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AARON CASTELLANOS, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

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EXALTED RULER

Aaron Castellanos



Members,

Earlier this month our Elks organization held its annual Grand Lodge convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This event gathered close to 6,000 Lodge leaders from across the country throughout the span of 5 days with the intention to give an update on our past fraternal year as well as to discuss and decide

the direction we will all take throughout the course this current year. This annual event is one that each Lodge's Exalted Ruler is given the great responsibility of attending to represent their respective Lodge Members. Some of these responsibilities include possibly competing in the national ritual competition, represent their state's Major Project, but most importantly cast a vote on Grand Lodge initiatives that are on the ballot. Voting on each year's initiatives is extremely crucial as they may possibly affect and change the operational process of each Lodge. It gives us the opportunity to cast a vote in the best interest of the order while at the same time discuss and object to anything that may disturb

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ELKS CELEBRATE FLAG DAY



ELK MEMBERS HONORED AS HOMETOWN HEROES



Dick Parker PER



Mike Miranda

All American Lodge

JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT*Chuck Biely*

Members,

Summer is in full swing, vacations are being planned and taken, and most of us are looking forward to some quality time with our families and friends. Your Elks family needs some of your time also. Just a reminder, "A good Elk is an active Elk."

Actively supporting your Lodge by attending Friday "Cook Your Own" is encouraged and appreciated; however, there must be some other aspect of lodge Membership that appeals to your sense of community or charity in which you can do just a little more to add to the overall impact our Lodge has in Santa Maria. Give it a shot. You might get the "terrible volunteer bug" that seems to afflict a large number of Members during rodeo. It would be extremely pleasing to have new ideas and enthusiasm expressed during our weekly Lodge meetings from those of you who do, indeed, want this Lodge to continue to grow and prosper.

While it is true there is a small cadre of committee chairman who work and plan diligently to ensure our Lodge continues to function well, they and the Lodge officers (and their spouses) are not really able to accomplish their responsibilities without the active support of you, our Membership. Don't be one of those who are comfortable letting "the other guy" shoulder the burden.

And, while on the subject of volunteers, next time you go through the lines at Cook Your Own, take a moment to thank those men and women who are making certain you and your guests are getting a great meal at a fantastic price. We can provide that service only because we have Members and non-members who are willing to give a little of their time and effort to benefit us all. You too can be issued a smart and stylish red shirt to wear on Fridays by getting involved...just saying.

It will soon be time for most of the kids to return to school. Some parents may even look forward to that event by attending a Lodge meeting which may provide a brief respite from normal routine. Take advantage of our "Parents Day Care", 6:20 pm Happy Hour followed by Lodge at 7:30 on Thursday evenings. It pays to attend Lodge when your Membership number is selected (otherwise you may read your name in the "Crying Towel"). For those who do attend regularly, Thank You. You are the core of our charitable organization and you are appreciated.

As always, be safe and practice the principles of our Great Order.

Fraternally yours,

Chuck Biely

Esteemed Loyal Knight

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT*Jeremy Forman*

Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying various vacations and spending time with family and friends this summer. There is nothing more important than enjoying the company of loved ones and to cherish the time you have together. We do not have long on this earth, and it is important to make the most of that time. A great way to do this is by attending our Annual

Elks Family Picnic which will be held a bit earlier this year at the end of the month on Sunday, August 27. There will be music, games, and food as usual. It will be an event not to miss - I hope to see you there.

It's a great time to highlight all the work and time our Antlers have put in volunteering and assisting with many of the events we have had these past few months. For those of you who don't know, our Antlers program consists of youth between the ages of 14 and 20 who meet monthly. It offers a chance for them to get involved with the Elks and many of the service-related events and projects are Lodge-sponsored. The program has many objectives, some of which are to promote American Patriotism, respect for parents and home, establish character, provide aid to a worthy cause, and to learn how to be a good citizen. Recently our Antlers have spent countless hours volunteering out at the Event Center during Rodeo and out at the parade. They also volunteered to help with our Mother's Day event, Memorial Day, Flag Day, among other things. If you have a child or know of a child that would like to be part of this amazing program, please let me know and I can get you pointed in the right direction.

