

# Of the Trustees or Board of Directors: Section 6:

**-Proposed change:** Add: The Board of Trustee, or Board of Directors shall be composed of the four Chair Officers of the Lodge, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Trustees in accordance with Section 16.020.

## **Article X: Fees and Dues**

Section 1.

**-Proposed change:** Add the following: During the month of June each year the fee for a reinstatement will be reduced from \$75.00 to \$1.00.

# **HOUSE RULES**

## House Rules #3

## -Current:

The Lounge, Bar and Game Room facilities will be open to members as follows:

Monday	11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Tuesday	11:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Wednesday	11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday	11:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Friday	11:00 AM - 2:00 AM
Saturday	11:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Sunday	11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

# -Proposed change:

(Add) All hours are subject to change and at the Bartenders discretion

## House Rules #7

## -Current:

No guests are allowed in our Club after 6:00 P.M. on Regular Meeting Nights (usually Thursdays) except on special occasions, or employees on duty.

## -Proposed change:

No guests are allowed in our Club after 7:00 P.M. on Regular Meeting Nights (usually Thursdays) except on special occasions, or employees on duty. Collared shirts required and no shorts on Regular Meeting Nights.

## House Rules #10:

## -Current:

Persons under Twenty-one (21) years of age may be permitted into our Club only during special parties and then they must not be closer than (10) feet to the Bar.

# -Proposed change:

Persons under Twenty-one (21) years of age may be permitted into our Club only during special parties and then they must not be closer than (10) feet to the Bar. (ADD) No one under the age of Twenty-one (21) may be in the club on Friday Night Cook Your Own.

## House Rules #16:

## -Current:

Only first party personal checks will be cashed for any member of this Lodge, but not in excess of \$50.00. Cashing of such checks must be approved by the Club Manager or in his absence by a member of the House Committee. Any invalid checks issued or cashed by any member will be subject to a service charge of \$20.00. Any member issuing an invalid check can be automatically suspended from Club privileges, pending a hearing by the House Committee, and /or may be tried by the Subordinate Forum, if said check is not made good within 48 hours after notice has been served upon said member by the Club Manager or House Committee.

## -Proposed change:

Only first party personal checks will be cashed for any member of this Lodge, but not in excess of \$50.00. Cashing of such checks must be approved by the Club Manager or in his absence by a member of the House Committee. Any invalid checks issued or cashed by any member will be subject to a service charge of \$30.00. Any member issuing an invalid check can be automatically suspended from Club privileges, pending a hearing by the House Committee, and /or may be tried by the Subordinate Forum, if said check is not made good within 48 hours after notice has been served upon said member by the Club Manager of House Committee.

# House Rules #17 (b) DRESS CODE

# -Current:

Shorts: Shorts are authorized after 6 PM during the summer months (1 June to 30 September). Shorts are defined as 'long shorts,' such as Bermuda or Cargo shorts (clean and in good repair). No shorts shorter than mid-thigh, cutoffs, short-shorts, hip-huggers, or torn/frayed shorts are authorized. Shorts are never authorized for Official Lodge events such as Thursday Lodge Night or meetings with Flks officials.

# -Proposed change:

Add to House Rules #17 (b) DRESS CODE

Shorts are defined as 'long shorts', such as Bermuda or Cargo shorts (clean and in good repair). No shorts shorter than mid-thigh, cutoffs, short-shorts, hip-huggers, or torn/frayed shorts are authorized. Shorts are never authorized for Official Lodge events such as Thursday Lodge Night, meetings with Elks officials or special events with specific dress code, i.e., New Year's Eve Party.

# House Rules #17 (c) DRESS CODE

## -Current:

FOR MEN (CASUAL ATTIRE) ALLOWED: Appropriately maintained: Hawaiian, Holiday, Patriotic Shirts, collared and non-collared shirts, athletic shoes and sandals, slacks, trousers, standard or designer jeans and cords & western attire. NOT ALLOWED: Muscle shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, beach apparel, shower shoes, undergarments as outerwear (plain white T-shirts are undergarments) or T-shirts or caps with provocative, vulgar, political or gang related attire, designs, pictures, or slogans. All male Members and their guests will be expected to wear their trousers at the waist. Trousers (oversize or otherwise) will not be pushed down to the hips. Cowboy hats and other appropriate headgear will be worn as designed, NOT backwards or sideways. Gentlemen should remove their hats when seated for dining. Men's Formal or semiformal attire includes tuxedo, suit or sports coat and tie with slacks and shoes (no athletic shoes).

