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Exalted Ruler Eli Morales



As I prepared to write this month's message, I was struck by the realization that few organiza-

tion embody the ideals of patriotism and service as proudly as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Every July, we gather with friends and family to celebrate a very special occasion—the birth of our nation and the enduring belief that all people are created equal. The rights and freedoms we enjoy today were secured through the sacrifices of countless brave men and women who answered the call to defend our country and preserve the principles upon which it was founded. Among them were many Elks whose dedication to God, country and community helped shape both our order and our nation.

This year, Elkdom takes on special significance as Elks from across the country gather in Chicago for the Grand Lodge convention and the celebration of the

100th anniversary of the Elks National Memorial building. Dedicated in 1926 as a tribute to Elks who served during World War I, the memorial has stood for a century as a symbol of patriotism, sacrifice and service. Today, it honors all Elks who have worn our nation's uniform and serves as a lasting reminder of the important role the Elks have played in supporting veterans, military families and communities throughout America.

The memorial stands as a testament to the values that have defined Elkdom for generations—charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue to serve today. Let us honor their legacy through service to our lodge, our community and our country. In doing so, we reaffirm the values that define us as Elks and strengthen the bonds that unite us.

The strength of our order is found in the character of its members—people committed to helping others and improving their communities. I encourage each of you to participate whenever you can. Together we can preserve the traditions that have made our

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**DJ RONNIE
FUN NIGHT
July 9**



**BINGO
BOOGIE
July 16**



**LINE
DANCING
July 30**



**DJ MAJESTIC
MIKE
July 31**



For the full calendar of events, go to SAElks.com/calendar

lodge strong while building a bright future for the next generation of Elks.

I wish you and your families a safe, happy and meaningful Independence Day.

Esteemed Leading Knight Brian Byrd



June was an extremely busy month. Hopefully, you had the opportunity to participate in some of the many events and activities we offered. From golf, the chili cook-off, our new members mixer, Tacos & Tequilas, Jerome Dean in the McCalla Lounge, to the Trivia Tournament of Champions, Flag Day, and our Magic Castle Night, there was something for everyone. I'm sure I've missed a few events, which speaks to how active our lodge truly is.

The best way to appreciate everything we do for our members and community is to get involved. The more volunteers we have donating their time and talents, the more people we can help while enjoying fellowship with our Elks family.

Coming up quickly is our Fourth of July family picnic, one of the lodge's most popular annual events. Our Antlers program will be on hand to answer questions and enroll new members. Antlers is open to youth ages 12 to 20 and provides a wonderful opportunity for young people to learn leadership, community service and charitable giving. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or friends and let

them discover what the Antlers experience is all about.

Speaking of charitable programs, have you heard about the Purple Pig? Since 1950, the California-Hawaii Major Project has provided more than \$140 million in services for children with disabilities and their families at no cost to them. Every child accepted into the program receives care through age 18. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made as one-time gifts or recurring contributions. Visit SAElks.com/donate to learn more about this life-changing program.

Another important charitable arm of our order is the Elks National Foundation. For every dollar contributed through our lodge, approximately two dollars are returned to support local grants, charitable programs and scholarships. The foundation also helps fund programs such as the Purple Pig and supports one of the nation's largest private scholarship programs. Contributions are fully tax-deductible and make a lasting impact both locally and nationally. Again, information can be found at SAElks.com/donate.

Finally a friendly reminder that outside food and beverages are not permitted in the lodge. If you have dietary restrictions, our kitchen staff is happy to accommodate your needs. Please be respectful if a lodge officer or staff member asks you to return outside food, beverages, water bottles, flasks or other containers to your vehicle.

Thank you for everything you do to support our lodge. I encourage you to join us for our lodge meeting every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. There are exciting things ahead and I hope to see you there.

Esteemed Loyal Knight Karla Vigil



July is a month that reminds us of the values that make our nation strong—freedom, patriotism, community, and service.

As we celebrate Independence Day, we honor the sacrifices of those who came before us and reflect on the liberties we are fortunate to enjoy every day.

Here at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, we are blessed to have a family that embodies the spirit of America through friendship, charity and dedication to our community. Whether it's volunteering, supporting our veterans, helping local youth, or simply lending a hand to a fellow Elk, we continue to demonstrate that our principles are as important today as they were when our order was founded.

