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AARON CASTELLANOS, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 2023

EXALTED RULER *Aaron Castellanos*



Members,

Another holiday season is now upon us. As we all enter into the full swing of this most special time of year where one takes the time to spend and create some of the most memorable times with our loved ones, I would like

to take a moment and express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all of you. Being a Member of Santa Maria Lodge and having the ability to take part in the many ways that our Lodge is able to make a difference in our community is something I hold great pride in. The various opportunities that our Lodge has created and maintained throughout the past 96 years of our charter facilitates the opportunity for all of us to participate in many ways.

We are extremely fortunate to have amazing committees in the Lodge each of whom is dedicated to a cause of their choosing. The work the Bingo teams does maintains our monthly scholarship awards. The multiple donations from our Touring Elks do throughout the year, and their annual dedication to their Toys for Tots program, is inspiring. Our Veteran committee, and all the ways they come up with to give support and attention to local veteran programs in the magnitude to which they do, is amazing.

These are just a few examples of some of the great teams we have available to be part of to help support our community. We truly are one of the best Lodges in Elksdom and the is something that we should all be proud of.

I feel extremely proud and very fortunate to have been entrusted the Exalted Ruler position this year. It allows me to have a much closer look at all the great things Santa Maria Lodge does and even find ways to help uplift other organizations that do great work for our community outside of our Lodge as well.

Most recently I spoke about the Golden Circle of Champions. A local 501c3 that was founded here in our

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51ST ANNUAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION NIGHT



K9 Odin displays the K-9 vest purchased from the Lodge fundraiser October 1, 2021

..... ★★★★★
Come join in the
50TH ANNIVERSARY CYO
NOVEMBER 17TH
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All American Lodge

LEADING KNIGHT*Chuck Biely*

Members,

Family get togethers, holiday food and drink, good friends and old acquaintances meeting to celebrate in traditional

ways; these are some of the occasions we attend during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. As Elks, we are fortunate to be able to take part in these activities. However, as Elks we are charged with doing more. We are the ultimate charitable organization in our community and as such it is incumbent upon us to take the extra step to help those less fortunate by getting involved with our Lodge.

November 1st marks the start of the Leading Knight challenge, continuing through January 2024. All the money raised goes to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, also known as the Purple Pig you were given upon your initiation. Fill those pigs and turn them in at the office (you will get an empty one in return). There will be other special fundraisers available to you, some of which may even enrich your coffers. Come to Lodge to learn what opportunities are forthcoming.

As always, November contains our country's acknowledgement of the sacrifices made by veterans of our Armed Forces. Come to Lodge with any part of your uniform on and be treated to a fine repast reminiscent of the chow halls of yore. Chef Keith will make you proud. Can't promise S.O.S. but it will be good.

November is also the time to put together the food baskets which are given by our Lodge to those in need of assistance. Our committee, chaired by Eva Macias for many years, is in need of volunteers for a few hours to put the boxes together ready for distribution prior to Thanksgiving. We also will be doing our monthly Food Bank distribution on the Thursday after Thanksgiving. A little time spent, a great feeling of satisfaction gained knowing someone's day will be enhanced because of your charitable contribution.

With these thoughts in mind, come join us in November to share with your fellow Elks the uplifting feeling of helping others. It is The Season, after all.

Fraternally yours,
Chuck Biely
Esteemed Leading Knight

LOYAL KNIGHT*Jeremy Forman*

Members,

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to take a moment to give thanks to all the volunteers and officers that help at the Lodge. Without you,

we would not be able to hold many of the wonderful events we do throughout the year as well as those that occur weekly such as our CYO's, Pub Grub, Bingo, Sunday Football, and Monday dinners. Your help is very much appreciated. I would also like to give thanks to all our Members who are part of what makes this Lodge so great. With the typically large crowds we have during Friday night CYO's everyone generally behaves themselves which makes for a fun and safe night. Like I have said in a previous article, this is a private club, and we should treat it as we would treat our own residences during gatherings with family and friends.

As the celebration of Thanksgiving draws near, please make the effort to express gratitude towards others. Simple gestures such as expressing a heartfelt thank you, friendly handshake, hug or even holding the door open for someone are good examples. They can go a long way toward cultivating a positive attitude with others and improving our well-being. You never know what others are going through in their daily lives, and simple expression of gratitude just might make their day.