-Proposed change:

Add to House Rules #17 (c) DRESS CODE FOR MEN (CASUAL ATTIRE) ALLOWED: Appropriately maintained: Hawaiian, Holiday, Patriotic Shirts, collared and non-collared shirts, athletic shoes and sandals, slacks, trousers, standard or designer jeans and cords & western attire. Men must wear collared shirts, Henley shirts and Preacher shirts are not considered collared shirts on Friday "Cook Your Own" NOT ALLOWED: Muscle shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, beach apparel, shower shoes, undergarments as outerwear (plain white T-shirts are undergarments) or T-shirts or caps with provocative, vulgar, political or gang related attire, designs, pictures, or slogans. All male Members and their guests will be expected to wear their trousers at the waist. Trousers (oversize or otherwise) will not be pushed down to the hips. Cowboy hats and other appropriate headgear will be worn as designed, NOT backwards or sideways. Gentlemen should remove their hats when seated for dining. Men's Formal or semi-formal attire includes tuxedo, suit or sports coat and tie with slacks and shoes (no athletic shoes).

# House Rules #28

# -Proposed change:

Add #28 to House Rules To conform with ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) and Uniform Controlled Substances Act [11000-11651] and our Alcohol License No person may Smoke, ingest, possess, sell Cannabis or any other Illegal Substance anywhere on the property of the Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538.

## **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

#### -Current:

Section 1: The regular Lodge Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on every Thursday of each month throughout the year, except on the occurrence of a National Holiday, in which case the Lodge would be dark.

## -Proposed Change:

Section 1: The regular Lodge Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on every Thursday of each month throughout the year, except on the Thursday prior to Rodeo and the first Thursday of December. In addition, should the Thursday fall on the occurrence of a National Holiday, in which case the Lodge would be dark.

# THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND WILL BE VOTED ON TO BECOME LIFE MEMBERS ON AT THE LODGE MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2022.

006323 Harlen E Baird 006325 Keith Bladow 006326 Larry Bowman 011236 Donald T Fillmore 006234 John E Gilham 006389 Robert L Gracie 006352 Robert D Johnson 006148 Tommy A Kingsley 014366 Dennis W Leal 006377 Charles Litten 006256 Duane E Long 006190 Stan Luis 006400 Bob O'Brien 006402 George Risher 002820 Gary P Saunders 006404 C Bryant Smith 007622 Wayne Stahl 006287 William H Story 007143 Terry D Thomson 006279 Robert E White





# **ATTENTION ALL FOOTBALL FANS**

We have the NFL Sunday Ticket Package at the Lodge. Whenever your team has an important game and you get heart failure because you can't find it on regular TV, gather friends and gamily and come watch on one of our big screens.

The Bar opens at 10:00 am, so come on down and enjou watching your favorite team. (Go STEELERS!)

See you there!! Janet Lodge Office



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NOVEMBER 2022							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
NFL Viewing Package on Sunday in the Member's Bar	Elks Bowling Every Tuesday Rancho Bowl 6:30 pm	New Years Eve Patty Tickets go on Sale (Details Page 15) Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm Investigation 6:30 pm	2	3 Lodge 7:30 pm Balloting	4 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Caddy Shack (New 80's Band)	5 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm	
6 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm	Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm BBQ Spareribs House Committee 6:30	Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm PER Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10 Veterans' BBQ Dinner 6:30 pm (Free when in uniform or ANY part of uniform) Lodge 7:30 pm Student of the Month	11 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Sound Investment	12 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am to 9 pm	
Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm Cigar & Fine Spirits 2pm Patio Toys for Tots (Details Page 19)	14 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Family Night Dinner 5:30 Family – 7:00 pm Meatloaf Golf Meeting 6:30 pm	Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	16 Orientation Dinner 6:30	17 Food Bank 9:00'ish Veterans Meet 6:30 pm Lodge 7:30 pm Initiation	CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Steppin' Out	Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am Bar and Lounge Open 10 am to 9 pm	
20 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm Craft Fair 11 am – 4 pm (Details page 19)	21 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Family Night Dinner 5:30 Family – 7:00 pm Chicken Fried Steak	Thanksgiving Baskets 7:30 am Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm Sportsmen 7:00 pm	Office closes 1:00 pm	24 Thanksgiving Day LODGE DARK	CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to DJ Art Reynoso	26 Bar and Lounge Open 10am to 9 pm	
27 Bar and Lounge Open 10 am – 9 pm PER Opportunity Drawing 3 pm (Details Page 5 & 11)	28 Grab 'n' Go 5:15 pm Family Night Dinner 5:30-7:00 pm ½ BBQ Chicken	29 Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 PM BING 6:00 pm Touring Elks 7:30 pm	30 Veterans' Mini Stand Down Noon – 3:00 pm (Details Page 9)	Prior to the Standdown Donations needed: Jackets, Beanies, Socks As Winter is Coming	OUDDENT EVE	CK FOR NT INFORMATION: ECORDED MESSAGE. PAGE FACEBOOK, NSTAGRAM	