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AARON CASTELLANOS, EXALTED RULER

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

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EXALTED RULER *Aaron Castellanos*



Members,

I would like start by thanking everyone that was able to join us in bringing the New Year at our Lodge. I hope that all were able to enjoy the night's festivities and the opportunity of fellowship as we bid farewell to yet another year. Putting on an event as big as this is not an easy task and there are many people that played a role in the event's success. Thank you for all the hard work and dedication of all our volunteers year after year that have made this possible.

Although we just closed out another calendar, in a couple months we will we also find ourselves finishing the current Elk year. With that we must begin to plan and prepare for the future success and leadership of our Lodge. Our projected officer ritual team has begun practicing to defend our West Central Coast District title and ensure the district trophy remains at home in our Lodge room. Some have asked why winning the ritual competition is such a focus as it requires many hours of preparation in learning the department and the memorization of the Orientation ritual. The ritual competition only awards one team in our district with the team trophy, and of course that is something every Lodge is vying for and, a feat we are dedicated to achieve. But, the award of such dedication goes far beyond the keeping of a trophy. The true prize and one that EVERY Lodge team is awarded during this process is the opportunity to build a great sense of teamwork while being coached by some of our Past Exalted Rulers who are able to mentor the incoming officers in the process. Spending countless

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ELKS GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE AT LODGE BLOOD DRIVE



ELKS CELEBRATE HOOP SHOOT WINNERS AT AWARDS BANQUET



All American Lodge

LEADING KNIGHT

Chuck Biely



Members,

How many of you have been to our Friday night Cook Your Own in the last 6 months? As you went through the meat

line on the way to the barbecue pit or through the salad/sides line you probably recognized the volunteers working those lines. Did you take the time to thank them for being there to ensure you were being served? These folks are volunteering every week and deserve your gratitude. It only takes a moment of kindness on your part to make their dedication appear appreciated. When a kind word is given to one, it is shared with all the others.

Our Friday serve teams are in need of some more people to help. If you recognize faces of those who are working it is because they are on duty/volunteering almost every week. They could use and deserve a break now and then. Come join us in our volunteerism.

For those of you who chair one of our committees, I will be contacting each of you to plan next year's activities. If you have not heard from me by the time you receive this Elks Horn, please contact me at the Lodge or through the office staff. I look forward to speaking with each of you.

Since February is a short month, this will be a short article. As always, stay safe and be kind to one another.

Fraternally yours,
Chuck Biely
Esteemed Leading Knight

LOYAL KNIGHT

Jeremy Forman



Members,

The year 2024 is in full swing, and we are already entering into the second month. Many of us celebrated bringing in the new year at our annual New

Years Eve Party which proved to be a great time for all. I would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to help serve at the event as it was an astounding success. As said many times before, this Lodge would cease to function if it were not for our volunteers.

During month of February, we will be holding officer nominations and elections for the Elk year 2024-2025. This is a crucial process that sets the stage for new leadership to guide the organization forward in the new year. I encourage all Members to come out and participate in the process and be involved in ensuring a dedicated group of individuals are elected to lead the Lodge. This is your Lodge, and it is important to have your voices heard.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, your perspective incoming 2024-2025 officers are hard at work practicing for the upcoming District Initiation Ritual Competition to be held in Oceano this year. This competition is an important part of the Elks tradition, as it showcases the skills and dedication of the officers, as well as the values and principles of the organization. Our Lodge officers have always taken pride in performing well in the competition, often bringing home the first-place West Central Coast District trophy. We hope to do it again this year and can use your support and encouragement.

Lastly, I once again want to encourage all Members to attend a Lodge meeting at least once a month. It is in these gatherings that ideas are shared, plans are discussed, and the sense of community

is strengthened. Attending a meeting provides an opportunity to connect with fellow Elks, learn about ongoing initiatives, and actively participate in shaping the future of our organization.

See you at Lodge!

Fraternally,
Jeremy Forman PER
Esteemed Loyal Knight

LECTURING KNIGHT

Christina Lagrimas



Members,

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who made our Elks New Year's Eve party an unforgettable celebration! Your dedication and support truly made the night

remarkable, ushering in the new year with joy and camaraderie.

