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AARON CASTELLANOS, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

MAY 2023

EXALTED RULER

Aaron Castellanos



Members,

My most sincere gratitude to everyone who made it possible to experience an absolutely amazing Officer Installation as well as to put on a most-memorable Inaugural Ball here at Santa Maria Elks Lodge. The hard work and level of attention to every detail at this event was first class. It was a day that I hope we all will look back to, and have great memories of, for years to come. Thank you all for making this possible. I will never forget how special it was to see an at-capacity event full of friends and family who have supported us all every step of the way in the past years. I hope we continue to merit the support and confidence we have been given throughout the years to follow.

This year we hope will be a very productive one for all of us at our Lodge. We are currently in the midst of bringing on some very exciting improvements and some additions to our facility that we hope will meet Membership approval. Once again, I urge every Member to be

involved in these decisions as they will have a lasting impression for the years to come. This is your Lodge and we all should have say in how it will be run and look.

Time does have a way of sneaking up on us - these next couple of months will be filled with many exciting events. Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and Parade will give all Members an opportunity to get involved in many of the tasks needed to put on these events. If interested in being a volunteer, please reach out to us at the Lodge and we will direct you to the proper event chairman. Also, your officer corps is currently working on building the best team performance in preparation for our District Initiation Ritual Competition in hopes to once again compete at the State Association level. Membership growth has been amazing, please continue to vet and sponsor candidates you feel will help us to continue the great work we all do for the community.

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
 Exalted Ruler

Citizen & Student of the Year Banquet

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Come and support the Students that will be honored and the Elks Citizen of the Year

Bar: 5:30 pm | BBQ Beef served 6:30 pm

\$18 per person - Reservations are required • Please call the Office at (805) 922-1538

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Mother's Day
Champagne Brunch

Sunday, May 14, 2022
 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Menu
 HAM OR SAUSAGE - SCRAMBLED EGGS
 COUNTRY POTATOES
 BISCUITS & GRAVY
 FRUIT SALAD
 COFFEE OR TEA
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MOTHER OF AN ELK MEMBER EATS FREE

\$15 - ADULTS
\$7 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER
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EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2023



BAR PRICES will increase by .50 cents for all liquor and wine.

CYO PRICES for all Entrees:
New York Steak, Fish, Chicken Breast, and Pork Ribs
 will increase by \$2.00
Members: \$20/plate
Guests: \$25/plate

SALAD PLATES
 will increase by \$3 to
\$15/plate

CYO BBQ REPORT FOR MARCH

Date	Band	Dinners	X-cuts
3	Unfinished Business	501	41
10	Mestizo	450	23
17	Swing Shift	308	20
24	Sound House	347	20
TOTAL DINNERS SOLD		1,606	104

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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.



CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

Steve Jones



Members,
These last few months, my wife Maria and I have had the privilege of planning and organizing Aaron and Georgia's Inaugural Ball. This was an honor to us both as it's

a tradition that goes back way before I ever heard of the Elks.

Being an Officer of the Lodge is a mostly thankless job, and anyone who has gone through the chairs, who put in the work, who heard the complaints, who made the tough decisions, who worked tirelessly for year after year, deserves a celebration of their accomplishments and their efforts.

I am writing this two days before this year's Inaugural Ball, so it's definitely too late for this year; however, if you have never been to an Inaugural Ball, this is your invitation for all of the future events that this Lodge will have for years and decades to come. These are times to showcase the Exalted Ruler and the First Lady and their hobbies, their careers, their achievements and their passions.

It is also a time for the Exalted Ruler's family and friends to celebrate and to see that all of the time, effort, and sacrifices have finally paid off. They were once just a normal Elk Member who has now assumed the title of Exalted Ruler of one of the best lodges in all of Elkdome.

Once any Elk becomes an Exalted Ruler, his membership card for the rest of his life will bear the title of Past Exalted Ruler and will be recognized forever in Elkdome. It is an honor, and even a greater honor when you were an Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #1538.

Congratulations Aaron and may your reign be magnificent!

