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Matt Rodriguez

**SANTA MARIA ELKS HOST
VETERAN'S MINI STANDOWN**

Members,

I hope by this time of the New Year you have set your mind on how you can help our Lodge; Maybe you have been thinking about returning to volunteer or you have been wanting to start. Well, let us get you here. We have lots of things coming this year and could always use help.



Once again, I would like to talk about change. Life is always changing, and we need to keep up with the times. We do not always like change and most of the time it takes some time to see the effects. If you are not in agreement with changes, remember there is always reasoning behind the decision. With the quick access to social media some tend to go on a rant expressing what and why they think the change is being made. All I ask is, please have all the facts before reacting. Once we put anything out there it could affect lots of people emotionally and mentally. It can also have others thinking, "What's going on?" No one needs that. We here at Santa Maria Elks are one big family, even though we may not see eye to eye. Yet when it comes down to it, we have one common goal: "protect our homes and those in them". We will always continue to have the Veterans and the youth of the community on the agenda no matter what the change is.

Thank you all for everything you do for the best Lodge in all Elkdom.

May God be with you always,

Matt Rodriguez
Exalted Ruler



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CRYING TOWEL

December 1 NO LODGE

December 8

Julie McGandy	\$500
Daniel A. Vegezzi	\$500
Michael Lee Benson	\$500

December 15

Nick Passmore	\$500
David Roinstad	\$500
Spencer Stimler	\$500

December 22

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Jim Elkins	\$50	PRESENT
Suzanne Fillmore	\$50	PRESENT
Paul Harper	\$50	PRESENT
Mike Cordero	\$50	PRESENT
James Tomei	\$50	PRESENT
Tony Campas PER	\$50	PRESENT
Robin Sisk	\$50	PRESENT
Richard Hernandez	\$50	PRESENT
Randy Bisho	\$50	PRESENT

December 29

Tyronda L. Kelly	\$500
Phillip G. Moore	\$500
Andrea Brown	\$500

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SUPER BOWL PARTY

Super Bowl Sunday is quickly approaching! We will be having our annual Super Bowl Party on **Sunday, February 12, 2022**. It will be a pot-luck feast, so bring your favorite dish. There will be power provided for your electrical appliances, and a lot of room for anything else. You can bring sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts or main dishes.

Starting time is at 12:00 noon - the game starts at 3:00 pm. There will be door prizes, raffles, and bar specials!

21 and older only!



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES: If you have not already received your dues statement, you should very soon. You will notice the dues went up by \$5.00 this year because the rising cost of the Grand Lodge Insurance which provides Lodges the ability to have a bar and covers the liquor liability.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS: If you have not paid your 2022-2023 Membership dues, you will be dropped in March. To avoid this please contact the office. If you are dropped you will need to reinstate, and there are several options for you to accomplish this. Please contact the Lodge Secretary.

TRANSFERS: If you plan to transfer your Membership to another Lodge, the time is before March 1st. After March 1st transfers are not granted because it takes the new Lodge time to process your request, have the Members vote on the application, etc. If the new Lodge does not get the transfer processed before April 1, 2023, then your Membership gets electronically returned to Santa Maria (and in most cases the dues have not been paid) then the Member would have to pay the yearly dues to Santa Maria Lodge before being able to request a transfer. Grand Lodge needs the Membership counts to be correct as of April 1st each year, and when a transfer is returned it throws the Membership count off to both Lodges involved. All transfers need to be initiated prior to March 1st.

Phil Daughton
 Lodge Secretary

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.

CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

Aaron Castellanos



Leading Members,

Thank you to everyone who chose to join us in bringing in the New Year 2023 in fellowship here at your Santa Maria Elks Lodge. The evening was one which I hope

was enjoyable to everyone in attendance. Putting on such an event as this truly takes a lot of help and cooperation to achieve, for which I am extremely grateful to each and every volunteer who assisted in making it an enormous success. I appreciate the continued support of all the Members who were able to come out and join in. I hope that this event was able to meet or surpass the expectations of the night and help to look forward to what this New Year will bring.