On a separate note, I once again would like to encourage each one of you to join us for a Lodge meeting every now and then. It is a time where we can gather socially prior to the meeting, and during the meeting come together to find out what is happening within our Lodge and help make decisions. This is your Lodge, and the more you put into it, the more you will get out.

Please have a wonderful holiday season, and always remember the foundation and groundwork of our order. 'Do unto other as we would they should do unto us.'

Fraternally,
Jeremy Forman PER
Esteemed Loyal Knight

LECTURING KNIGHT*Christina Lagrimas*

Members,

Thank you to all our dedicated Members for their generous contributions to The Golden Circle of Champions in the month of September. Your support

is making a significant difference in the lives of children battling cancer. Together, we are spreading hope and creating brighter tomorrows for these brave young warriors. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to this noble cause.

Now, get ready for an exciting lineup of events you won't want to miss in the coming months!

- On November 12th, let's spread the joy by participating in the Toys for Tots event – bring a toy and make a child's day brighter.
- Then, mark your calendars for November 19th, when our 9th Annual Holiday Craft Fair takes center stage, featuring a diverse array of over 50 vendors offering unique, handcrafted treasures.
- On November 20th and 21st, we extend a warm invitation to you to become a part of our Holiday Basket Committee. We're in search of dedicated volunteers to assist in the tasks of collecting and delivering donations to the Elks Lodge. Additionally, we need helping hands to pack the essential food items into the baskets and help distribute them to families in need. Together, we can make a significant difference during this holiday season.
- Finally, don't forget to save December 13th for our Annual Children's Christmas Party, where the festivities will be in full swing with the Country Christmas Store, games, crafts, fantastic prizes, and the chance for your family to capture a cherished moment with Santa himself. Don't miss out – these events are all about spreading holiday spirit and making lasting memories with your loved ones!

Fraternally,
Christina Lagrimas
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

*Happy Thanksgiving*

MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG DONATIONS

SUE MANDLER • BAR CORNER GUYS • STEVE PENZES

MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG

The California Hawaii Elks Major Project is committed to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by providing supporting services to aid children at no cost and without discrimination. Please fill your Purple Pig with A Coin A Day so They can Walk, Talk See and Play.

A Big Thank You to all of you that donate to the Purple Pig and bring it into the Lodge office with your name and Membership number on it. It really makes a difference in so many lives.

Amy Gillot
Major Project Chairman

LODGE ACTIVITIES



Treasurer Liz Brown presents Kent Hill with a \$500 Attendance Drawing Check



Secretary Phil Daughton presents Past Exalted Ruler Tony Campas with a \$500 Attendance Drawing check

EXALTED RULER Aaron Castellanos *continued from page 1*

own community that is dedicated in promoting awareness and supporting local families who find themselves battling with some of the various forms of childhood cancer. This organization is one that many of our Members choose to participate in throughout the year. It was because of this and the work they do that I choose them as our local charity of choice for the year. Our Lodge went Gold in September, this is a month that is dedicated as childhood cancer awareness month. Throughout the month we were able to hold raffles and sales of gold ribbons to be displayed in our Members lounge as a way to raise some support. During this time we also extended the opportunity to our a Membership and Lodge committees to make any possible donations. Our goal was not only to collect funds but most importantly help start some conversation and bring awareness about this disease that affect so many families and the lack of research funding they are given year after year. It was heartwarming to be approached by some of our Members and guests and hear some of their personal experience with childhood cancer and how great they felt to see the Lodge spotlight and support this cause... something I wish will reach from now on.

Thanks to the ever-present support and generosity of our a Membership and Lodge committees we were able to collect and present \$10,374 on your behalf to the Golden Circle of Champions. THANK YOU. This will facilitate them in the great work to which they are dedicated in support of these children. We wish them the absolute best in all they do and join them in supporting them in any way possible.

I wish you all a very safe start to holiday season.