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

JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT

Chuck Biely



Members,
We are fast approaching our Lodge's busy season. There are a myriad of activities forthcoming which cry out for eager volunteers to join one or more

committees, thereby fulfilling the commitment to our Lodge, our Members and our community. Become a part of this proud organization by contributing your time and effort for the betterment of others.

This month your Officer Corps will compete once again in the annual West Central Coast District Ritual Contest being held this year at the Simi Valley Lodge on May 5th and 6th. We are working hard to retain that trophy which is displayed in our Lodge room. Words of encouragement to your participating officers are always appreciated.

As mentioned in my last article, Beard a Reno is on May 20. It was decided that a new category should be added to recognize those with a bit of white in the facial hair. Yes, the best salt and pepper beard gets its own category this year. Even if you did not get signed up in time to enter, plan to come down and join the festivities, not to mention a great beef rib dinner. Of course, cheering for your favorite contestant is encouraged as well as attempting to sway the judges' decisions.

I hope you all have your western attire set aside in anticipation of our 80th annual rodeo. This promises to be one of the best productions yet so plan to be part of it, not just an observer. Get involved; you will benefit the most.

As always, take care and be kind to others. It is, after all, your solemn and binding Obligation as an Elk.

Fraternally Yours,
Chuck Biely
Esteemed Loyal Knight

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

Jeremy Forman



Members,
The motto of our order is "the faults of our Members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." As Elks, we should take this to

heart. As I stated in my previous article, we are one big family, and we should treat each other as such. And, I would say that this should not only include our Members, but their spouses and families. When you took the Obligation during the Initiation, you swore to "always protect our Members, their good names and their families; and always respect and defend the purity and sanctity of their homes and firesides." Please keep that in mind when interacting with your fellow Elks. We do not always have to agree or even like each other, but we should certainly treat each other with courtesy and respect, as well as a little bit of compassion.

This is a new year, and we have many events upcoming. Let us do what #1538 does best and make this a great year with all the work and support we give to the community. I hope to see many of you at some of our events this month, and of course Rodeo is fast approaching. Hope to see you out there.

As always, Ever Practice Brotherly Love.

Fraternally Yours,
Jeremy Forman PER
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Flag Day CEREMONY



Sunday, June 11
Ceremony begins at 2:00pm

The officers and members of Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 cordially invite you to attend our Flag Day Ceremony held at the Elks Lodge.

1309 North Bradley Rd, Santa Maria

Cold Cut Buffet Lunch will be served following the ceremony



COME JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For More Information on How You can lend a hand
Please contact Jaime Flores (805) 720-5342

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



INAUGURAL BALL



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SANTA MARIA ELKS

Car Show

Saturday, June 24
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Open to all types of vehicles

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- Jeeps • Antiques • Muscle • 4x4s • Project Cars
- Vans • Motorcycles

We are in need of raffle prizes and award sponsors. Also, we are in need of volunteers on the day of the show to make it a successful event.

All are welcome! Thank you for your support!

~ Eric Alvarez, Car Show Chairman, (805) 478-0018 ~

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
BBQ STEAK SANDWICH OR HOT DOG LUNCH
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10793

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BORN: JUNE 22, 1941
INITIATED: NOVEMBER 29, 1990
DIED: MARCH 01, 2023

9313

MICHAEL L. DIAZ

BORN: SEPTEMBER 19, 1964
INITIATED: NOVEMBER 21, 1985
DIED: FEBRUARY 16, 2023

11844

JOHN D. HAMNER

BORN: JUNE 08, 1937
INITIATED: SEPTEMBER 21, 1995
DIED: MARCH 08, 2023

14661

DEBRA A BONER

BORN: JULY 23, 1954
INITIATED: OCTOBER 18, 2012
DIED: MARCH 07, 2023

14716

KEVIN W HIGHTOWER

BORN: DECEMBER 17, 1961
INITIATED: FEBRUARY 07, 2013
DIED: MARCH 24, 2023

8196

TERRY WAYNE NEWBY

BORN: JANUARY 04, 1953
INITIATED: APRIL 30, 1981
DIED: MARCH 25, 2023



CHAIRMAN OF MAJOR PROJECT

Hello, Members!