As a reminder, in my November article I shared how Elks Major Project addresses the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout California and Hawaii by providing supporting services to aid these children at no cost to the families and without discrimination. This goal is something that should be close to our hearts as Members of our Fraternal Organization as it encompasses every one of our guiding principles which we swore to achieve in our solemn and binding obligation as Elks. During this Leading Knight challenge, I cannot thank everyone enough for the great generosity from our Members, Lodge committees, and community in supporting this cause. As a reminder, we still have time to make a bigger impact. Please turn in any pledge and Purple Pigs to our office by January 31st to be included in this challenge (attach your Name & Membership number). And consider becoming a Recurring Member throughout the year if possible.

I wish this year grants each of you the best of times and that we all stay safe. 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



Loyal Members,

Many of these Elks Horn articles always seem to be based on volunteering, but usually not mine, and I will tell you why shortly.

Every January, when I go to my gym, there is a huge influx of new members trying once again to keep their new year's resolutions to get into better shape and lose those extra pounds, but for the existing members who go there week after week and month after month, the new members are annoying because they are taking up space or using their preferred workout area. However, these new members are paying their monthly membership fees and pay for the new equipment upgrades and without them, the gym could not exist and would be in a state of disrepair.

This is remarkably similar to how our Lodge operates. We have over 3,000 Members, but only three hundred active Members. However, we would not know what to do if you all showed up at once for a Friday night CYO.

The reason I am writing this, is sometimes Members will tell me they only sponsor new Elks who they know will volunteer and be active within the Lodge. Why this is great, I would encourage you to sponsor anyone who is generally a good person to join. Most every volunteer and Officer of this Lodge initially started off as a fork and knifer and just came for a Cook Your Own. They eventually joined the Elks, and it may have taken over five years before they ever volunteered, joined a committee, or attended a Lodge meeting. However, during those five years, they continued to pay their dues, invited friends to join them for CYO, etc., which pays our bills.

So please, invite your lazy, non-volunteering friends as well as your diligent ones to come to the Lodge and to join the Elks. You never know just which one of them will one day have their picture on the wall as the next volunteer of the year or the next Exalted Ruler. Every Member counts and every Member is appreciated.

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

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

Chuck Biely



Lecturing Members,

My apologies for no article last month. Circumstances contrived against me. It will not happen again.

I hope you all enjoyed your New Year celebration. Now we look forward to 2023 and a new Elk year in just a brief time. Nominations and election of officers for the 2023-2024 Elk year are in February, your input and participation in the process are particularly important. Please take the time to involve yourself.

Speaking of participation, we need your presence at our weekly meetings. Without your valuable input we cannot address your issues. If these are not addressed, your interest wanes and our Lodge is the ultimate loser. You have each joined this Lodge for your individual reasons. Whatever those reasons, we are all part of a great organization. That greatness depends on its Membership to exist and prosper. For the past three years, since Covid hit, a small cadre of officers and volunteers has borne the brunt of keeping our Lodge, not only open full time but moving forward. We need your help in all aspects in order to continue progressing in a positive direction. Coming to weekly meetings is the easiest and best way to find where your help is most needed. And you will find yourself amongst like-minded Elks. Come join us and meet new friends.

Fraternally,
Chuck Biely
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

SAVE THE DATE

April 1, 2022

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
AND INAUGURAL BALL**

*Details on page 12.
Tickets on Sale February 27*

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HOOP SHOOT



Our Santa Maria Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot was held on Sunday, December 18, 2022 at the Minami Community Center. We had 64 boys and girls compete in three age groups. Each participant is given 25 free-throws at the regulation height and distance with the 8-9 year olds shooting four feet closer.

1st through 3rd place winners and parents were invited to our Monday night family dinner and treated to a dinner, a trophy, and a basketball with our Elks logo, group and individual pictures and well earned applause.

I would like to thank Rob Bergin and the A.S.E.S. Program (after school, education, and safety) for holding a school participation competition before our event. 5 schools held a mini hoop shoot, with a total of 271 boys and girls competing. 1st place winners were invited to compete in our local event.

Our six 1st place winners will advance to the District-level competition held in Paso Robles on January 28. Winners will then advance to the State, then Region and then to the National competition to be held in Chicago, Illinois in April.