One of the highlights of the month will be our Santa Ana Elks family picnic on July 4. This special gathering is an opportunity for members, families, and friends to come together to celebrate our nation's birthday while enjoying great food, fun activities, laughter, and fellowship. Events like these remind us that the strength of our lodge is not only in what we do, but in the relationships we build along the way.

As we gather beneath the red, white and blue, let us remember the meaning of Independence Day and the freedoms that unite us as Americans. Let us also celebrate the bonds that unite us as Elks—a family committed to kindness, service, and community.

Wishing everyone a safe, hap-

py, and memorable Fourth of July. We look forward to seeing you and your loved ones at the Santa Ana Elks family picnic as we celebrate freedom, family, and fellowship together. God bless America, and God bless the Santa Ana Elks family.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Rachel Snell



As summer gets underway, brotherly love is alive and well at our lodge!

The lecturing knight station held its first major youth activities event of the year in May—the Wally Dietrich Awards, and the numbers are in. Between nine Elks members and the generosity of the 794 charity committee, more than 70 volunteer hours and over 400 miles were donated to support this worthwhile program. Event organizers Frank Alvarado and his four-person team contributed more than 50 of those hours and over 350 miles themselves. Together, we sponsored two scholarships and presented 142 medals to outstanding middle school MVP athletes.

June was another busy month. Our Monday Night Football committee and golfer extraordinaire, Smiley Hernandez, hosted yet another successful golf tournament. Many volunteers also helped at the Tustin Chili Cook-Off and we celebrated Father's Day with a wonderful BBQ and Beach Boys tribute band that brought together members and their families for a memorable afternoon.

Next up is the tiler's 4th of July family picnic. Under the leadership of head tiler Sharon Breece.

This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever. Don't experience FOMO (fear of missing out). Elks members and their families are invited to the lodge for a day of food, fun and fellowship. Bring the kids and grand kids for what is sure to be a fantastic celebration.

I'm sure you've seen the sign in the McCalla Lounge: "*The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.*" When I find myself overwhelmed or discouraged, I realize how easy it can be to say or do things out of frustration, fear or simply thoughtlessness. With so many family-oriented events taking place at our lodge, I am often reminded of how much I miss the role models and mentors who helped guide me through those moments.

One of the duties of the lecturing knight is to exemplify brotherly love and that is why our motto remains so powerful today. As our ritual teaches us, brotherly love "softens the stern realities of life and manifests itself in good fellowship, in sympathy, and in kindness of thought, word and deed."

As we enjoy summer celebrations, family activities at the lodge and vacations with loved ones, let us be grateful for those opportunities and keep a place in our hearts for those who no longer have them. We may not know what challenges others are facing, but we do know that as Elks, we are benevolent, charitable and kind.

When you attend our lodge meetings on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, you not only learn about the many projects and activities our lodge leaders are undertaking, but you also see the impact of your good works in action. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

General Manager John Moore



We encourage all members and their immediate families to celebrate the 4th of July at our annual family picnic, Saturday, July 4.

The all-American menu features hot dogs, burgers, & chicken plus all the sides and ice cream from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please pay at the door to get your wristband then find your table as it is open seating. The adult price is \$10.00 and kids ages ten and under are \$5.00. You will also see "in kind" donation buckets placed around the area to help us break even on the cost of this event.

Our bartender team came up with nine new delicious signature cocktails. Be sure to try them all so you can decide which one is your favorite. Manager Alex, who is very familiar with creating wine lists, has upgraded our list for those who enjoy the squeeze of the grape. There are some great offerings at Elks member prices. We offer free corkage on Saturdays: two bottles per table. Corkage is typically \$15.00 per bottle on other nights.

We are serving the popular all-you-can-eat cooked to order buffet breakfast on Saturday as well as Sunday and, as Mom always said, "Breakfast is the most important meal of the day!" We were able to lower the price to an unbelievable \$12.95 and we serve from 9:00 am to noon. We also have some other breakfast options as well.

Dust off your cowboy boots and two step down to the lodge to celebrate our lodge's 124 birthday

party on Friday, August 14. This year's theme is Western so that means some line dancing mixed in with regular dancing and some tasty grub and signature drinks – Our leading knight and all-around great guy Brian Byrd has put a lot of thought into making this a fun-filled night for all!

Our annual JetBlue fundraiser is over, and I would like to mention what the funds are used for. Our first year, the money went to install a beautiful new floor in the Nest and this year we were able to purchase 15 custom bar stools for the McCalla Lounge, We invite everyone down to give them a try. And to the two lucky winners of the round-trip tickets, enjoy your trip!