As we step into this new chapter, it's an exciting time for our Lodge! We're gearing up for the nominations and election of officers this month, a pivotal moment for our organization. Additionally, the anticipation is high as we eagerly await the announcement of our Elk of the Year. Your participation in our Thursday night meetings is crucial, especially now, as we embark on these significant proceedings.

Let's not forget about our officers and coaches who have been diligently practicing for the upcoming West Central Coast District Ritual Contest. This yearly competition against other Lodges in our district demands dedication and time. We're committed to retaining the winning trophy in our Lodge and progressing to the state competition. This year, the district competition will be hosted closer to home, at the Oceano Elks Lodge, adding to our excitement and determination.

Thank you once again to our incredible volunteers, and let's look forward to the exciting events and achievements ahead! Here's to a Happy Valentine's Day and a year filled with togetherness and success!

Fraternally,
Christina Lagrimas
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



Past Exalted Rulers Night Initiation Team: Phil Daighton PER AVP Secretary, Wes Brown PER as Esquire, John Mascarenas PER as Loyal Knight, Marty Durrett PER as Chaplain, Matt Rodriguez PER as Exalted Ruler, Jeremy Forman PER as Leading Knight, Ron Anderson PER as Lecturing Knight, Bryan Feldpouch PER Organist, Tony Dart PER as Inner Guard, (not pictured Liz Brown Treasurer)



Wood Crew Sale

Now available to members

OAK BBQ WOOD

(chips/chunks)

\$10.00/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.

CYO BBQ REPORT

for DECEMBER

Date	Band	Dinners	X-cuts
1	Unfinished Business	322	11
8	Mike Arriola Project	466	32
15	John Pemberton	395	23
22	DJ Tymeless	296	17
29	Night Ridge	300	28
TOTAL DINNERS SOLD		1,779	111



EXALTED RULER Aaron Castellanos *continued from page 1*

hours working shoulder to shoulder to achieve a common goal fosters the ability to get to know each other in way that might not have been possible otherwise. We are able to lift each other up and learn to work together through encouragement and brotherhood. I have been fortunate enough to have been given this opportunity as I moved up in the leadership chairs and it has been one of the greatest times and one that I will forever be grateful for. For me, the Initiation Ritual is very magical and I truly believe it to be one that must always be given the utmost respect and dedication. I'm sure the incoming team will ensure it will continue. And, the goal of all this is an Impressive Initiation for our new Members. If this is sounding like personal love letter... it is. I challenge you to attend the Step Up Initiation Lodge meeting March 14 which will be the first time the team will perform and show support and encouragement to our officer team. I hope that you all find time to attend a Lodge Initiation during the upcoming year and truly pay attention to what is said and feel the same sentiment as I do. I trust that you will.

I wish the team the best of luck in the upcoming competition and the harder work that follows.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kim Newman PER Class



- | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Pilar Andrade | Jeremy M Jordan | Luisa Solis |
| Sergio Barbosa | Sherlyn Jordan | Noemi Soto |
| Robert Bishop | Carolina Landey | Gene Stuart Jr |
| Vincenza Caicco | Antoinette Macias | Henry Velasquez |
| Susan Corona | Vincent Maldonado | Robert Wesolowski |
| Christopher Diaz | Dawn Mendez | Paul M. Weinstein |
| Jose Diaz | Paul Miner | Bryce Willis |
| Edgar Domínguez | Steven Molina | |
| Alejandro Estrada | Joe Moreno | Reinstatements and |
| Jose Eulloqui | Marvin Morris | Transfers |
| Eric Fahnoe | Ray Olivares | Joseph Plummer |
| Pedro Garcia IV | Linda Peterson | Harvey Landry |
| Kristin Garrity | Shelley Rieke | Mary Bahnken |
| Esther Gomes | Suzette Rohleder | Keith Summers Jr |
| Vicente Gonzalez | Denise Rojo | Keith Summers III |
| Octavio Hernandez | David Sanderson | |
| Renee Howard | Eric Small | |