We were blessed to have 34 volunteers (8 non-Elks) stage a top-notch event. Thank you, Exalted Ruler Matt Rodrigues, our officers, trustees, Phil Daughton assisting with supplies, and our impressive members and families for their assistance in making our athletes feel special. In addition, Thanks to the following: our Antlers, Eva Macias, and a few of our Scholars (students of the month); Lauri Stoneburner, Ray Sanchez, and the photo committee for making our kids feel like the stars they are our PERs, for their support for our winners and their families; the Recreation and Parks Department, with the help of the facilities use; Randy Wise, Straw Hat Pizza; Kim Newman and our Elks Horn staff for always supporting our youth events; my co-chairman Maria and my son Joseph; and our Lodge for giving me and my family the privilege for being part of this great youth activity.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS

Front row, L-R: Aiden Baeza, 10-11 boys, Oakley School; Herbie Gerfen, 8-9 boys, Patterson School; Naya Gruspe, 8-9 yr. girls, Ralph Dunlap School; Rheeane Sanvictores, 12-13 girls, Orcutt Jr. High; Dominic Mora, 12-13 yr. boys, Kunst Jr. High; Alyssa Mora, 10-11 girl, Tunnell School **Back row, L-R:** Wes Brown, PER/Trustee/CoB; Steve Jones, Loyal Knight; Matt Rodriguez, Exalted Ruler; Phil Daughton, Secretary/PER/PAVP; Jim Elkins, Trustee; Eddie Navarro, Hoop Shoot Chairman



In Memoriam

"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"

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

2923

**Raymond "Corky" Ball
(Life Member)**

BORN: January 25, 1933
INITIATED: November 19, 1964
DIED: November 16, 2022

10492

John Wheaton

BORN: May 27, 1954
INITIATED: June 24, 1986
DIED: December 16, 2022

5151

**Johnny Simas
(Life Member)**

BORN: September 2, 1931
INITIATED: February 8, 1968
DIED: November 28, 2022



PER CORNER

The results for the PER Opportunity Drawing held in November show a net profit of a little over \$7,500 to go towards the PER Scholarship Fund. Once again, the PER Association wants to say "Thank You" to all the helpers and participants that took part in this event. Your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to doing it again next year, bigger and better.

February is an important month for the future of our Lodge. This is the month that Lodge Officers are nominated and voted on for the upcoming Elk Year of 2023 - 2024. We hope to see you in Lodge to participate in the nominations and the vote.

Take care, and God be with you. We hope to see you at Lodge meetings.

*Don Moshier, PER
President, Past Exalted Rulers Association*

CYO BBQ REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Date	Band	Dinners	X-cuts
2	A Moment in Time	236	24
9	Smooth Groovz DJ Artie	347	41
16	Brass Factory	381	30
23	DJ Tymeless	291	24
TOTAL DINNERS SOLD		1,255	119

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| Stan Rodriguez | Feldpouch PER |
| Stephanie Garber | Richard Fleming |
| Steve Penzes | |

BOTTOM LEFT: PER Don Moshier presents a \$1,538 donation from the PER Association to Leading Knight Aaron Castellanos for the CHEMPI Leading Knight Challenge

TOP RIGHT: Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez presents a May Elk Of the Month plaque to Randy Bisho

BOTTOM RIGHT: Secretary Phil Daughton presents a CHEMPI Recuring Donor Pin and Certificate to Leading Knight Aaron Castellanos



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VETERANS

Blessings to our members, their families, and veterans in 2023. On Wednesday, January 4th, we were once again blessed to have a generous donation of athletic shoes donated by George Pierce, CEO Founder of Pierce Footwear in Bend Oregon and Gerald Chase, Chairman of Cloverlane Foundation in Buellton. Together they celebrated their first partnership with each other and Veterans Mobility Products to distribute best fitting sneakers to temporarily disabled Veterans and their families. These sneakers help Veterans stay physically active, more mobile and to keep exercising to receive the mental health benefits of movement.