I was asked to be Chairman of Major Project and am really excited to be back. I would very much appreciate it if some of you would help me out with this most-worthy event. Just let me know if you would like to volunteer and thank you in advance. Major Projects is all about helping our children who need us the most. We all have our Purple Pigs at home so let's fill them up and return them to the office with your Name and your Membership Number. We appreciate all who turn them in. Thank you.

"A Coin a Day and They will Walk, Talk, See and Play." Let's have a Great 2023-2024! Thank you all.

Amy Gillot

Major Project Chair

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TRAVELERS



The Travelers conducted our annual Membership meeting at the Lodge on February 27th, during which nominations for the club's officers for the 2023 - 2024 year were held and voted upon by the members present.

The new officers are: John Purdum – Wagon Master; Randy Bisho – Assistant Wagon Master; Sherry Purser – Secretary; and Richard Chrisman – Treasurer.

The Committee Chairs were also selected, and include: Carol Steigler – Campout Coordinator; Kelly McLoughlin – Membership; Karen Munch – Supplies / Shed; and Delia Garnet – Special (philanthropic) Projects.

The installation of our new officers took place at a ceremony and luncheon held at the Lodge on March 12th, with Exalted Ruler Elect Aaron Castellanos conducting the installations. At the conclusion of the installation, the members present took a pledge to support all our officers and committee members in the performance of their duties. We want to thank them for stepping-up to volunteer their time and efforts to serve the Travelers in keeping our club as strong and vibrant as ever throughout this coming year.

Some sincere "Thank You"s are in order – first to our outgoing Wagon Master, Steve McGehee, for his steadfast leadership to the Travelers during these challenging past three years – great job Steve! And also to Jobie Steigler as our Assistant Wagon Master and to Luci Fetzko as our Membership Chair for their 3 years of service to our Club. We also want to give special recognition to Exalted Ruler Elect Aaron Castellanos for helping make our ceremony a special occasion by conducting the installation of officers. THANK YOU Aaron!

Do you have an RV and would like to go camping with us fun-focused folks? Then just send an email to our Membership Chair, Kelly McLaughlin (mkk96@msn.com) for an invitation to join the Travelers on one of our next outings.

Alan Munch
 Past Asst. Wagon Master

UPCOMING CAMPOUTS

April 13 - 17
 Salinas County Fairgrounds,
 King City

May 18 - 22
 Paso Robles RV Ranch

June 6 - 12
 Tres Hermanas Winery,
 Santa Maria





STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

BENJAMIN CHOI from Ernest Righetti High School with a 4.93 GPA is Ranked 1st of 585, completed six Advanced Placement classes, seven at Hancock, and has over 820 Service Hours.

His Awards include: a published article on hospital system design and error, "A Chilling Effect on Patient Safety," in the 2022 Best of Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science; National Merit Semifinalist; NaNoWriMo Winner for a 50,000+ word novel; AP Scholar with Distinction; Voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by senior class; Key Club Officer of the month and Member of the Year; Scholar Athlete; 1st place Math Con; Interact Member of the Year; Boys State Alternate; Santa Maria Partners in Caring Student Intern Program; 1st place American Mathematics Competition; 2nd place in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Public Speaking; Renaissance Award; Golden Warrior Award; and Rotary Youth of the Year

Benjamin's Activities include: STEM Club President; MITES, Physician Mentorship Program; Warrior Writers Club President; California Scholarship Federation President; Nation Honor Society Vice President; Varsity Boy's Golf; Youthwell (Mental Health Intern), and Central Coast Cardiac Imaging (Office Assistant).

His Community Involvement and Service includes: A Helping Hand (Co-founder and President); Key Club (President); Interact Club (President); ASTRA (Vice President); Merrill Gardens (Volunteer); and Marian Hospital (Volunteer)

Benjamin's Future Plans:

- 2023-2027 Pursue a Bachelor of Science Double Major in Neuroscience and Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Johns Hopkins University
- 2027-2034 Earn an MD-PhD in neuroscience at Harvard Medical School
- 2034-2041 Pursue a neurosurgery residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital and become a board-certified neurosurgeon
- 2041-2066 Create lifesaving breakthroughs and technological innovations in the field of neuroscience
- 2041-2066 Earn a Nobel Prize in Neuroscience

TYNAN SCHIERMAN from Orcutt Academy High School with a 4.64 GPA is ranked 4th of 154 and has completed an Advanced Placement class and 15 Hancock classes.