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

VETERAN'S BBQ DINNER

November 9, 6:00 pm

Wear your uniform, or any part of it,
to receive a FREE dinner



CRYING TOWEL

September 7

Louie M. Torres Jr. \$500
Emilio Salinas \$500
Keith E. Bugal \$500

September 14

Tony Campas, PER \$500 PRESENT
Don Trecartin \$500
Robert Sustaita \$500

September 21

Amy Fortin \$500
Erin Calderon \$500
Mark Souza \$500

September 28

Chuck Glines \$500
Rita A. Martinez-Coll... \$500
David Schloesser \$500

In Memoriam

To Our Absent Members
AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORSAKEN

#16446

RUBEN MARTINEZ

BORN: April 21, 1956
INITIATED: January 25, 2011
DIED: June 05, 2023

#10507

MARC E. BUENTIEMPO

BORN: April 09, 1965
INITIATED: February 15, 1990
DIED: September 05, 2023

#6003

GARY G. WINTERS

BORN: August 25, 1945
INITIATED June 29, 1972
DIED: September 09, 2023

#11634

FREDRICH SOBOTTKA

BORN: January 30, 1930
INITIATED: November 16, 1976
DIED: September 14, 2023



**17th Annual
Santa Maria Valley Bike Run**
Benefiting
Marine Corps Reserve
TOYS FOR TOTS

Raffles • 50-50 • Music • BBQ • Poker Run
Sunday November 12, 2023

To be held at:
Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538
1309 N. Bradley Road

SIGN-IN:
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Ride will leave at 10 a.m.

All Motorcycles
Welcome

Please bring a new un-wrapped toy to benefit the children of
Santa Maria, Guadalupe and Orcutt

smbikerun@gmail.com

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

Sunday December 3, 2023 1:00 PM

1309 N. Bradley Road
Santa Maria, California 93454

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

9th Annual
**Holiday
Boutique &
Craft Fair**

Come shop for the holidays with over 50
vendors & participate in the community
food & toy drive!

Santa Maria Elks Lodge Sunday, November 19, 2023
1309 N. Bradley Rd. Santa Maria, CA 11am-3pm

Contact: Dawnette Cress
P: (909) 226-4562 E: dawnettecress@msn.com

SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND FOOTBALL PUB GRUB
IN THE MEMBERS BAR

BREAKFAST 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
~ Chicken Fried Steak with Eggs \$12 ~
~ Bisquits and Gravy with Sausage Links \$12 ~

GAME TIME GRUB 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
~ Chicken Wings (6 pieces) \$8 ~
..... (12 pieces) \$15
..... (24 pieces) \$25
Your choice of Buffalo, BBQ or Sweet Thai Chili

~ Nachos \$10 ~
~ BLT Sandwich \$9 ~
~ Angus Western Burger \$12 ~
~ Quesadilla with Salsa, Guacamole, Sour Cream \$7 ~
with Meat \$10

ELKTOBERFEST 2023



SANTA MARIA ELKS NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
DECEMBER 31, 2023
 No host Cocktail Party with hors d'oeuvres at 6:15 P.M.
 Dinner served at 7:30 P.M.
 Dancing from 8:30 P.M. till 12:30 A.M.

Elk Member & Guests \$65.00 Per Ticket
 Tables are \$780.00 Per Table (12 per table)

Menu:
 New York Steak
 Baked Potato
 Sonoma Vegetables
 Mixed Green Salad
 Sourdough Dinner Roll
 Cheesecake

2 Bottles of Red Wine on Every Table
 Champagne Station @ 11:45 pm

Santa Maria Style Breakfast
 Breakfast Served @ 12:30 AM

SEMI-FORMAL DRESS: COAT & TIE REQUIRED
 TICKETS GO ON SALE ON NOVEMBER 1ST

Dancing to Mike Arriola Project

TICKETS GO
 ON SALE
 NOV 1ST IN THE
 OFFICE

40	39	38	37	36
32	33	34	35	
31	30	29	28	
24	25	26	27	
23	22	21	20	
16	17	18	19	
15	14	13	12	
8	9	10	11	
7				1
6				2
5				3
4				1

2023 NEW YEARS PARTY
12 PER TABLE

STAGE

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Santa Maria, CA 93454

Credit cards accepted in the Members' Bar with a \$20 minimum purchase

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 1309 N. Bradley Road
 Santa Maria, CA 93454
 (805) 922-1538

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 Ray Sanchez

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Wood Crew Sale
Now available to members
OAK BBQ WOOD
 (chips/chunks)
 \$8.00/box - 16" x 20" x 10"
Pick up time is 12:00 noon on Wednesdays at the Wood Room.
For more information contact:
 Norm McDonald (805) 310-3610
All proceeds go to Wood Crew for equipment acquisition and maintenance.

VETERANS

The website, Brides.com, describes the 10th marriage anniversary gift as tin or aluminum, which symbolizes the strength and resilience of a marriage. The same is true of our Honor Flight Central Coast California (HFCCC) which celebrated its 10-year anniversary on October 15th having been chartered in 2013 as part of a national program consisting of 131 hubs, with 7 in California.