Lodge Leadership 101: Chaplain and Esquire

by Dan Breece

This month we will introduce you to two more positions within the officer ranks: the lodge esquire and the lodge chaplain. Both positions play important roles in our ceremonies and rituals.

The chaplain this year is Carmen De Anda and her assistant chaplain is Colleen Daddario. The main role of the chaplain is to open and close every lodge meeting with prayer. In addition to that, she often attends other events within the lodge (and sometimes outside of the lodge) and provides a prayer for the occasion.

In her absence, the assistant chaplain fills in, they are always at meetings together. They also have the honor of coordinating our Mother's Day event and this past Mother's Day was a great day of celebration courtesy of the planning and hosting

by Carmen and Colleen.

The lodge esquire is one of the most exciting and demanding positions in the officer ranks. This year our lodge esquire is Scott Lohse. Scott has the honor of many duties within rituals and meetings. He is at the exalted ruler's right hand to carry out all requests during meetings escort members and visitors, instruct new members on the procedures of the order during initiation and, of course, collect fines during meetings. His duties also venture outside of the meetings anytime the exalted ruler needs him to assist with something. His assistant esquire this year is none other than PER Rosalyn Peggins.

Between the two of them, our meetings are always kept running smoothly and on time.

MNF News and Notes

by Dan Breece

It's summertime and MNF is starting to get geared up for the football season that is fast approaching. As of the date of this writing, there are 90 days until opening night on Wednesday, September 9! But then again, who's counting?

The MNF committee just wrapped up our annual Bob Woolford Memorial Charity Golf Tournament. There was a great turnout of golfers, and they had a great day at the golf course. MNF volunteers went above and beyond again to make sure everyone had a good time.

Speaking of good times, the next one is our annual charity car and motorcycle show on Sunday, August 16. We are looking forward to building on last year's entry number of 140 and once again we will have vendors, food, music and entertainment in the form of a

live band immediately following the awards ceremony. The event is open to the public and it is family friendly! The only entry fee is if you want to enter your car or motorcycle in the show—the show is free for spectators. So come on out and enjoy another great MNF event!

If you're interested in being a vendor, contact Sharon Breece at 714-686-8066, or to be a sponsor of the car show, please contact Dan Breece at 949-510-8820. You can also email us at 794mnfchairman@gmail.com.

Start Preparing for Olympic Gold

by Sue McKee

It is that time again! The annual Rick Ross Elks Olympic Games will soon be here! Start getting in shape for the variety of games that are going to be offered: cornhole, shuffleboard, pool, ping pong, darts, hoop shoot, tray races, beverage pong, golf, and much more.

The opening ceremony will be Sunday, September 20 at noon at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge. Stay tuned for more information. We will need participants as well as cheering fans! Each year the number of participants for #794 increases. Do your part. Sign-up sheets will be available in August. Get ready! New T-shirts and pins will be available for purchase. Watch for notices around the lodge as well as in the next ElkHorn. Better yet – come to our weekly meetings to learn more!

If you would like to help organize our teams, please see Sue McKee, Olympics chair and officer at large. To learn more visit the official website: OCElksGames.com or use the QR Code.

Santa Ana Elks Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with a Fourth of July Family Picnic



As America marks the 250th anniversary of Independence Day, communities will commemorate a quarter-millennium since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. It is a moment to reflect on the courage of our nation's founders and the enduring values of freedom, service, and community that continue to define the American spirit.

Those values have long been embraced by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since 1868, Elks lodges have served as pillars of their

communities, supporting veterans, promoting youth programs, encouraging patriotism, and lending a helping hand wherever it is needed.

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge has planned a celebration worthy of this historic anniversary. The Fourth of July family picnic will take place on Saturday, July 4, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., welcoming Elks, family members, and friends for a day filled with food, entertainment, and community spirit.

A special keepsake will commemorate the occasion:

250th anniversary pins will be presented to the first 100 adult guests, providing a lasting reminder of this once-in-a-generation celebration. In addition, attendees will eagerly await the drawing for the lodge's highly anticipated JetBlue airline ticket raffle winner.

Entertainment will be provided by the popular band Harvest, performing favorite songs spanning the 1960s through the 1990s. Their music promises to provide the soundtrack for an afternoon of dancing, reminiscing, and celebrating with friends old and new.