His Awards include: National Honor Society, OAHS Spartan Scholar Award, OAHS Dean's List, Athlete Scholar Award.

Tynan's Activities include: OAHS Pre-Medicine Club, California Boy's State Representative, Varsity Tennis Team, Debate Club, Camp Whittier Outdoor School Mentor, California Scholarship Federation, Theater

His Community Involvement and Service include: Freshman Connect Crew Mentor, Math Tutor, Marian Regional Medical Center Volunteer, Dignity Health Physician Shadowing Program

SWAP MEET

MAY 7, 2023
7:00am - 2:00pm

FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS

Proceeds to benefit
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BRING OWN POP UPS AND TABLES

BOWLING

Team 5, Strike Force, Rance Lewis, Donna Ryczek, and Belinda Thomas lead the second half of the season with a STUPENDOUS 25 wins! Team 8, Soule Mates, Colby Freitas, Madeline Thompson, Travis Soule, and Deanna Stote continue to lead in High Team Series with a FANTASTIC 2879 score! Team 5, Strike Force also leads High Team Game with a MIND BOGGLING 1017 score! In Men High Series, Travis Soule continues to lead with an SUPERB 818 and in Men's High Game, Jim Bolterman leads with a MAGNIFICANT 301! Bev Klein continues to lead the Ladies in BOTH High Series and High Game with SENSATIONAL scores of 741 and 314 respectively!! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The following bowlers bowled a 200 or higher game or 600 or higher series: Jim Bolterman – 244/662, James Franklin – 234, Tom Klein – 200, Brandon Mathews – 236/602, Donna Ryczek – 202, Deanne Stote – 202, and Belinda Thomas – 203! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

JOKES of the Month

~ A big game hunter went on safari with his wife and mother-in-law. One AM, the hunter's wife awakened to find her mother gone. She awoke her hubby and they set off to find the old woman. In a clearing not far from the camp, they came upon the mother-in-law face-to-face with a ferocious lion. "What are we going to do?!" the horrified wife asked. "Nothing," her husband replied. "The lion got himself into this mess. Let him get himself out of it."

~ So this frog calls a psychic hot line and the woman says, "You're going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you." The frog asks, "Will I meet her at a party?" The psychic answers, "No, next year in biology class."

Mike Kenderes
Bowling Chairman

JIM ELKIN'S INITIATION CLASS



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY MAY 6TH

POT LUCK STARTS AT 11AM

in the Members Bar



THE KENTUCKY DERBY

The ponies are running here!!

It's the 149th running, LIVE from Churchill Down.

There will be Kentucky Derby food as well as trivia prizes, prizes for the best hat and dress, raffles and more. Come support the Elks National Foundation, sip Mint Juleps and other fine Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskeys and see if you can pick the winning horse.

PRIZES FOR THE:

Best Female Hat • Best Male Coat • Best Female Dress

SANTA MARIA ELKS LODGE

Father's Day Brunch

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

TIME: 9:00 am – 11:30 am

MENU:

New York Steak – Eggs
Country Fried Potatoes – Beans
Biscuits and Gravy – Salsa
Fruit Cocktail
Coffee – Milk – Orange Juice – Champagne

\$20.00

Only Father of the Elk Member is Free
– Cash or check only –

LODGE ACTIVITIES



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez names Mark Souza Elk of the Month for November 2022



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez presents a Grand Lodge Outstanding Service Award to Johnny Silva



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez names Nick Tatarian Elk of the Month for September 2022



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez Names PER Wes Brown "Officer of the Year"



Secretary Phil Daughton presents PER Myrl Wallace with a CHEMPI 52 Club Certificate and pin



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez presents an Exalted Ruler Outstanding Service Award to Secretary Phil Daughton



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez presents a Grand Lodge Outstanding Service Award to Alx Sanchez



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez names Julian Silva Elk of the Month for August 2022