Central Coast Kind Magazine issue 6 in 2019 featured "The Freedom of Kindness", with Elk Member Jay Conner (one of six HFCCC founding members) on its cover, and interviewed him for his work with the HFCCC. Jay and his team are a part of a nationwide network that, as a tribute for their service and sacrifices, flies WWII, Korean, Vietnam and other veterans to Washinton, D.C. to see their memorials.

In 2014 HFCCC started taking 22 veterans, 22 guardians, a Flight Leader, a medical person, and a photographer on three commercial flights a year from SLO Airport. On their 3-day "Tour of Honor" the veterans would transfer in Phoenix then fly to Baltimore, arriving late Monday and take two full days of touring the various memorials and the National Mall in DC then return late Wednesday evening.

In Spring of 2023 the HFCCC chartered Allegiant Air from the Santa Maria airport nonstop to DC with approximately 75 veterans, their guardians, and crew. Our airport was chosen due to its location to veterans traveling from Santa Barbara, Oxnard, Ventura, Camarillo, and Paso Roles. The Fall trip was October 4-6 with 93

veterans (9 Korean and 84 Vietnam veterans), their guardians, Honor Flight staff and our own Santa Maria Elks photographers, Luis Escobar, and Ray Sanchez. Brian Mason, a 14-year Army veteran and our new chair of our Elks Veterans Committee was a guardian.

The 3-day tour usually consists of visiting the Arlington Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown Solider, the WWII Memorial plus other historic sites. This year added a visit to the Korean War Memorial. The third day is a special day with a tour and presentation at the Annapolis Naval Academy, and then Fort McHenry, home of the Star-Spangled Banner.

Bear McGill, Flight Director and Chairman along with Board Member, Jay estimate 585 veterans have flown HFCCC "Tour of Honor" since 2013. They both stress that this trip is a tribute to our veterans for the sacrifices they have endured so that the rest of us can live free knowing that "Freedom is Never Free". There is no cost to the veteran which includes all travel (air and ground), food and lodging. Family members excluding spouses may travel as a guardian and pay \$1,500.

HFCCC is a 501 C (3) Non-Profit organization funded by donations, grants, and fundraising. To apply visit their website, <https://www.honorflightccc.org>.

Remember Elks Care, Elks Share.

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

Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538
VETERANS COMMITTEE
presents
VETERANS APPRECIATION
DECEMBER 14 11:00 AM

★ Lunch is FREE for Veterans ★ ★ Guest Speaker ★
 ★ Veteran Information Booths ★ ★ Local Veteran Groups ★

Lunch is served from 11:30AM until we run out of food.
 1309 N. Bradley Road, Santa Maria



Just a Thank you for your service

BOWLING

After 4 weeks Team 5, Strike Force, Rance Lewis, Donna Ryczek, Belinda Thomas and Jim Bolterman lead with a **SPLENDID** 12 wins and just 4 losses. Team 5 also leads in BOTH High Team Series and Game with **STUPENDOUS** scores of 2107 and 727 respectively! In Men High Series, Jim Bolterman leads with a **SUPERB** 621 and in Men's High Game, Randy Blankenship leads with a **SENSATIONAL** 234 game! Deanne Stote leads the Ladies in High Series with a **STUNNING** 611 and Kat Fitzgerald leads in High Game with a **STELLAR** 245 game!
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The following bowlers bowled a 200 or higher game or 600 or higher series: Randy Blankenship – 234, Jim Bolterman – 229/621, Scott Daniels – 206, Kat Fitzgerald – 245, James Franklin – 201, Larry Galaites – 224/620, Dave Johnson – 200, Tom Klein – 203, Donna Ryczek – 227, Travis Soule – 220, Deanne Stote – 212/611, Belinda Thomas – 204. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

JOKES OF THE MONTH: *An old man is laying on his death bed and he smells his wife's delicious cooking. He motions to his son and whispers, "Please bring me a piece of your mother's delicious food so I can taste it one last time." His son returns empty-handed and says, "Mom said it's for after the funeral".....Ed and Joe were eating breakfast in a restaurant one morning when Ed said, "Joe did you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?" Joe pulled it out, stared at it for awhile and then replied, "Ed, I think I know where my hearing aid is."*

Mike Kenderes
 Bowling Chairman

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Thank You to Ray Sanchez for spreading the word about our crew. Also, a Thank You shout out to RJ Gonzales and Kurt Murdock for donations for our "spirit opportunity", to crew Members who brought in new recruits, and new Members who helped. Our crew is building, but the trash is growing. We meet the third Saturday every month prior to 8 AM across from the wood room and are back to the Lodge around 10am for refreshment and pizza.