CRYING TOWEL

December 7 NO LODGE

December 14

Erin Tallman	\$500
Wesley Maroney.....	\$500
Carl Whitehead.....	\$500

December 21

Phil Fenwick.....	\$50 PRESENT
Ray Sanchez.....	\$50 PRESENT
Wayne Stahl	\$50 PRESENT
Ralph Rea.....	\$50 PRESENT
Jose Alvaro.....	\$50 PRESENT
Aaron Castellanos	\$50 PRESENT
Eddie Navarro.....	\$50 PRESENT
Mathew Limon	\$50 PRESENT
Mike Miller	\$50 PRESENT
Bryan Feldpouch PER	\$50 PRESENT

December 28

Chris Lingenfelder.....	\$500
Pat Teniente.....	\$500
Sheldon Cox.....	\$500

BOWLING

After 14 weeks Team 2, BECAUSE WE CAN, Kat Fitzgerald, Ashley Kelley, Odis Walton, and Tami Baty, is in first place with a SPECTACULAR 35 wins and just 21 losses! Team 4, TYME TO BOWL, Dustin Dutton, Debbie Johnson, James Franklin, and Larry Galaites continues to lead in High Team Series with a SKILLFUL 2851 score! Team 10, STRIKES R US, Tom and Shelly Glover, Scott Daniels, and Annette Slack lead in High Team Game with a STUNNING 1040! In Men High Series, Larry Galaites leads with a STERLING 854 and in Men's High Game, Scott Daniels leads with a SENSATIONAL 319 game! Melanie Davis leads the Ladies in High Series with a STUPENDOUS 769 and Ashley Kelley leads in Ladies High Game with a SPLENDID 291 game! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The following bowlers bowled a 200 or higher game or 600 or higher series: Tami Baty – 234/619, Randy Blankenship – 254/650, Jim Bolterman – 258/632, Scott Daniels – 215, Kat Fitzgerald – 226/616, Larry Galaites – 212, Dave Johnson – 222, Jeremy Jordan – 212, Tom Klein – 200, Deanne Stote – 219/625, and William Thorpe – 236! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

VALENTINE JOKE: Mike walked into a post office just before Valentine's day and noticed a middle-aged man standing in a corner sticking "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. Mike's curiosity got the better of him and asked the man why he was sending all those cards. The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards signed, "Guess who?" "But why?" asked Mike. "I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replied.

Keep Smilin
Mike Kenderes
Bowling Chairman

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Super Bowl Sunday is quickly approaching!

We will be having our Annual Super Bowl Party on

Sunday, February 11, 2024.

It will be a pot-luck feast, so bring your favorite dish. There will be power provided for your electrical appliances and a lot of room for anything else. You can bring sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts or main dishes.

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

21 AND OLDER ONLY!



SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND FOOTBALL PUB GRUB

IN THE MEMBERS BAR

BREAKFAST 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

- Chicken Fried Steak with Eggs \$12 -

- Biscuits 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



7:30am until we run out!
\$15 All You Can Eat
(in house)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 25 • April 28

August 25 • September 29

October 27 • November 24

December 29

NO Menudo: March, May, June, July

In Memoriam

To Our Absent Members

AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN, NEVER FORSAKEN

5088

ROGER P. DEMCHAK

BORN: FEBRUARY 14, 1935

INITIATED: FEBRUARY 8, 1968

DIED: APRIL 16, 2023

#5093

JOSEPH E. DOUD

BORN: JANUARY 6, 1945

INITIATED: FEBRUARY 8, 1968

DIED: NOVEMBER 27, 2023

#13999

MARGARET L. DAANE

BORN: OCTOBER 06, 1946

INITIATED: AUGUST 28, 2008

DIED: NOVEMBER 25, 2023

#13344

GREGORY DOMINGUEZ

BORN: DECEMBER 10, 1958

INITIATED: DECEMBER 02, 2004

DIED: DECEMBER 24, 2023

#6323

HARLEN (GENE) BAIRD

BORN: APRIL 26, 1944

INITIATED: DECEMBER 13, 1973

DIED: DECEMBER 3, 2023



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*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks #1538
invite you and your guest
to attend the*

ELKS OFFICERS
Inaugural Ball
& INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