Finally, as Members of our Lodge, I would like to encourage each one of you to come out to a Lodge meeting every now and then. This is where decisions are made that affect all our Members. Wouldn't you like to be part of that? I encourage you to set aside at least one Thursday a month to attend a meeting. It would be great to see some new faces.

As always, ever practice brotherly love.

Fraternally,

Jeremy Forman PER

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

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meet*

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BRING OWN POP UPS AND TABLES

EXALTED RULER *continued from page 1*

or disrupt the organizational structure we currently have. Having had the opportunity to experience this process during my time at Grand Lodge convention was very reassuring as each initiative proposed is discussed/challenged on the floor by some of my fellow Members and we are all able to have all questions and concerns address by extremely qualified officials.

Throughout the convention, each Grand Lodge Committee presents an end of year report. We hear of any challenges we faced in achieving set goals and what we will be working to address to overcome these challenges. Fortunately for us, our Fraternal Order is doing extremely well throughout all levels of the order. Our veteran programs are doing some of the most inspiring work which we can only hope will also inspire others to strive to do similar. Youth Lodge activities throughout the country is facilitating our community youth to be a part of something that fosters perseverance and builds leadership skills that might not otherwise be available. Communities are being supported and improved by Lodges through Elks National Foundation grants that each Lodge is applying for and putting to work through a variety of opportunities as each Lodge sees fit.

In past articles I have mentioned that "A growing Lodge, is a working Lodge". It is to no surprise to me that due to all of great works that I just stated that the Membership year-end report was proof that this holds true. Our order is GROWING, and the level of growth is one that has not been seen in decades. The California-Hawaii Elks Association is the leader in this membership growth now for two years running. Elks care, Elks share and our work is not going unnoticed by others who share our vision and would like to join us in our work to achieve them and we should all be very proud to an Elks because... It's great to be an Elk. So, continue to look for anyone who you feel we help us achieve greater good and invite them to join us. I urge you to do so by utilizing the online email which is a membership application link available on your Elks.org page. Our Membership slogan this year is **3 in a row, let's grow. IT'S GREAT TO BE AN ELK!** And it truly is great.

It would take so much to discuss the connections and lifelong friendships that I was able to gain during this event but know they have left a lasting imprint in my heart and memory - one I know will only grow in time.

As our newly installed Grand Exalted Ruler's slogan states "WE ARE... THE ELKS" lets continue to do the great work we do and find any and all ways to increase the good we do.

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

VETERANS

Wow! Our Veterans Stand Down gets better and bigger. We served over 225 plates of spaghetti and meatballs with bread, salad, fruit, and cookies on Thursday, June 29th.

We had over 18 local Veterans Groups offer their services. We are grateful to have many returning groups such as the Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo Veteran Services/Center and the Santa Maria VA Clinic as well as Good Samaritan Services, New Beginnings and New Life K9's with another of their service dogs, named Kirby.

It was great to see a few first-time organizations there such as the Santa Maria VFW Post 2521. The Miramar Help Center from Southern California helps veterans recover from mental health and addiction crisis and empowers them to create a better future for themselves and their families. Loan Originators from VA Home Loans offer assistance exclusively to Veterans, Active-Duty Service Members, and surviving spouses. The Wisdom Center in Santa Maria provides a huge array of services from medical help and therapy to personal care, transportation, and psychological services. The Grand Canyon University offers active military and veterans' several on-line programs for Bachelor of Science degrees. Due to the Pact Act, the local VA clinic provided Toxic Exposure Screening Information to vets who were there. Elite Vocation Horse Therapy, a new non-profit based in Nipomo offers a ten-week vocational horsemanship training program for veterans. For more information about these exceptional organizations, please visit their websites. We also had Santa Maria City Assistant Manager, Andrew Hackelman and Interim Fire Chief, Bradley J. Dandridge. We sincerely appreciated their support at our event.