Pierce has travelled nationally and globally competing in many duathlon and triathlon events over the past decades. For those who were present at our January event, you heard about the circumstances regarding his unfortunate accident in 2010 where he suffered a life-threatening accident when he was struck by a car while cycling. He sustained many serious injuries, including fracturing his neck and back in multiple places. On his road to recovery, he discovered that lacing shoes was incredibly difficult with his limited mobility. He was inspired to create a solution by designing a laceless performance shoe, and Pierce Footwear was born! Many veterans who attended last month's event were fitted with these special shoes and thanked the volunteers who helped them find the right fit. Even members of Boy Scout Troop #87 who helped bus tables and welcome veterans were given shoes for themselves and fellow scout members. We wanted to thank them for their volunteer service and

MONDAY NIGHT GRAB n GO DINNERS

ended December 19. We have returned to dinner being served inside this month. Thank you to all who have helped these past few years.

hopefully someday they will be future veterans, Elk Members, and part of our community.

In addition to donated gift cards from Walmart, footwear, and other personal items such as socks, underwear, and hygiene products, veterans, their families, and guests were treated to a delicious deli lunch served at 12:30 pm. Speaking of food, Larry Jones of the Santa Maria Veterans Clinic needs volunteers to help distribute food at two of their locations. The Veterans Hall 313 W. Tunnel on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8:30 am – 5 pm and the Veterans Clinic 1550 E Main Street on the 4th Wednesday from 3-4:30 pm. Please contact Larry Jones at the VA clinic at 818-836-2774 or email him at Larry.Jones3@va.gov.

We also had guest speakers, veterans' information booths and local veteran groups. This successful event was due to our Veteran Committee, Elk Members and volunteers, and to the men and women who proudly serve or have served to protect our country and continue to keep us safe.

Please plan to join us in April at the Lodge for our next Veterans Committee Appreciation event. Look for details in our upcoming Elks Horn Newsletter.

Remember Elks Care, Elks Share.

God Bless our Veterans,
Suzanne "Sam" de St. Jean
Veterans Committee Member



2022 Holiday Baskets



LIVE AND IN-PERSON

MEAT HANDLING, TRIMMING, & SLICING DEMONSTRATION

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH AT 7 PM

As part of our articles to discuss how to do the Santa Maria Elks style of BBQing the different types of meat for people new to our area, we are continuing. Except it will not be an article in the Elkhorn. Trying to explain it on paper is not as easy as actually demonstrating it. On March 26, 2008, Wayne Stahl held a demonstration to demonstrate the handling, trimming, and slicing the several types of meats. It was well attended, and we have had Members ask if we could do it again.

Therefore, Wayne will hold a final, in-person demonstration before he moves out of state. We will have a tri tip, ribeye, New York, top block, chicken breast, and pork loin to use as a demonstration. These will not be cooked so you are on your own for dinner. This is open to Elks and their guests. Bring your significant other, family member or a neighbor who invites you over for BBQ, and it could be a little better. If you attended the last one, you are welcome to attend again. The last time we did this, with the demonstration and questions, it lasted about an hour and a half.



TRAVELERS

Let's party!

The Travelers returned to Pacific Dunes Ranch RV Resort in Oceano December 8 - 11 for a pre-Christmas celebration. This location has been our go-to destination for several years as they have a clubhouse large enough to accommodate all 46 of our Members who turned out for this annual festive event.

As usual, several of our group went to a local restaurant for our first evening's meal, returning to share the ambiance of two fire rings. The weather forecast was for the possibility of rain, but for most of our stay it was cool but dry. On Friday morning Richard Chrisman, Terrie Eskew, Ed Hawes and Mark Brown served up a hearty breakfast for everyone – thank you Richard, Terrie, Ed and Mark! The rest of the day was a "do your own thing" day - several of the ladies went shopping and our golfers did their thing. Turned out that Hank Ramirez got a par and a birdie, but no one else was willing to report their scores. That evening, Karen Munch, and Carol Steigler mixed-up some great Margaritas in the clubhouse to get everyone in the mood for the catered taco dinner with

rice, beans, quesadillas, and poppers.