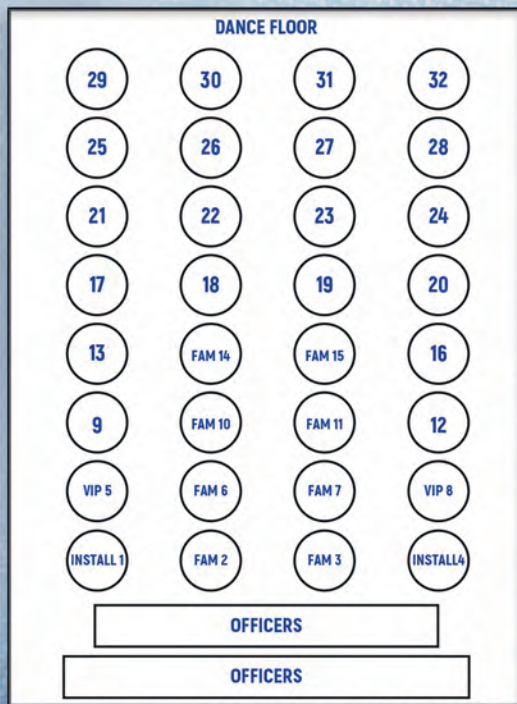
SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 30, 2024

4:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

4:00-5:00pm Installation of Officers

5:00-6:00pm Receiving Line & Cocktail Party, 6:30pm Dinner

8:00pm-Midnight Live Music



MENU

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

Cost \$40 per person
Reservations are a must!

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

*Tickets on sale February 26 in the office
(805) 922-1538 and must be
picked up by March 25*

LODGE ACTIVITIES



\$50 Attendance Drawing Winners (listed in the Crying Towel)



The Touring Elks present a \$2,500 donation to Leading Knight Chuck Biely for the Major Project Leading Kight's Challenge



Exalted Ruler Aaron Castellanos presents a September Elk of the Month Plaque to Amalia Rea



Exalted Ruler Aaron Castellanos presents an October Elk of the Month Plaque to Steve Rayburn



Exalted Ruler Aaron Castellanos presents a November Elk of the Month Plaque to Jose Alfaro



Exalted Ruler Aaron Castellanos presents a December Elk of the Month Plaque to Johnny Ramirez



Christmas sweaters at Lodge: PER Matt Rodriguez, Eva Macias, Ray Sanchez, PER Kim Newman, Jamie Parkins and Dennis Cooper

Service Pin Awards March 7, 2024

15-YEAR

Jason Acquistapace
Ray Albera
Lisa M Altobello
Lupe Alvarez
Lucio Arguijo Jr
Sally A Ball
James M Bendele
Ken Bradley
Samuel Castillo Jr
Edward L Cavender
Therese F Chavarria
Dale Chavez
Harold Keith
Christenberry
Jesse Correa
Rudy A Correa Jr
Sheldon Cox
Louis J De La Rosa
Gary R Delgadillo
Donald A Dupere
Gordon Dutra
Kenny Emerick
Bernie Espinoza
Theresa Teri Faulkner
James E Franklin
Gregory Gentile
Anne Glines
Hendrik Gonzalez
Ryan Hageman
David W Hall
Tami Jo Halliburton
Kyle Hill
Larry Imoe
Christopher Jorge
Robert F Locicero
Fernando Loera
Joe M Lopez Jr
Eva M Macias
John M Maiden
Darryl A Mancini
Marijane F Marshall
David Martinez
Albert F Montalbano
Guadalupe Lupe
Murguia
Eddie Murray
Jamie S Needham
Rebecca Ann
Novo-Normanly

Victor Nunez
Rodney Alexander
Ochoa
Manuel V Paredes
Paul A Pili
B J Pope
Fred Prewett
Casey M Ramos
Michael Ramos
Lindsay Reed
Ralph Regalado Jr
Jason Rodrigues
Justin L Rodriguez
Marc S Rodriguez
Tim Romero
Robert M Ruiz
Robert J Ruiz
Sal Ruiz III
Robert Schiller
James M Snowdy
Scott T Stephen
Phillip Torres
Orlando Velazquez
John Vogelsanger
Myrl A Wallace PER
Melissa Wiseman