Once again, the Cloverlane Foundation donated 250 pairs of men and women athletic shoes along with a pair of socks. Our Veterans Committee volunteers, Joe Gonzales, and Gary Delgadillo along with a few American Veterans United members helped vets and their families get the right pair of shoes. Another volunteer Ginger Kaufman registered everyone who came to our event and gave raffle tickets to veterans. Not only did several veterans win great prizes such as gift cards to Albertsons, restaurants, fast food places but some also won a Santa Maria Elks Baseball Cap along with their gift cards. We also had two veteran groups who each received \$300 from the Elks National Foundation. Mid-Coast Alliance and the Combat Veterans Association Motorcycle Club Chapter 33-4-A. Congratulations to all.

Please support these organizations by attending the following events:

-The Cloverlane Foundation will honor Purple Heart Veterans and Gold Star Families on Saturday, August 5th in Buellton at Avenue of the Flags.

-The Elite Vocations Horse Therapy Gala is on Sunday, August 20th at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge.

-Mid-Coast Veterans Alliance Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 13th at Rancho Maria.

See you at the next Mini Stand Down on Thursday, August 17th.

Remember Elks Care, Elks Share.

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



TRAVELERS

What an amazing campout we had at the Tres Hermanas Winery thanks to our gracious hosts Norm and Cheryl McDonald and owners Marvin and Paulette Teixeira. Our fun-filled four days were an all-inclusive stay including our meals (boy were they delicious). It was sure nice to get all set up and then have an evening meal all prepared for us.

Our Friday started off with a continental breakfast, then the golfers took off for Zaca Creek in Buellton. The big winners of the golf game were Randy Bisho with 2 pars and Richard Willis with 1 par. The rest of the group had the option to go wine tasting, shopping and/or lunch in Solvang, Chumash Casino, and some even stayed at camp to relax. After some relaxation, we enjoyed a dinner of sloppy joes, cold slaw, and dessert followed by our meeting and raffle. A nice selection of Fourth of July raffle prizes made for a fun evening.

Saturday morning breakfast was prepared for us by Richard Chrisman, Tom and Adri Simas, and all their helpers. A big thanks to all. We left for a tour of the Historic Wickendon Adobe around 10:30. Upon arrival, half of us went through the home with the owner John Wickendon (91 years young). He shared his knowledge, family history, and incredible stories of his life and the lives of generations before him. We all enjoyed a beautiful picnic lunch of BBQ corn dogs, potato salad, chips and dessert. After returning to camp, some of us enjoyed the winery's tasting room and gift shop. The Champagne hosts before our Saturday evening dinner were Sherry Purser and Adri Simas in celebration of their birthdays. Dinner was catered by Doug Shearer and crew. They served us the most tender NY strip with beans, salad, bread and of course dessert.

Sunday morning breakfast surprise was to create your own omelets in a bag, served and prepared for us by Mark and Toni Brown and their many helpers. Another first for many but oh so delicious. For Sunday evening dinner, it was definitely a potluck of all our leftovers but needless to say, it was just as good as the first time.

As you can tell, we do a lot of eating, socializing, and sleeping but with the best group of Elks around.

Until next month,
 Joanne Willis
 Travelers Article Contributor

Sleep In Heavenly Peace

Helping Children in Need Sleep Better



Sleep in Heavenly Peace are volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. We fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. In Santa Maria, too many boys and girls go without a bed – or even a pillow – to sleep on – with an

estimated need of 1,000 beds locally. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors.

SANTA MARIA ELKS LODGE IS HOSTING A BUILD ON SEPTEMBER 9 FROM 8:45 AM – 3 PM IN OUR PARKING LOT. To volunteer, go to: <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/ca-santa-barbara-co-n/>, scroll down to **Upcoming Events**, click **Register Now**.