Saturday started off cloudy then started to rain in the late afternoon. Fortunately, we had the clubhouse to hold our potluck lunch, and our monthly Membership meeting. Prior to the lunch and meeting a champagne toast was hosted by Norm and Cheryl McDonald in honor of Cheryl's birthday (see photo) and co-hosted by Hank Ramirez "for life." The Travelers offer our "thank you" to Norm, Cheryl, and Hank for the bubbly. During the meeting, our new Members, Jim, and Kitty Parker (see photo) were introduced. Though the Parkers had joined the Travelers in August, this campout was the first they were able to attend. Welcome Jim and Kitty! A "pass the hat" collection was made to add to funds for ENF, followed by a raffle to fund not only our operating expenses, but as a special gift to our Members to pay for one day of the camping fees.

Our Christmas party later that evening included a great BBQ dinner with all the fixings. A heartfelt Travelers Thank You! to Bobby Randolph, Randy Bisho, Joe Saucedo, Jobie Steigler, Chuck Smith, and Hank

Ramirez (for moral support), for braving the significant rainfall to work the grill, and to servers Karen Munch, Sherry Purser, Cindy Rodriquez, Chuck Smith, Bobby Randolph, and Jobie Steigler. A gift exchange followed the dinner, in which the rules allowed Members to steal a gift previously chosen from another Member, which was (mostly) a fun event (?). Live entertainment was provided by country/western singer Ron Miller (see photo), who we have had back every year for the last 20+ years as his talent and jokes keep us laughing and enjoying his performance.

Want an invitation to join us on one of our upcoming campouts? If yes, simply contact or Membership chairperson, Luci Fetzco (lkfetzic@gmail.com).

UPCOMING CAMPOUT

February 9 - 12
Casa de Fruta RV

Alan Munch
Asst. Wagon Master



2022 HOLIDAY BASKETS



Thank you for your support!

The making of the Holiday Baskets is always based on faith and volunteers. The Elks receive great donations from local Farmers who support our cause, and most of all, to the volunteers. We had Elks, Antlers, friends of the Elks, and their children assembling the baskets, both for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Altogether, approximately two hundred baskets were handed out to those in need of a Holiday meal.

A new volunteer stepped up and picked up bread and desserts from the grocery stores, and vegetables from the cooler. These items were delivered to the Elks Lodge, unloaded, and redistributed to the baskets.

Announcements of thanks were made at the Lodge Meetings, however, I wanted to extend my gratefulness to all those who supported the efforts of the Holiday Baskets. All had helping hands with a smile. Volunteers were looking for more ways to help once they completed their task. We completed the baskets in record time with everyone helping. I call it "organized chaos."

Speaking from the heart, I thank you again Elks, Antlers, friends of the Elks, and your children. Without your help, this would have been a monumental undertaking. Looking forward to seeing you next Holiday Season.

Eva Macias
Holiday Baskets Chairman

30th Annual TOURING ELKS BIKE RAFFLE Sunday, March 26, 2023

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TOURING ELKS

Hello Elks,

Well, February is a busy time for the Touring Elks. We are putting together the 30th Annual Bike Raffle. This year's Motorcycle is a 2022 Black Harley-Davidson Electra Glide Standard. The tickets are \$100.00 and include 1 BBQ meal at the event, additional BBQ meals can be purchased. Besides the Grand Prize there are 5 other prizes to be won. Second prize is \$1000.00, 3rd prize is \$800.00, 4th prize \$600.00, 5th prize is \$400.00 and the 6th prize is \$200.00. We will also have a last chance raffle for the 400th ticket, which gives the winner of that ticket another chance to win the Motorcycle. It's a fun event, so please buy your tickets early as last year was sold out by the end of February. Tickets can be purchased from Touring Elks members, Santa Maria Harley-Davidson and the Elks Lodge Bar. So come out and support this fundraiser. I look forward to seeing you there!