20-YEAR

Eugene M Alarcon
Chester Allen
Michael Ames
Sonya Baddley
Bruce R Barbezat
Peter Bedolla
Tracey Borneman
Mike Bouquet
Michael Butler
Gilbert S Carra
Silvia Cheatham
Daren W Clarke
Albert Covarrubias
Sal Curiel
James T Dana
David M Del Rio
Dean A Domingues
Mike D Draper Jr
Homer A Ferguson
Adelaide M Ferrari
Danny Fleming
Jon Fleming

Frank Flores
David Fouratt
Gregory J France
Steven Funkhouser
Curtis L Greeley
Jerry R Gunn
Will Howell
Shea Hutchinson
Barbara Jorge
Duane Kee
Felipe Le Franc
Peter J Lethcoe
Timothy J Martin
Danton S Maxwell
Mary A Michael
Dashieil E Morrison
Kirk L Murdock
Cindy F Nott
Robb D Pence
William Portune
Alexander J Reasner III
James F Rigali
Bryan Roinestad
Santos Rosas Jr
David W Rush Jr
Blanca Sanchez
Bryan L Sawtelle
Gerald J Schons
Sean Q Schuur
Dan Shepard
Raeleen Silva
Russell E Smith
Jose 'Joe' L Solis
Charlie B Soqui
Brent Spiess
Tyler Storey
Charles H Strahan
Russell E Sweet
Jamar Tell
Michael D Testa
Greg Thompson
Jay Turner
Marcos R Valdez
Jason Vasquez
Jolie C Ware
Stephen Wurzer
Ronald E Wynn Sr

25-YEAR

Thomas Alvarez

James T Bartlett
Stan Carson
Gerald F Charette Jr
Gerry Corona
Joaquin Cuevas
Craig Devad
Jose R Duarte
Raymond Espinoza
John J Everett
James E Ford
Jeremy S Forman PER
Mary J Freche
Carlton L Gallant
Jayme H Gamble
Jeremy Gomez
George Bernard
Hammerle
Clarence 'Dusty' F
Howell
David P Lawler
Gilbert Lima
Armando Manriquez
John M Mascarenas PER
Steve R Mathis
George Matthew
Tildon H Mc Gill
Greg E Metzler
Rafael Ojeda
Richard H Ortiz
Dennis W Patton
Jake Pearce
Glenn Prezkop
Thomas P Reedy
Joe Robles
Timothy E Seifert
Bruce Shoun
Joe Tabisola
Joseph G Tuttobene
Barry W Van Meter
Monty C Williams
Arturo Zavala

30-YEAR

James W Ainsworth
Tony Barretto
Gregory Benson
James E Bevill Jr
Kerry D Brooks
Theo Cain
Dennis R Cooper

Raymond De Lisle
Thomas E Delre
Matthew D Dickey
Patrick Fausel
Alex Ferrel
Andy Francis
Larry J Galaites
Jim Gilbert
Ascencion 'Chon'
Gonzales
David K Gregg
Bill Hamblin Jr PER
Edward S Harper
Eric D Kirk
Christopher R Leon
Robert Lopez
Wesley Maroney
Brian Mc Keehan
Bradley C Mirau
Rick D Morelos
Kyle J Parke
Edward J Pennington
Alan Pomerantz
Rodney J Quintana
Ernie M Rodriguez
Julio V Santana Jr
Steven L Santillan
Steven D Schultz
Terry L Schultz
Brian J Sheehy
Charles K Sheller
Albert L Sprinkle
Gary L Starr
Armand Vic Telles
Robert A Waugh
Danny R Wells
Nick Wiruth
Thomas C Wisz
Robert H Wynn

35-YEAR

Roland Anderson
Steven M Brown
Gino J Brunello
Roger Bunch
Jerry R Emery
Robert E Frost
George A Guerrero
Christopher S
Hammond