Secretary Phil Daughton presents Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez with Grand Lodge "Making A Difference" Citations



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez names Trustee Mike Arndt Volunteer of the Year



\$100 Attendance Winners for attending Lodge on Beer & Peanut Night



Touring Elks donate to support the Northside Little League



The Past Officers of the Year await their new inductee



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez names Vicki Melville Elk of the Month for October 2022



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez names Jeff Koester Elk of the Month for July 2022



Touring Elks donate \$500 to Lodge Historian Ray Sanchez to acquire equipment to digitize our Lodge History



Travelers donate \$500 to Suzanne Fillmore to support Elks National Foundation



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Location: 1309 NORTH BRADLEY ROAD, SANTA MARIA

Date(s): TUESDAY, MAY 9th



Time(s): 10:30am – 3pm

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ELKS RODEO QUEEN CANDIDATES



Adrena Mercedes Longoria

NSBC UNITED WAY

I am excited to be the 2023 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Queen Candidate representing NSBC United Way! I am currently a senior at Righetti High School. Aside from my academic studies I have

been a member of the girls' varsity golf team. I've served my community by helping with past Elks Rodeo campaigns and the Righetti FFA annual Kinderpatch to teach young students in our community about agriculture. For the past 4 years, I have been a member of the Righetti FFA chapter, in which I take part in public speaking, various leadership positions, and raising animals

for the county fair. After graduating from high school, I will be attending a four-year university. From there I will pursue a career in the agricultural industry. I am grateful to be representing NSBC United Way throughout this campaign and blessed to have a wonderful support team including my parents, Reina and Danny Longoria, my younger sisters Arena, Abrena, and Atrena, and my family and friends. Righetti FFA has made such a huge impact in my life. I am beyond excited to donate a portion of the money fundraised this year to the Righetti FFA Agriculture program and leave my legacy behind. I can't wait to kick off this campaign and continue to support the community for the next eight weeks.



Paige Beal

KIWANIS CLUB OF SANTA MARIA NOONTIME

I am a lifetime Blochman Bobcat and am currently a Junior at St. Joseph High School. As a scholar athlete I am co-captain of my basketball team, play volleyball, cross country, stunt, beach

volleyball, and track, while maintaining a 4.2 GPA with Advanced Placement (AP) classes. I am actively engaged in ASB as a commissioner representing my class. I am a member of the National Society of High School Scholars (an

organization that recognizes top high school students who've demonstrated leadership, scholarship, and community commitment), and have had the opportunity to attend leadership camps in Washington, D.C. I am also an ambassador for my school, going to local elementary schools to answer questions about my high school. I enjoy hanging out with friends, playing games with family members, and helping out the Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria Noontime. I plan to become a chemical engineer and hope to be part of a solution that deals with pollution.



Michaela Jamison

VTC ENTERPRISES

I am 17 years old and am honored to be the 2023 Elks Rodeo Queen Candidate representing VTC Enterprises. I have been helping with VTC Enterprises queen campaigns since I was 9 years old and

it has been my dream to run for rodeo queen since I was Princess-for-a-Day in 2017. I am a Junior at Righetti High School with a 4.2 GPA, a member of Righetti's Interact Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the California Scholarship Federation. I am also a part of Pacific Christian's youth group and involved with the children's ministry. I have been engaged with our community

by volunteering and working at various non-profit fundraisers with my parents throughout the years. After high school I plan to attend a 4-year university to major in education.

Now my dream is finally coming true - I am very excited and thankful to have been chosen by VTC Enterprises as their 2023 Elks Rodeo Queen candidate. VTC Enterprises, whose mission is to assist individuals with disabilities to achieve their life goals, does so much to create unique opportunities for individuals with disabilities and I look forward to helping raise money this year to enrich their lives.

ELKS RODEO QUEEN CANDIDATES



Justine Elizabeth Lopez

KIWANIS CLUB OF GUADALUPE

I am 19 years old, and I am proudly representing the Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe. I grew up in Guadalupe, attended Mary Buren Elementary, McKenzie Jr. High School, and graduated

from Righetti High School. At Allan Hancock College I am involved in the Dance Program (Ballet Folklorico) having participated in four productions. I also work for the City of Santa Maria as a Recreation Leader working with youth. This fall I will be transferring to a 4-year university to pursue a Liberal Arts degree to become an elementary school teacher.