Gary Gross
President Touring Elks #1538
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Friday Night Cover Charge Notice

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



Service Pin Awards March 2, 2023

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Daniel Arndt
Frank Azevedo Jr
Julian Azevedo
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Kevin Blume
Corey Brough
Ruben Ceja
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Jon Dana
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Kathleen Sullivan
C Ronald Swenson
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Douglas Bennett
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Tyler Bennett
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Mitch Caron
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Todd Crandall
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Dexter Daniels
Gary Daugherty
Eric Dias
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Kenneth Eisner
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David Graves
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Kevin Kinyon
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Steven Lopez
Tim T Murphy
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Glenn Paige
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Nick Passmore
David Peck
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Eloy Uvalle
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Carl Barbettini
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Harold Moss
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Ruben Ramirez
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35 YEAR PIN

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40 YEAR PIN

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Lloyd Eitel
Monte Epps
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Paul Lopez
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Edgar Cohen
Ivan Cordero
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Van Diaz
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David Hastings
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Rudy Molina
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Larre Stafford
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50 YEAR PIN

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Larry Bowman PER
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55 YEAR PIN

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Mark Parsons
Charles Porter
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60 YEAR PIN

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ELKS OFFICERS *Inaugural Ball* & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

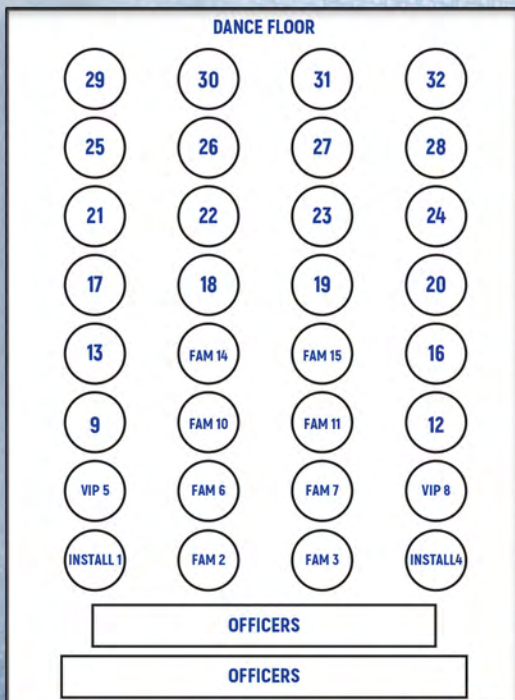
SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 1, 2023

4:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

4:00-5:00pm Installation of Officers

5:00-6:00pm Receiving Line & Cocktail Party, 8:00pm Dinner

5:30-7:30pm Mariachi, 8:00pm-Midnight Live Music



MENU

New York Steak & Carving Station
Baked Potato, Vegetables, Salad
Dessert

Cost \$40 per person
Reservations are a must!

*The bar will be closing at 3:00 pm to all
who do not have a ticket to the Inaugural Ball!*

*Tickets on sale February 27 in the office
(805) 922-1538 and must be
picked up by March 30*





kids CHRISTMAS PARTY





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2022-2023 OFFICERS**

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 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 Glenda Jennings
 Tiler Ray Sanchez
 Organist Bryan Feldpouch PER
 Secretary Phil Daighton 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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FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
		Elks Bowling Every Tuesday Rancho Bowl 6:30 pm		Lodge 7:30 pm Nomination of Officers Elks Horn Articles Due	CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/ Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to Unfinished Business	Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm BBQ Steak Sandwich House Committee 6:00	Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm BINGO 6:30 pm PER 7:00 pm		Lodge 7:30 pm Nomination of Officers	CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/ Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to DJ ANT X	Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SUPER BOWL PARTY (Details p.2) Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm Spaghetti & Meatballs	Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm BINGO 6:30 pm		Lodge 7:30 pm Election of Officers	CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/ Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to Brass Factory	Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm Presidents' Day BBQ Pork Chops	Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm BINGO 6:30 pm Investigation of Nw Members 6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday	Food Bank 9'ish Lodge 7:30 pm Balloting	CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/ Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to Caddyshack	Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
26	27	28	March 1	March 2		
Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm BBQ 1/2 Chicken Inaugural Ball Tickets Go On Sale	Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm BINGO 6:30 pm Sportsmen 7:00 pm Touring Elks 7:30 pm		Lodge 7:30 pm Pin Night (Details p.11)		

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

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