James S Hollister
Rod H Jenkins
Edward P Jorge
Kyle Kirchhof
Dan E Loux
David A Lynskey
Radford Mawhinney
Jon A Mc Kellar
Raul Michel
Jacob Miranda
Michael A Miranda
Michael W Moats
Tony R Munson
Craig Nash
Robert C Oathout
Todd Overholtzer
Charles L Perry
Alan Reasner
Terry L Ritchie
Joshua M Rubinstein
William P Silva
Donald L Smith
Jeffrey E Stewart
Rodney L Talbot
Jose L Tovar
Henry Webb
Mike Wiseman

40-YEAR

Steven H Banta
Trent Benedetti
Harry Bersentes
Rudy Bondietti
John A Card
Eric C Codazzi
Paul De Lorenzo
Tommy L Gee PER
Rick J Grenz
Phillip B Haffey
Junior F Jenkins
Russ Johnson
Elvin P "Slim" Juhl
Larry M Kase
Steven A Lauterio
Donald F Lopez Sr
Stan Luis Jr
Robert J Martinez
Luis Mendez Sr
Mark Mulliner
Alan T Muscio

Service Pin Awards

Michael O'Toole
 Dale P Plaster
 Joseph K Quealy
 Tom J Ryan Jr
 Todd A Sorenson
 Randall S Spears
 Larry E Thomas
 Jeffrey R Van Nest
 Greg Welch
 John G Welch

45-YEAR

Jim M Acquistapace
 Gary L Cheatwood
 Michael J Diani
 Glenn E Elder
 Larry S Everett
 Deryl Fenstemaker
 Wesley Guffey
 James Hadsell
 James D Harrison
 Rick R Jaime
 Ben W Jenkins
 Michael J Mahoney
 B Tony Manuel
 Ronald S Mc Hugh
 Robert R Stowasser Jr
 Joseph A Tonascia
 Roy Young
 Roger G Zanetti
 Juan Zavala

50-YEAR & NEW LIFE MEMBERS

G H Pete Brodnick
 Ronald B Burk
 Glenn W Clyde
 Russell J Collins
 James M Cox
 Dennis J Fernandez
 Joseph A Freitas Jr
 Robert J Fulton
 Lloyd W Ingram
 Harold E Jackson
 H Wayne Kingsley
 Frank Mainard
 Roger Maxwell
 Norman Mc Donald PER
 Harry W Mc Kitchens
 Richard Medley
 Edward L Miller
 Michael A Murray
 Patrick H Murray
 Richard E Muscio
 Robert D Randolph
 Ronald H Souza
 John E Stornetta
 Donald M Tate
 Jack T Taylor
 John D Von Achen
 Dennis J Yeoman

55-YEAR

Mike Arndt
 Gerald Czarnecki
 Barney J Eames
 Hardy Hearn
 William Jim J Hopkins
 Donald E Moshier PER
 Paul L Northington
 Philip W Park
 Roger O Riecki
 Don W Sylvester
 Clinton B Thomas

60-YEAR

Robert R Cutler
 Dale R Iliff
 Gary C Johnson
 Herschel Rouse

65-YEAR

Clifford J Souza

70-YEAR

Don Munoz

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

DELINQUENT MEMBERS: If you have not paid your 2023-2024 Membership dues, you will be dropped in March. To avoid this please contact the office. If you are dropped you will need to reinstate, and there are several options for you to accomplish this. Please contact the Lodge Secretary.

If you plan to transfer your Membership to another Lodge, the time is before March 1st. After March 1st transfers are not granted because it takes the new Lodge time to process your request, have the Members vote on the application, etc. If the new Lodge does not get the transfer processed before April 1, 2024, then your Membership gets electronically returned to Santa Maria (and in most cases the dues have not been paid) then the Member would have to pay the yearly dues to Santa Maria Lodge before being able to request a transfer. Grand Lodge needs the Membership counts to be correct as of April 1st each year, and when a transfer is returned it throws the Membership count off to both Lodges involved. All transfers need to be initiated prior to March 1st

Phil Daigton
 Lodge Secretary

MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG DONATIONS

ROBERT AMBROSETTI · STEVE FERNANDES JR
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BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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

If you don't apply we don't know you want to go.