Jerry Schons
 Highway Cleanup Chairman

CYO BBQ REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Date	Band	Dinners	X-cuts
1	Unfinished Business	370	31
8	Smooth Groovz DJ Artie	376	20
15	Erin & The Road Kings	342	22
22	Ron Miller & Gun Metal Gray266	266	21
29	Steppin' Out	448	34
TOTAL DINNERS SOLD		1,842	128

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.

Santa Maria ELKS Childrens Christmas Party
COME JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM DINNER SERVED TILL 7:00 PM

GAMES & PRIZES
MUSIC
PICTURES WITH SANTA



POPCORN & ICE CREAM
PIZZA
HOTDOGS WITH CHIPS





MEMBERS AND FAMILY ONLY
Tokens will be available for purchase to play games resulting in Prize Tickets to be used in the Christmas Country Store to acquire presents for their parents.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND WILL BE VOTED ON TO BECOME LIFE MEMBERS ON AT THE LODGE MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2023.

006686	G H Pete Brodnick	006654	Harry W Mc Kitchens
006735	Ronald B Burk	006531	Richard Medley
006417	Glenn Clyde	006533	Edward L Miller
006690	Russell J Collins	006708	Michael A Murray
006742	James M Cox	006709	Patrick H Murray
006695	Dennis J Fernandez	006710	Richard E Muscio
006637	Joseph A Freitas Jr	006576	Robert D Randolph
006748	Robert J Fulton	006665	Ronald H Souza
006429	Lloyd W Ingram	006720	John E Stornetta
006700	Harold E Jackson	006668	Donald M Tate
006702	H Wayne Kingsley	006723	Jack T Taylor
006705	Frank Mainard	006438	John D Von Achen
006530	Roger Maxwell	006781	Dennis J Yeoman
006527	Norman Mc Donald PER		

SOCCER SHOOTOUT



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

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



COME JOIN IN THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CYO NOVEMBER 17



SANTA MARIA LODGE HISTORY - CYO

Guess who turned 50 this year? **Cook Your Own.** Cook Your Own (or CYO) started back on Friday, November 16, 1973. Can you believe that it would cost you \$2.25 for a small Rib Eye or \$2.75 for a large Rib Eye steak when we first started CYO? Back then, your dinner included a salad, beans and garlic bread Today a 12-ounce Rib Rye will cost you \$25 which includes all the side dishes, including French fries or a baked potato and a full salad bar.

On the first night we had dinner from 7-9pm and you also had to make reservations. Due to some scheduled events Cook Your Own was not held in December of 1973 but it resumed in January of 1974 and has been going on ever since. (We had a 15 month shut down during Covid in 2020-2021.) We do not have a CYO on the Friday night before our Inaugural ball nor if a Major Holiday falls on a Friday Night, otherwise you can come on down and cook yourself a reasonably price dinner, meet some friends and make some new ones and dance the

night away. We had dancing from this beginning, hiring local bands and DJ's.

CYO was a hit from the beginning, we had 289 people the first night. The CYO Crew the first night was Ernie Amarillas, Charlie Cossa, Barny Johnson and Patrick Ferini. According to Patrick, back then a lot of people didn't want to or know how to cook their own steak, they would let some of the crew members cook for them while patrons waited in the Members bar.

The most important thing you need to know is that on any Friday night, aside from the bar staff, we only have 2 - 3 paid employees in the whole building, and they all work in the kitchen. Everyone else "working" is an Elks volunteer. What we do not have anywhere in the Lodge are busboys, table cleaners, glass/ bottle pickers uppers. This applies to the dining room as well as the bars. We rely on all Members to clean up after themselves and to inform their guests to do the same. So, please clean

up after yourselves whenever you are in the Lodge and kindly inform any new Members or guests of this simple rule.

Like most of you, I was invited to the Elks for CYO to listen a band and have dinner. I finally asked my neighbor, Barry Stewart PER, to sponsor me to become a Member. So don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors and share the fun times that we have at the Lodge on Friday night. Who knows, they might want to join the Lodge and get involved and maybe take my job eventually and become our Lodge Historian.