No Independence Day picnic would be complete without great food. Guests can enjoy classic American favorites including hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken burgers, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, and ice cream. A variety of beverages will also be available throughout the day.

The event will feature activities for all ages, including a game truck, children's games, raffles, and a silent auction. These family-friendly attractions reflect the Elks' longstanding commitment to creating memorable experiences that bring generations together.

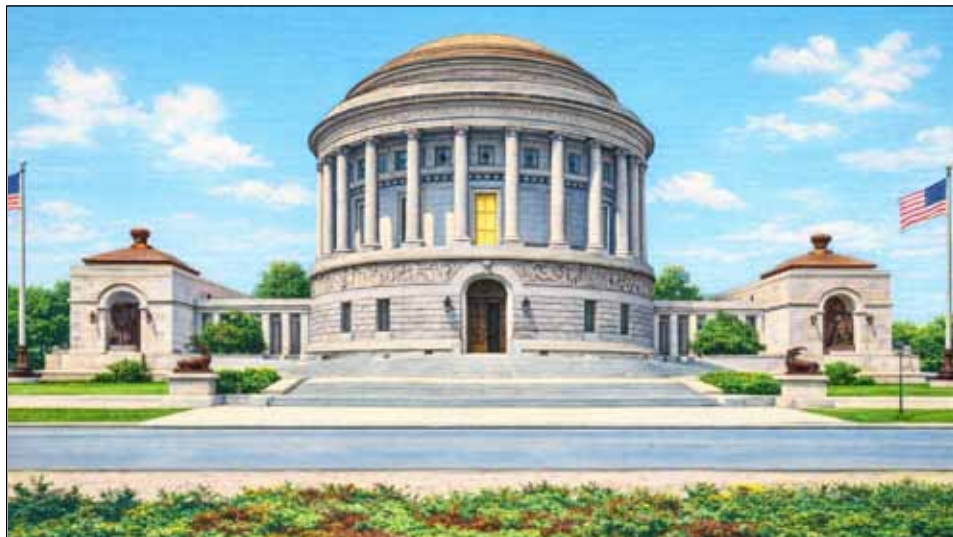
Visitors will also have the opportunity to learn more about several important lodge programs, including veterans services, drug awareness initiatives, Monday Night Football activities, and the Emblem Club. These programs showcase the many ways Elks members continue to strengthen the community beyond the walls of the lodge.

As fireworks burst across the nation this Independence Day, the celebration at Santa Ana Elks Lodge 794 will serve as a reminder that patriotism is more than a single day on the calendar. It is expressed through service to others, support for veterans, investment in youth, and the bonds of friendship that unite communities.

For 250 years, Americans have preserved the promise of liberty first proclaimed in 1776. For more than 150 years, Elks have worked to uphold those ideals through charity, patriotism, and community service.

This Fourth of July, Santa Ana Elks Lodge 794 invites everyone to join in celebrating both our nation's remarkable history and the bright future that lies ahead. Happy 250th birthday, America!

The Elks Veterans Memorial Marks a Historic Milestone



This year, along Chicago's storied lakefront, a domed temple of marble and bronze marks a remarkable milestone. The Elks National Veterans Memorial is celebrating its 100th birthday, a full century since its dedication in 1926. Rising from Lincoln Park with quiet dignity, the monument stands not only as the national headquarters of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, but as a lasting tribute to members who served and sacrificed in defense of the nation. One hundred years later, its presence feels as powerful and purposeful as ever.

The memorial was conceived in the aftermath of the Great War, when communities across the United States sought ways to honor their fallen. For the Elks, the answer was ambitious: a national monument that would embody remembrance, patriotism, and fraternity in enduring stone. After a design competition organized through the American Institute of Architects, the commission went to architect Egerton Swartwout. His design,

completed in 1926, embraced the Beaux Arts classical style that defined America's civic architecture in the early 20th century.

The building's exterior evokes a Roman temple crowned with a commanding dome. Its symmetry and pale limestone facade signal permanence and dignity. The architecture communicates immediately what the building was meant to express: honor, stability and reverence.

Step inside and the memorial reveals its emotional core. The rotunda soars upward beneath a richly decorated dome, its surface adorned with gilded sculpture and expansive murals. Allegorical figures represent the Elk's cardinal virtues—Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity—rendered in heroic scale. The murals, painted by prominent American artists of the period, depict scenes of service and sacrifice, elevating individual loss into a shared national narrative. Light filters downward catching the marble and gold details, creating an atmosphere that feels almost ecclesiastical.