Wood Crew Sale

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All proceeds go to Wood Crew for equipment acquisition and maintenance.

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.

Pick up the Kids and Grand kids and join us at the

ELKS FAMILY PICNIC

& Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

Sunday, August 27, 2023
12pm - 4pm

Fun and Games for "kids" of all ages

Music • Kids games • Multiple bounce houses • Inflatable bull races • Face painting • Dunk tank (Dunk a Lodge Officer)

Food served from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm
Food and drinks (hamburgers & hotdogs) for sale.
Ice cream and popsicles

Fun for the whole family
Open to Elks and their guests of all ages

ADMISSION IS FREE!

BOWLING

Important Notice: We will be having our 2023-2024 Elks Bowling League meeting at 6:30, August 29th at Rancho Bowl and we will start our league bowling the following Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30! Join and have some FUN!

Our 4 person teams must consist of at least one Elk bowler and have at least one male and one female on a team. If you would like to bowl in our Elk's league, call our League President, Deanne Stote at 1-805-801-1318 or our League Secretary, Debbie Johnson, at 805-451-5315. It is a fun 100% handicap league and our bowler's averages range between 110 and 215.

JOKE OF THE MONTH: Mildred was the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals. Once, in front of several church members, she accused a new member, Frank, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. Frank said nothing and just walked away. Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his old pickup in front of Mildred's house, walked home and left his old pickup there all night.

Mike Kenderes
Bowling Chairman
(805) 354-4942

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2023

BAR PRICES increased by .50 cents for all liquor and wine.

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

SALAD PLATES
increased by \$3 to \$15/plate

Elks Horn News offered free of charge.
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CYO BBQ REPORT FOR JUNE

Date	Band	Dinners	X-cuts
2	DJ Cortez	278	11
9	Unfinished Business	379	26
16	Sound House	324	35
23	Michael Arriola Project	456	37
30	Smooth Groove DJ Artie	475	38
TOTAL DINNERS SOLD		1,912	147

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Members,

Have you noticed that since the Bugs Bunny/ Roadrunner show was cancelled, there is no decent Saturday morning television? I have a solution to everyone's dilemma. On the third Saturday of every month, you can have the honor of picking up trash on Hwy. 101. After two hours of mild labor, we return to lodge for pizza and adult beverages. You may even win a bottle. We meet across from the wood room before 8 am on each third Saturday.

Hope to see you!

Jerry Schons

ELKS ALL-VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP



LODGE ACTIVITIES



Touring Elks Donate \$3,000 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build one bed per month for a year for a child who has never had a bed.
(See Details on Page 4)



Exalted Ruler Aaron Castellanos and First Lady Georgia Daughton present the CommUnity Champion Award to the Lodge



Car Show president Eric Alvarez presents a \$3,000 donation to Jay Conner to sponsor two veterans to take an Honor Flight



Touring Elks donate the purchase of a Motorcycle Trophy to Georgia Daughton for the Car Show



The Touring Elks present two \$500 Scholarships to Pioneer Valley High School students

BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS,

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Marty Durrett PER Class

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| Richard Carrasco | Aaron Miller | Michael Whitford |
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Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538

Veterans Committee

Presents

Veterans Appreciation

Thursday August 17th

11:00 AM

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Guest Speaker

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Local Veteran Groups

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Future Dates are October 12

December 14



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FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH



BRIAN HAYDEN

WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT



Brian was born in Bakersfield, on October 20th 1956, moved to the Santa Barbara area in 1960, and after his parents' divorce, moved to Lamont, CA, to his maternal grandparents' 88 acre farm. In 1964 he moved back to Santa Barbara to live with his mother and older brother. He graduated from San Marcos High School in 1974 and on New Year's Eve 1975 married his high school sweetheart Betsy. They have two children and two grandchildren. In 1978 he entered service with Santa Barbara County Fire

Department, retiring in March 2012 with 34.5 years of service.