For details go to www.HonorFlightCCC.org or contact Santa Maria Elk and Santa Barbara County Liaison Jay A. Conner, Army Veteran 1966-1968

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TOURING ELKS

The Touring Elks have been blessed over the last year to have been able to give back so much to our Lodge and our community.

Besides all of the individual donations we have been able to make, we are very proud to have been able to donate to many major projects like \$3,000 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, \$12,000 to the Toys 4 Tots organization, and \$2,500 to the Leading Knight Challenge / Elks Major Projects.

One of the major fundraisers that allows us to do these things is our motorcycle event that is well on its way to being a complete sellout.

None of this could be achieved without our members giving freely of their valuable time and resources. We rely heavily on our Lodge #1538 and our community for their generous support to accomplish this.

This being my 7th year as an officer of the Touring Elks I would like to express my gratitude to our members of the Touring Elks for allowing me to serve as an officer of such a valuable committee of our Lodge. It gives me a great sense of pride just being a member of such a group.

For those of you that are new Lodge members, or are unaware, the Touring Elks is a committee of Lodge #1538 that's primary commitment is to raise money to support our Lodge and our community by giving back. You do not have to own a motorcycle to be a member of the Touring Elks. All you need is a willingness to serve a few times a year, and a desire to have some fun. You are welcome to come a sit in on one of our meetings which we regularly have on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 in the Ladies Bar. We look forward to seeing you.

"A motorcycle is an artist's brush on the canvas of the open road."

Mark McNutt
President, Touring Elks #1538

**31st Annual
Santa Maria Touring Elks
Harley Davidson Bike Raffle**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024
AT THE
SANTA MARIA ELKS LODGE**



2ND PRIZE \$1,000

3RD PRIZE \$800

4TH PRIZE \$600

5TH PRIZE \$400

6TH PRIZE \$200

**- ONLY 400 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD -
TICKETS \$100.00 EACH**

INCLUDES 1 MEAL TICKET. ADDITIONAL MEALS - \$12.00 EACH
LUNCH SERVED 12:00PM TO 1:30PM
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- 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 are permitted

- **FOR LADIES:** No Inappropriate tops - No dresses shorter than mid thigh
- **FOR MEN:** 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!

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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 at Rancho Bowl 6:30 pm		Lodge 7:30 pm ¹ 1st Nomination of Officers ELKS HORN ARTICLES DUE	CVO Steak/Ribs/Fish ² Chicken Breast 6:00 – 8:00 pm Dance to DJ Butter 8:30 pm	³
⁴	⁵ Monday Night Dinner BBQ Pork Chops \$18 5:30 – 6:30 pm House Committee 6:00 pm	⁶ Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	⁷	⁸ Lodge 7:30 pm 2nd Nomination of Officers Student of the Month	⁹ CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:00 – 8:00 pm Dance to Unfinished with the Beatles 8:30 pm	¹⁰
¹¹ Cigar & Fine Spirits 2:00 pm Patio	¹² Monday Night Dinner Taco Bowls \$15 5:30 – 6:30 pm	¹³ Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm PER Meeting 6:00 pm	¹⁴ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!	¹⁵ Lodge 7:30 pm Election of Officers	¹⁶ BPOE Founded in 1868 CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:00 – 8:00 pm Dance to Soundhouse 8:30 pm	¹⁷ Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am
¹⁸	¹⁹ Monday Night Dinner Pulled Pork Sandwiches \$15 5:30 – 6:30 pm	²⁰ Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 pm BINGO 6:00 pm	²¹	²² Lodge 7:30 pm	²³ CYO Steak/Ribs//Fish Chicken Breast 6:00 – 8:00 pm Dance to Red Oak Country 8:30 pm	²⁴ Incoming Officers & District Chairman Workshop Santa Barbara Lodge 9:00 am
²⁵ Menudo & Posole 7:30 am until we run out \$15 All You Can Eat (in House) (Details pg. 4)	²⁶ Monday Night Dinner BBQ 1/2 Chicken \$18 5:30 – 6:30 pm	²⁷ Pub Grub 5:30 – 7:00 PM BINGO 6:00 pm Sportsmen 7:00 pm Touring Elks 7:30 pm	²⁸ Karaoke Night	²⁹ Food Bank 9'ish Lodge 7:30 pm		

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

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