Yet this is not a church sanctuary. The Elks intended the build-



ing to bridge private grief and public gratitude. Members who lost sons, brothers and fathers in wartime could see their sacrifices enshrined within a national monument.

Although originally dedicated to those who served in World War I, the memorial's meaning has expanded with history. It has been rededicated to honor Elks who served in subsequent conflicts, including World War II, Korea, Vietnam and more recent engagements. In this way, the building functions as a living memorial, adapting to new generations while preserving its original purpose.

The memorial also tells a larger

story about its era. The 1920s were a time when fraternal organization flourished, offering social connection, charitable outreach and civic engagement. By this time, the Elks, founded in 1869, had grown into a national network of lodges committed to community service and patriotic observance. Constructing a monumental headquarters in Chicago signaled both a confidence and responsibility. It proclaimed that the order's commitment to country and community deserved a permanent visible form.

Today, the Elks National Veterans Memorial continues to welcome visitors. Guided tours interpret the art and architecture, helping guests understand the symbolism embedded in every column and cornice. Preservation efforts ensure that the marble remains luminous and the murals vibrant, safeguarding the craftsmanship of the 1920s for future generations.

A hundred years after its dedication, the Elks National Veterans Memorial stands renewed in meaning. Its centennial celebra-

tion is more than a birthday—it is a reminder that remembrance requires stewardship, that beauty strengthens memory, and that ideals endure when given form in stone. For members of the Elks, it remains a symbol of unity and shared purpose. And for all who pass beneath its dome during this centennial year, it offers the same quiet invitation it has for a century; pause, look upward, and remember.

Purple Pig Update

By Michele Joyce

As we begin a new month, I want to thank everyone for the continued support of the Purple Pig and the dedication shown toward helping children with disabilities.

July will be an exciting and busy month as I prepare to attend the Grand Lodge convention in Chicago. I look forward to representing our lodge, learning more about upcoming programs and ideas, and bringing back inspiration to help continue growing our Purple Pig efforts for the 2026–2027 year.

We are also looking forward to creating a new Purple Pig banner featuring the new theme child for the upcoming year. Once I return from Grand Lodge, we hope to begin planning some fun activities and events to continue raising funds and awareness for this very special cause.

As always, donations are greatly appreciated, and please don't forget to turn in your Purple Pigs. Every contribution helps make a difference in the lives of children and families who benefit from this program.

Thank you to everyone who continues to attend events, volunteer, donate, and support the Purple Pig. Your kindness and generosity are what keep this program moving forward. I look forward to sharing more updates in the months ahead and continuing this wonderful journey together.

July

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>WE ARE THE ELKS</p> 			<p>1</p> <p>Pasta Night</p> <p>Investigation 4:00 pm</p> <p>Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Western Line Dancing 6:30-9:30 pm</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4th of July Family Picnic 11 am-4 pm</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Pizza & Pitchers 3:00 - 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Lodge closed</p> <p>Bingo 6:15 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Pasta Night</p> <p>Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Charity Cmte 6 pm</p> <p>Fun with DJ Ronie 6:30-9:30 pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> 
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<p>12</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Pizza & Pitchers 3:00 - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Lodge closed</p> <p>Bingo - 6:15 pm</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Controlling Legacy OCCU Workshop 10:00 am</p> <p>PER Meeting 5:00 pm</p> <p>Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p>	<p>15</p> <p>MNF Meeting 6:30 pm</p> <p>Pasta/Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Emblem Club 6:30 pm</p> <p>Bingo Boogie 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Veterans Coffee Talk 9:00 am</p> <p>Orientation 12 Noon</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Pizza & Pitchers 3:00 - 6:30 pm</p> <p>FIFA World Cup Watch Party</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Lodge closed</p> <p>Bingo - 6:15 pm</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p>House Meeting 5:00 pm</p> <p>Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pasta Night</p> <p>Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Karaoke 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>and Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Magic Castle Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p> 
<p>26</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Line Dancing Lessons 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Lodge closed</p> <p>Red Cross Blood Drive 10:30 am - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Bingo 6:15 pm</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm</p> <p>BOT Meeting 5:00 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pasta Night</p> <p>Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Line Dancing 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 pm</p> 	