Brian was initiated at Santa Barbara Elks Lodge #613 in 1983 and was appointed Assistant Inner Guard for 1985-86 and 1986-87. He served as Lecturing Knight for 2012-13, Loyal Knight in 2013-14 (awarded Officer of the Year), Leading Knight in 2014-15 (awarded Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Award), and was elected Exalted Ruler for 2015-16. He then served as a Lodge Trustee for two years, then he was needed to fill the Lecturing Knight position due to an unexpected vacancy. In 2016-17 Brian was awarded the "Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendation" and the "Tony Jimenez Building Award" and "Elk of the Year".

He has served as Lodge Scouting Chairman 2012 to present and as Lodge Veterans Services Chairman from 2015 to present. Brian has served the West Central Coast District as:

- Scouting Vice Chairman 2016
- Scouting Chairman 2017-19
- Veterans Services Chairman 2019-21
- Esquire to District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Ed Martin 2020-21
- Bequests & Living Trust Chairman 2021-22

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“A Coin a Day and They will Walk, Talk, See and Play!” Major Project is all about helping our children who need help the most. Let us all open our hearts and donate. With our love and support we can help many children throughout the California-Hawaii Elks Association. We all have our Purple Pigs at home so let's fill them up and return them to the office (with your name & Membership number) Thank you all in advance!

Amy Gillot
 Major Project Chair

PER CORNER

The Fireworks Booth netted \$4,056 to be split between the PERA & the Lodge. Thank you to everyone who worked in the booth and everyone that came down to buy the fireworks for your family. You are greatly appreciated.

The Past Exalted Rulers Association is having an Opportunity Drawing Sunday, September 24 at 4:00 pm to benefit the PER Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$100 each and there are only 200 tickets to be sold. Tickets can be purchased from one of our PERs or in the Members Bar. The grand prize is \$5,000 along with other prizes for the 25th, 50th, 75th, 100th, 125th, 150th & 175th ticket drawn. Winners need not be present to win. Each ticket holder will receive 2 barbequed chicken dinners the afternoon of the drawing.

Have a great month. Hope to see you in Lodge.



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BPO Elks Grand Lodge Resolution, Voting Results

7/4/2023 9:54

2023 Minneapolis, MN		Ballots Cast		2628
Number	Description	YES	NO	% Messages
2023-01	To clarify this Constitutional provision by eliminating a redundancy.	2490	84	97% PASS
2023-02	To prohibit the use of resources of the Order and of Local Lodges for private, public, or social media fundraising activities in connection with a Local Forum or Grand Forum action.	2336	236	91% PASS
2023-03	To prohibit the use of resources of the Order and of Local Lodges for private, public, or social media fundraising activities in connection with a Local Forum or Grand Forum action, and to authorize the Grand Forum to issue a contempt order.	2382	224	91% PASS
2023-04	To formalize the appointment and authority of Special Representative District Leaders or Area Special Representatives.	2455	145	94% PASS
2023-05	To clarify that the determination of whether there exists good cause not to attend a District Deputy Clinic rests with the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Per Section 12.020	2406	185	93% PASS
2023-06	To clarify that the determination of whether there exists good cause not to attend a District Deputy Clinic rests with the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Per Section 12.050	2404	196	92% PASS
2023-07	To require the Lodge Treasurer to attend all District Deputy Clinics.	1693	897	65% PASS
2023-08	To clarify the types of projects that are subject to the provisions of this section of the Laws of the Order.	2375	238	91% PASS
2023-09	To allow greater discretion for the use of defunct Lodge funds and to allow the Grand Exalted Ruler the authority to appoint a sufficient number of Trustees to administer the funds of a defunct Lodge.	2370	245	91% PASS
2023-10	To allow Local Lodges to adopt a by-law setting a minimum age requirement for Life Membership applicants.	2240	374	86% PASS
2023-11	To define spouse as used in the Grand Lodge Statutes and in publications.	1396	1205	54% PASS
2023-12	To require the Grand Lodge to provide a credit to Local Lodges for dropped Members.	769	1826	30% FAIL
2023-13	To authorize and prescribe the procedure by which a Member may resign from membership during the Lodge year.	1376	1229	53% PASS
2023-14	To allow Members to transfer from a Lodge appealing a Charter revocation.	2375	240	91% PASS
2023-15	To permit and prescribe the procedure by which a Member, who has been dropped for non-payment, may apply for reinstatement in another Lodge when that individual's Lodge has had its Charter revoked and has appealed.	2146	469	82% PASS
2023-16	To allow a Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association to form a separate non-profit corporation for the purpose of raising, receiving, and distributing funds for such charities, educational, and scientific purposes that are supported by its Lodge, State Association, and/or Grand Lodge.	349	2251	13% FAIL
2023-17	To make it clear that the Grand Exalted Ruler shall have the authority to remove any officer of a corporation formed pursuant to the new Section 16.035 who neglects the duties of office, or is guilty of contumacy or conduct injurious to the Order. *This Resolution is dependent upon the passage of Resolution 2023-16.*	1666	920	64% PASS
2023-18	To allow a Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association to form a separate non-profit corporation for the purpose of fundraising. *This Resolution is dependent upon the passage of Resolution 2023-16 and 2023-17.*	1089	1499	42% FAIL