My goal as an Elks Rodeo Queen Candidate is to raise funds for my community, increase scholarship opportunities, support youth programs, and cherish every moment of this opportunity. I am proud to be representing the Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe who provides scholarships, supports numerous clubs, youth sports, and schools, and serves the community. We share similar values in being helpers to youth and to our community. They say, "It takes a village to raise a child". My community has done that by providing a place for me to play sports, participate in activities and community events, and by being filled with so many caring residents.



Courtney Alizabeth Lauderdale

BLACK STUDENT UNION

I was born and raised in Lompoc and am a Senior at Cabrillo High School where my favorite subjects are history and science. My extracurricular activities are Secretary for Environmental Science,

track and field (discus and shot put), a member of the Black Student Union (BSU), Link Crew, AVID, and ASB Commissioner of Spirit and Assemblies. I have also served as a cheerleader and was on the girls' basketball and golf teams. I

have been doing community service as part of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) team that has done COVID outreach through door-to-door contacts, tabling at events, and assisting at vaccination clinics. I am also a member of Conqs for Christ. Along with all of these activities and keeping my grades up, I work part-time at Walmart. My present plans after graduating is to continue my education at a four-year college, majoring in kinesiology.



Brisa Lopez

CUYAMA VALLEY EXCHANGE CLUB

I am proud to be a Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Queen candidate representing the Cuyama Valley Exchange Club. Throughout high school, I have served as an FFA officer, ASB Secretary and

Historian, a member of 4H, and played varsity volleyball and basketball. I actively participate in my community and church as a member of a leadership group that provides positive role models for young people.

I volunteer at our elementary school coaching youth sports. While I never imagined teaching young kids, it turns out, I'm a natural! Watching them grow

gives me a sense of accomplishment and it has instilled my determination as I am going to be the first person in my family to attend college. My parents migrated to the United States to ensure a better life for our family and have sacrificed countless hours as farm laborers to guarantee that we have better opportunities. My goal is to attend college and pursue a career in law enforcement where I hope to become a homicide detective.

I am looking forward to giving back over the next several weeks as I represent the Cuyama Valley Exchange Club in my quest for 2023 Elks Rodeo Queen.

80TH ELKS RODEO & PARADE JUNE 1 - 4, 2023



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ABOUT SANTA MARIA ELKS RODEO AND PARADE

The Elks Recreation Foundation was established in 1943 when it held its first fundraising event, a dance at the Veteran's Memorial Building. They used the funds raised from that event to stage the first Elks Rodeo in 1944. The initial two-day event was preceded each day by a mounted parade from the Vet's Memorial Building to the Santa Maria Fairgrounds. The first Rodeo netted Elks Recreation nearly \$3000.00 that first year and a long history of fundraising to support local youth sports and recreation was born. Since that time, Elks Recreation, Inc. has distributed over \$15 million to local youth programs through our Annual Elks Queen Contest.

HOWDY FOLKS,

The Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Queen Kickoff was held on Saturday, April 8th and we had a great turnout! It was a very successful event and we are excited for the queen candidates to begin their campaign and fundraisers for their organizations in preparation for the Elks Rodeo. The Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 9th was also a very special event and we were so happy to see our community gather together.

This month the Queen Contest is in full swing. We have six organizations competing for the crown this year. The organizations include: Black Student Union, Cuyama Valley Exchange Club, Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe, Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria Noontime, NSBC United Way and VTC Enterprises. Our queen candidates work very hard in raising funds for their organizations. The nonprofits have many fun functions to attend. It's sure nice to see so many returning organizations this year!

There is much to do to get ready for Rodeo and we welcome any and all volunteers to come out and help. No matter your talent, there are plenty of jobs to do. If you would like to be a member of our team, please call the Rodeo Office at (805) 925-4125.

Thank you to all of our volunteers! It is through the dedication of our stalwart volunteers that our Rodeo has been a successful event for eight decades. We can never thank you enough for the countless hours you have selflessly worked. We are grateful and proud for the footprint we have left as Team Santa Maria.