August

LODGE HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS 11 AM-10 PM; FRIDAYS 11 AM-11 PM, SATURDAYS 11 AM-1 AM, SUNDAYS 9 AM-7 PM*
FOOD SERVICE HOURS: TUESDAYS 11 AM-7 PM; WEDNESDAYS—FRIDAYS 11 AM-8 PM, SATURDAYS 9 AM-8 PM; SUNDAYS 9 AM-6 PM*
 *Lodge and food service hours are subject to change at the discretion of staff.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Santa Ana Elks Car & Motorcycle Show</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 16</h3>						1 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon
2 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Pizza & Pitcher Sunday 3:00 - 6:30 pm	3 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	4 PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	6 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Wesern Line Dancing 6:30-9:30 pm 	7 Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm 	8 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon DJ Ronnie 6:30 - 9:30 pm
9 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Pizza & Pitcher Sunday 3:00 - 6:30 pm 	10 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	11 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm Taco Tuesday House Committee 5:00 pm	12 Pasta Night MNF Meeting 6:30PM Trivia Night TRIVIA NIGHT	13 Charity Cmte 6:00 pm All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Fun Night with DJ RONNIE 6:30-9:30 pm 	14 Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm Lodge Birthday Hootenany 6:30 pm	15 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12 Noon Magic Castle Night 6:00 - 9:00 pm 
16 SA Elks Car & Motorcycle Show 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 	17 Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm 	18 Lodge Meeting BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm	19 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	20 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Bingo Boogie 6:30 pm	21 Appetizer Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Purple Pig Fundraiser 	22 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Jerome Dean 6:30 - 9:30 pm
23 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	24 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	25 House Meeting 5:00 pm Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm 	26 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	27 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm 	28 Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 pm	29 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon DJ Ronnie in the Grand Ballroom 6:00 - 8:00 pm
30 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Line Dancing Lessons 1:00 - 3:00 pm	31 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm					

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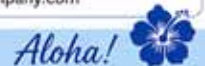
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Every month, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge celebrates those members with birthdays that month. So, if your name is listed below, join us for a FREE pasta dinner and a slice of cake in the McCalla Lounge on ANY Wednesday this month from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

7/1.....	Pamela Bordin	7/9.....	Garett Hansen	7/18.....	Constance Worden
7/1.....	James Bragstad	7/9.....	Michael Hatcher	7/19.....	Erika Baca
7/1.....	Felix Figueroa	7/9.....	David Madrid	7/19.....	Heather Chiapuzio
7/1.....	Wendy Harris	7/9.....	Gary Neshanian	7/19.....	Nathan Hittle
7/1.....	Richard Klarmann	7/9.....	Matthew Speer	7/19.....	Sandra Martin
7/1.....	Brenda Matthews	7/9.....	Lisa Vargas	7/19.....	Jason Mirth
7/1.....	Patrick Munoz	7/10.....	Julie Barker	7/19.....	Reva Renz
7/1.....	Denise Noriega	7/10.....	John Donaldson	7/19.....	Rufina Salas
7/2.....	W Crumpton	7/10.....	Jeffrey Hutton	7/19.....	Colissa Weber
7/2.....	Charles Denmark	7/10.....	Jose Meza	7/19.....	Robert Zeppieri
7/2.....	Justin Peister	7/10.....	Steven Wallace	7/20.....	Lynne Gibson
7/2.....	Jamie Spence	7/11.....	Ryan Cook	7/20.....	Michael Henry
7/2.....	Mark Spratt	7/11.....	Laura Gasga	7/20.....	Sandy Marquez
7/2.....	Mario Tapia	7/11.....	Jason Jacobsen	7/20.....	Michael McCullough
7/3.....	Frank Alvarado	7/11.....	Julie Newman	7/20.....	Leaifanga Tautuaa
7/3.....	Thomas Black	7/11.....	Araceli Ochoa	7/20.....	Linda Trang
7/3.....	Monte Floyd	7/11.....	Melvin Steiner	7/21.....	Frank Chavez
7/3.....	Alejandro Hernandez	7/11.....	Kevin Tsang	7/21.....	Jason Mastella
7/3.....	Tausha Mitcham	7/11.....	Marshall Yelverton	7/21.....	Scott Melvin
7/3.....	Nathan Morgan	7/11.....	Beatriz Chavez	7/21.....	Kihei Otani
7/3.....	Tommy Mungia Jr.	7/12.....	Jorge Morales	7/21.....	Roy Ruiz
7/3.....	Paul Rodriguez	7/13.....	Charles Denmark, Jr.	7/21.....	Juliann Stanley
7/3.....	Kay Workman	7/13.....	Michael Flynn	7/22.....	T. Berry
7/4.....	Peter Arzola	7/13.....	Thomas Munoz	7/22.....	Melissa Callaghan
7/4.....	John Barna	7/13.....	James Peterson	7/22.....	David Espinoza
7/4.....	Arnold Campos	7/13.....	Andrew Purmort	7/22.....	Bernadette Lazzara
7/4.....	Nancy Gipson	7/13.....	Pierre Bergstrom	7/22.....	Ida Merline
7/4.....	Robin Hoff	7/14.....	David Borjas	7/22.....	Alejandro Tapia
7/4.....	Richard Mc Henry	7/14.....	Juan Gonzalez, Jr.	7/23.....	Bruce Benson
7/4.....	Gilbert Melendez	7/14.....	Gregory Hoskins	7/23.....	Eric Graves
7/4.....	Robert Myers	7/14.....	Robert Krmpotich	7/23.....	William Mazurie
7/4.....	Juan Rodriguez	7/14.....	George Lazaruk	7/23.....	Christian Ruoff
7/4.....	Fred Taylor	7/14.....	Charles Muro	7/24.....	Victor Lazaro
7/4.....	Richard Torres	7/14.....	Duc Nguyen	7/24.....	Michael Mundy
7/5.....	Patty Araujo	7/14.....	Calvino Rossetti	7/24.....	Sandra (Sandi) Neal
7/5.....	Judy Behnke	7/14.....	Amanda Wright	7/24.....	Alicia Saporito
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by Kellie Miller