If you have an idea for an article about our Lodge history that you would like to see in a future Elks Horn, send me an email at ray.sanchez.elks.1538@gmail.com.

Ray Sanchez
Lodge Historian

YOUR LODGE OFFICERS PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL LOS ALAMOS PARADE



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Faith Reynolds Class	Cynthia Cook	Michael Duran
Elvira Alarcon	Craig Cullen	Chantae Garcia
Dan Annecchini	Chris DeYoung	Evelyn Gomez
Hugo Canton	Jessica Dulay	Ramon Gomez

Susan Grahame	Alexandra Morris	Gary West
Sam Gwo	Juan Munoz	Adam Wilanoski
Emilio Handall	Steve Mussell	Mario Ybarra
Patricia Hernandez	Jason Nelson	
Michelle Hodges	Brian O'Connor	TRANSFER
Michael Holford	Pamela Orsini	Donald Horton
Daniel Ibarra	Ramon Otero	
Drew Johnson	Victoria Otero	REINSTATEMENTS
Michelle Lafond	Salvador Ponce	Jack Gill
Brian Lester	Ramona Ruiz	Anthony Minniti Jr
Janae Markstone	Raymond Sanchez	
Irene Mau	Sarah Santana	
Eve Mackey	Dennis Snitchler	
James Medley	W. Jackson Washburn	
Arthur Mercado	O.T. Wendel	

2023 HOLIDAY BASKET SCHEDULE

You are invited to join the Holiday Basket Committee. We need helpers to pick up and deliver donations to the Elks Lodge. We also need people to pack the food into the baskets and distribute them (from the Elks Dining Room) as families come to pick up their baskets at the Lodge. Come join us for the Holiday Basket Organized Chaos! Holiday Baskets are for families in the Santa Maria Valley who cannot afford a holiday dinner for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Please sponsor a family by providing the name and telephone number to the Elks Office at 805 922-1538 (see deadlines below).

Important dates to Remember:

Thanksgiving (November)

Wednesday 15	Deadline for Sponsoring a Family
Monday 20	6 pm Basket Setup
Tuesday 21	7:30 am Basket Perishable Items
	9:00 – 11:00 am Basket Pickup

Christmas (December)

Wednesday 13	Deadline for Sponsoring a Family
Monday 18	6 pm Baskets Setup
Tuesday 19	7:30 am Basket Perishable Items
	9:00 – 11:00 am Basket Pickup




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

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

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

Eva Macias
 Holiday Baskets Chairman



BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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Members Bar Open Daily 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Every Sunday Football Menu (Details pg. 4)		Elks Bowling Every Tuesday Rancho Bowl 6:30 pm	1 New Years Eve Party Tickets go on Sale (Details pg. 5)	2 Lodge 7:30 pm Balloting Elks Horn Articles Due	3 CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Steppin' Out 8:30 pm	4
5	6 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 6:30 pm BBQ New York Steak Sandwiches \$15 House Committee 6:30 pm	7 Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	8	9 Veterans' BBQ Dinner 6:30 pm (Free when in uniform or ANY part of uniform) Lodge 7:30 pm Student of the Month	10 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Lead Foot 8:30 pm	11 Veterans Day
12 Toys for Tots Sign-in 8 am Ride 10 am (Details Page 4) Cigar & Fine Spirits 2:00 pm Patio	13 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 6:30 pm Turkey Dinner \$15	14 Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm PER Meeting 6:00 pm	15 Orientation Dinner 6:30 pm	16 Lodge 7:30 pm Initiation	17 50th Anniversary CYO CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Sound Investment 8:30 pm	18 Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am
19 Craft Fair (Details page 4)	20 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 6:30 pm Enchilada Casserole \$15 Thanksgiving Baskets Prep	21 Thanksgiving Baskets 7:30 am Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	22 Lodge Office CLOSES 1:00 pm	23 LODGE DARK Happy Thanksgiving	24 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:15 – 8:00 pm Dance to Smooth Groovz DJ Artie 8:30 pm	25
26	27 Family Night Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm BBQ Beef Ribs \$18	28 Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 PM BINGO 6:00 pm Sportsmen 7:00 pm Touring Elks 7:30 pm	29 Karaoke Members Bar 6:30 - 8:30 pm	30 Food Bank 9:00'ish Lodge 7:30 pm	Upon Entrance to the Lodge, there may be COVER CHARGE for GUESTS not buying a CYO dinner	

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