Until Next Time,
Peter Sterling
President, Elks Recreation

RODEO QUEEN'S FLOAT

Our Lodge will be designing and constructing the float that will carry the Queen, her court, and others in the 80th annual Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Parade Saturday June 3rd. If you would like to be involved in any way, please text Georgia at 805-350-1084 to be notified about meetings and work times.

ELKS ANNUAL RODEO PARADE

Last year we celebrated the 79th Annual Rodeo Parade and it did not disappoint. There were over 90 entries from all over the region and thousands of parade fans lined the streets from Mill Street to Stowell Road. Entries and participation were up from prior years' events and we are hoping for more this year. As we prepare for our 80th Anniversary, the Parade Committee has continued to recruit and add new volunteers. We have begun fundraising and the Parade will return to local TV with our partners at KSBY. For all the support, thank you to the volunteers, and of course all of our attendees and their families as the parade is not possible without you, Santa Maria Elks Lodge 1538 Parade Committee, all of our sponsors and Elks Recreation. Our website for this year's applications is: <https://theelksrodeoparade.com> and is also available on Facebook @ Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Parade. I look forward to what the future holds for the parade and to celebrating this long-time tradition for our community.

Jaime Flores
Rodeo Parade Chairman



★ 95 YEARS ★

80TH ELKS RODEO & PARADE EVENT SCHEDULE

MAY 31 Wednesday	Rodeo Meet - N - Greet 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. SM Chrysler
JUNE 1 Thursday	1st PRCA Rodeo Performance 7:00 p.m. Event Center (Gates 5:00 p.m.)
	Rodeo Dance 9:00 p.m. Event Center
JUNE 2 Friday	2nd PRCA Rodeo Performance 7:00 p.m. Event Center (Gates 5:00 p.m.)
	Rodeo Dance 9:00 p.m. Event Center
JUNE 3 Saturday	Rodeo Parade 10:00 a.m. S. Broadway
Saturday	Cowboy Up Carnival 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. Event Center
Saturday	3rd PRCA Rodeo Performance 6:00 p.m. Event Center (Gates 4:00 p.m.)
Saturday	Rodeo Dance 8:00 p.m. Event Center
JUNE 4 Sunday	Cowboy Church with Coy Huffman 10:00 a.m. Event Center
Sunday	4th PRCA Rodeo Performance 2:00 p.m. Event Center (Gates Noon)

Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Golden Circle of Champions Cowboy Up Carnival Auction & Fundraiser SATURDAY, JUNE 3 AT THE ELKS EVENT CENTER

Santa Maria Elks Rodeo is proud to support one of the most heart-warming events of this year's Rodeo! The Cowboy Up Carnival is a fundraiser for the Golden Circle of Champions, which provides funds to give back to our local families who have children battling pediatric cancer. Through donations and fundraising efforts, support is provided directly for the families to fulfill their most urgent needs: paying bills, buying medicine and caring for their families.

Doors will open at 2:30 pm and will include dinner, raffles, auctions and lots of fun games!

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, catered by the Hitching Post from Casmalia, and get to meet many cowboys, cowgirls and rodeo personnel. They are then invited to watch the Rodeo from a special section located in the grandstands. The children who are selected each year have ranged from age three months to seventeen years of age and have been diagnosed with life-threatening cancer or associated illness. The Cowboy Up Carnival & Auction Fundraiser is the chief fundraising event of the year followed by, during the Rodeo performances, the Passing of the Boot to raise additional funds.

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

Circle of Champions has helped in supporting children and their families on a national scale! In December 2018, the Golden Circle of Champions, in conjunction with the Las Vegas Events, Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Red Bluff Round-Up, Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, and Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation, honored twenty children and their families across the country, all whom are fighting life-

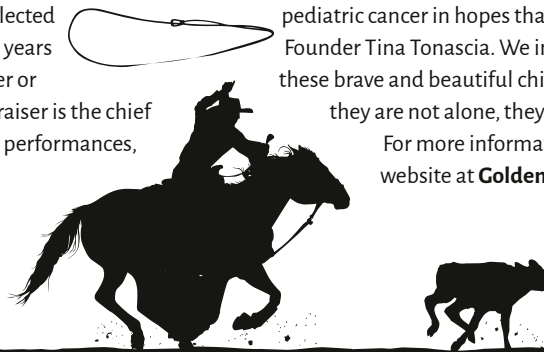
threatening cancers or illnesses, during the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. This has become a big part of the heart of NFR since that time.