The month of July is a very significant month for the United States of America. This year we celebrate the 250th birthday of this great country of ours. While we celebrate with family and friends we also celebrate our freedom that many men and women, over 250 years have fought to achieve and protect.

Last month, we celebrated the 251st birthday of the United States Army. The U.S. Army was originally formed on June 14, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress to fight the British in the American Revolutionary War. It was created as the Continental Army to unify the 13 colonies and provide a professional, coordinated military force.

Our newly formed nation needed a national army for three specific reasons:

- **Coordination:** Local militias fought bravely but they were disjointed and lacked central command. The Army was created to organize a unified military campaign.
- **Independence:** The colonies needed to forcefully oppose British control. Congress appointed George Washington as commander-in-chief to lead this effort.
- **Defense:** The United States needed to secure its borders and protect its territory against invading British and Spanish forces. The original force was established more than a year before the Declaration of Independence was officially published in 1776.

Since our first branch of our

military was appointed, we grew (in order of year they were founded) with the U.S. Navy (Oct. 1775), U.S. Marine Corps (Nov. 1775), U.S Coast Guard - (Aug 1790), U.S. Air Force (Sept. 1947). and the U.S. Space Force (Dec. 2019)

We honor the men and women who are actively serving, those that are veterans and those that have given the ultimate sacrifice. This comes with a lot of mixed feelings from being in the service, being married to someone in the service or being a child with their mom or dad in the service.

The veterans committee is here to help. One way we are doing it is by having a monthly veterans coffee talk. This is a safe place to talk, listen to others stories and learn about resources that are available. All veterans, spouses and caregivers are welcome. These are typically the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 10:30 am.

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Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/26.....1923

INCREASES

Initiated.....	33
Affiliated.....	0
Reinstated.....	0
Subtotal.....	37

DECREASES

Dropped.....	9
Transferred Out.....	1
Absolute Dimit.....	1
Deaths.....	2
Expelled.....	0
Subtotal.....	13

Calculated Membership Total.....	1947
CLMS Active Members.....	1947
Average Age.....	64.08
Gain/Loss.....	24

DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	0
One Year.....	286
Over One Year.....	0
Total.....	286
Lapsation Rate.....	14.87%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting.....	9
Ready for investigation.....	10
Ready for balloting.....	18
Ready for orientation.....	4
Ready for Initiation.....	5
Ready for Affiliation.....	0
Ready for Reinstatement.....	0
Other.....	0
Total.....	46

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Total.....	73
Life Percentage.....	3.80%

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First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

First Tues. 4:00 pm. and 3rd Tues. 5:00 pm

House Committee Meeting

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Charity Committee Meeting

2nd Thursday of the Month, 6:00 pm

Monday Night Football Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 pm

Communications Meeting

2nd Monday of the month at noon

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