CRYING TOWEL

June 1 - Lodge Dark (Rodeo)

June 8

Tony R. Munson.....\$500
 Jason Ramirez.....\$500
 William F Luton Jr.....\$500

June 15

Jacque Caldwell.....\$500
 Robert A. "Bob" Wettland.....\$500
 Aaron B Smith.....\$500

June 22

Derek Hirata.....\$500
 J.J. Budd.....\$500
 Cesar Lomeli.....\$500

June 29 - Open Meeting
 (No Membership Draw)

In Memoriam

15593

KURT MAHELONA

BORN: MARCH 28, 1967

INITIATED: MARCH 22, 2018

DIED: JUNE 15, 2023,

11664

ALLEN R BENNETT

BORN: SEPTEMBER 10, 1942

INITIATED: AUGUST 04, 1994

DIED: JUNE 15, 2023



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2023-2024 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler Aaron Castellanos
 Esteemed Leading Knight
 Esteemed Loyal Knight Chuck Biely
 Esteemed Lecturing Knight Jeremy Forman PER
 Esquire Christina Lagrimas
 Chaplain Eva Guzman
 Inner Guard Ray Sanchez
 Tiler Marty Durrett PER
 Organist Bryan Feldpouch PER
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 Treasurer Liz Brown
 1 Year Trustee Mike Arndt
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 5 Year Trustee Matt Rodriguez PER

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AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Upon entrance to Lodge, there may be a cover charge for Guests not buying a CYO dinner.		1	2	3	4 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to Sound Investment 8:30	5 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
6 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	7 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm Baked Salmon House Committee 6:30	8 Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm	9 Orientation Dinner 6:30 pm	10 Vets Committee 6L30 pm Ladies Bar Lodge 7:30 pm Initiation	11 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to DJ ANTX 8:30 pm	12 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
13 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Cigar & Fine Spirits 2 pm Patio	14 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm Fish & Chips	15 Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm PERs Meeting 6:00 pm	16	17 Veteran's Comm Ladies Bar 6:30 Lodge 7:30 pm Vets Stand Down 11:00 am (Details pg. 8)	18 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to DJ Davey D	19 Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
21 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Cigar & Fine Spirits Patio 2:00 pm	21 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm BBQ Tri-tip	22 Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm Bingo 6:30 pm Sportsmen 7:00 pm	23	24 Lodge 7:30 pm	25 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance to Sound House 8:30 pm	26 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
27 Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Family Picnic 12-4 pm (Details pg. 5) Volunteer Appreciation 12-4 pm	28 Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm BBQ 1/2 Chicken	29 Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm Touring Elks 7:30 pm Bowling Meeting Rancho Bowl 6:30 pm	30	31 Lodge 7:30 pm		

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

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