The goal of Golden Circle of Champions is to bring much needed education and awareness, locally and nationally, and to offer a ray of hope to these children and their families who are navigating through this journey. They desperately need our help as a community. "It is our job to tell their story about

pediatric cancer in hopes that one day we can make a difference", stated Founder Tina Tonascia. We invite you to come together to help support these brave and beautiful children and their families to show them that

they are not alone, they need to know together we are STRONGER!

For more information about this organization visit their website at GoldenCircleofChampions.com.



80TH ELKS RODEO & PARADE



Event Center **PARKING HELP** Requested

Members, it is that time of year when things start ramping up for our Rodeo at the Event Center. As the Parking and Traffic Flow Chairman for the Event Center, I am looking for volunteers to help with getting all the vehicles in and out of the Rodeo in a safe and efficient manner.

What many people may not realize, the Event Center has numerous events during the year that require parking and traffic flow to be provided. It is not just the Rodeo anymore. To accomplish these tasks takes a large group of people, and we need your help.

Specifically, for the Rodeo, we are usually busiest about 2 hours before the Rodeo Performance begins, until about 1-2 hours after it starts. These are the windows of time we need the most volunteers

to help. We will give you a quick orientation, training, and a general tour of the overall operation before you start, and pair you with experienced staff to help you learn our safety and traffic flow process. If you can help a few hours any day of the Rodeo, or all days, it would be greatly appreciated. Please give me a call on my cell at 805-570-4033 or contact the Elks Recreation Office directly at 805-925-4125 and tell them you want to help with parking.

Thank You,
Jerry Gunn
Parking and Traffic Flow Chairman
Elks Unocal Event Center



80TH ELKS RODEO & PARADE

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- Limited to 15 racers per event •

Registration Deadline:
Friday, May 5th at 5:00 pm.

To register: download the registration form located at elksrec.com.
 Please return completed form to:

Santa Maria Pediatric Dental Group & Ortho
 570 E. Betteravia Road Suite C, Santa Maria
805-922-2888

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Elks Bowling Every Tuesday Rancho Bowl 6:30 pm	1 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm Meatloaf House Committee 6:30	2 Pub Grub 5:30-7:30 pm Bingo 6:30 pm	3 Student & Citizen of the Year Banquet 6:00-7:00 pm Reservations Required	4 Lodge 7:30 pm	5 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/ Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to Mestizo	6 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Kentucky Derby Members' Bar
7 Swap Meet 7:00 am-3:00 pm (Details pg. 10) Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	8 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm BBQ Steak Sandwiches	9 Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm BINGO 6:30 pm PERA Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Orientation Dinner 6:30 pm	11 Veterans Committee 6:30 pm Lodge 7:30 pm Initiation	12 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/ Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to Sound Investment	13 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
14 Mothers' Day Brunch 9:00 am - 12:00 pm \$15 (Details pg. 2) Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	15 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm Chicken Fried Steak	16 Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm BINGO 6:30 pm	17	18 Lodge 7:30 pm	19 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/ Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to Ron Miller & Gun Metal Grey	20 Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Beard-A-Reno (Details pg. 19)
21 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	22 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm BBQ Beef Ribs	23 Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm BINGO 6:30 pm Sportsmen 7:00 pm	24	25 Food Bank 8:00 am - 10:00 am Lodge 7:30 pm	26 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/ Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to DJ Coretez	27 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
28 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	29 CLOSED Memorial Day Memorial Day Service Event Center 1:00 pm	30 Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm BINGO 6:30 pm Touring Elks 7:30 pm	31	June 1 80th Rodeo (Details pg. 17)	June 2 80th Rodeo (Details pg. 17)	June 3 Rodeo Parade 9:00 am 80th Rodeo (Details pg. 17)

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

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

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