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through Scholarships**

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Parrotheads with a Purpose**

**Lodge Leadership 101
Duty Officers**

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St. Patrick's Day
 March 7

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 9:00 am - noon
 irish dinner & concert
 featuring sideways
 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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794 EVENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

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7PM-10PM

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Saturday, March 28, 6:00 PM
 Cocktails, Appetizers, Dinner
 Dancing, Auctions, Costume Contest

Santa Ana Elks Lodge 794

INAUGURAL BALL

Saturday, April 4, 7:00 PM
 Tickets \$40 at SAElks.com



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**Exalted Ruler
Mark Schauwecker**



As my year as your exalted ruler comes to a close, I find myself filled with gratitude, thrilled with

our accomplishments, and in a little disbelief at how quickly the months have flown by. Serving Santa Ana Lodge has been one of the greatest honors of my life, and I want to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. You helped achieve my motto of Cooking Up Community.

This past year was only successful because of the incredible support I received from my first lady, Colleen Daddario, our officers, committee chairs, volunteers, members, PER's, lodge and district leaders, fellow Orange Coast District ERs, and parents (of course). Many of our events would not have been the success they were without a strong staff of professionals. From our front office crew to our kitchen team and all the staff, **THANK YOU!**

Whether you stepped up to lead an event, worked quietly behind

the scenes, showed up when help was needed, or simply offered encouragement and friendship—you made a difference. The strength of our lodge and the BPOE has always been its people. This year was a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together with respect, compassion, and Elk pride.

I am especially grateful for the camaraderie we share. From meetings, committee work and projects to laughter in our social quarters and meaningful conversations along the way, you made this year not just productive, but deeply memorable. Thank you for trusting me with this role and for standing beside me throughout the year.

As we turn the page, I hope you'll join us on March 24 for the Exalted Ruler Exit Party—a night dedicated to celebrating you, our members. This evening is about recognizing the commitment, generosity and heart that keep our lodge strong. We will be presenting awards to those who went above and beyond, and taking time to acknowledge the many contributions that sometimes don't get the spotlight they deserve.

Most importantly, it will be a night of fellowship, appreciation, and fun. A chance to come together

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**LINE DANCING
March 5**

**MAGIC CASTLE
NIGHT
March 12**

**GUY NELSON
March 20**

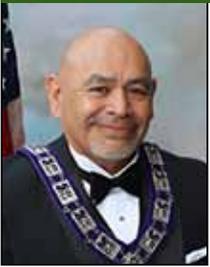
**ALL NEW
KARAOKE
March 26**

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

er, share stories, raise a glass, and celebrate another successful year as Elks. I can't think of a better way to close this chapter than surrounded by the people who made it so special.

As you read this article, officer elections for the new year will be complete. I pass the gavel with confidence in the leadership ahead and pride in our lodge's future. Thank you again for your support, your kindness and your dedication. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside you—just from a different seat.

Esteemed Leading Knight Eli Morales



Well, here we are heading into the third month of 2026. Why is this significant? Let me explain.

March marks the close of our Elk year, making it a time not only of transition, but of reflection and planning for what lies ahead.

As we reflect, let us also take a moment to celebrate a year defined by service, charity, and most importantly, fellowship. None of what we accomplished this year would have been possible without the continued support, dedication, and participation of our members. Whether through volunteering, charitable giving, or simply showing up to support one another, each of you played a role in strengthening Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794.

March also marks an important milestone with the election of our incoming officer corps. Congratulations to all those who stepped forward to serve. Leadership is both an honor and a responsibility,

and we look forward to supporting our newly elected officers as they prepare to guide lodge #794 into the next Elk year. Your willingness to serve ensures the continued strength and success of our lodge.

As this Elk year comes to a close, we extend our deepest thanks to Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker for his outstanding leadership. His year as exalted ruler has been marked by dedication, steady guidance, and countless accomplishments that have left a lasting impact on our lodge. From strengthening our charitable outreach to fostering unity and pride among the membership, Mark's commitment has helped set a high standard for those who follow. Santa Ana Lodge #794 is better because of his service, and we are truly grateful. Join me in saying a heartfelt and meaningful thank you to Mark Schauwecker, exalted ruler of the best lodge in the Orange Coast District.

Thank you to all our members for another memorable year. As we embrace the upcoming year, let us continue to uphold the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity that define who we are as Elks.

Elkdom: Love it, Live it.

Esteemed Loyal Knight Brian Byrd



Welcome to this month's *ElkHorn* and all the amazing events and charitable opportunities your membership as

an Elk provides.

Speaking of memberships, you should have received your re-

newal notice in the mail. Our Elk year comes to an end on March 31. Please don't procrastinate. As a "private membership club," annual dues are required to maintain the many privileges and experiences that Elkdom provides.

Beginning April 1, our greeters will be vigilant in asking to see membership card to ensure your dues are current. Our by-laws require members to show their card upon request. This helps us maintain the integrity of our lodge and continue providing the best possible experience for our members and their guest.

This will be my final column as loyal knight because I have been elected to serve as your leading knight, an opportunity for which I am most grateful to you.

It has truly been an incredible year at our lodge. I've had the privilege of helping host several successful events—made possible by your attendance and enthusiasm. From our St. Patrick's Day party (and even making the cover of the *ElkHorn*) to Cinco de Mayo—or as some say, Cinco de Drinko—with the help of LALO Tequila, to our Halloween party with over 70 people staying for the 11 o'clock toast (thank you Ronnie Harrell for kicking off and closing that fantastic evening). We wrapped up the year with a festive and successful Feliz Navidad celebration—all because of you.

As loyal knight, much of my responsibility centered on new membership and membership retention. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of Sheila Rodriguez, we have achieved one of the lowest percentages of overdue memberships in recent years. Because of that, we will once again be a "plus one" lodge—meaning we have added more members than we have

lost. Congratulations Santa Ana #794!

Our success is a reflection of you—the members who make others feel welcome at lodge meetings, volunteer events, committee gatherings and social functions.

There are so many people who help create the welcoming and vibrant environment we enjoy. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize our outstanding officer corps, bartenders, wait staff, cooks, cleaners, greeters, volunteers, and our general manager, John Moore. Each plays a vital role in making our lodge what it is.

This may sound like a farewell address, but it's not. I am here as a proud Elk and will continue to serve and support this lodge for years to come. Have a great March!

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Karla Vigil



March is shaping up to be an exciting and meaningful month here at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge!

Our Super Bowl event was a huge success, and it would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our Monday Night Football committee. Your efforts truly make a difference, and your teamwork does not go unnoticed.

We are proud to announce that elections have been completed for our new 2026–2027 officer corps. Congratulations to all who were elected. I look forward to working with this new team in my new role as your esteemed leading knight, as we continue to grow, serve our community and keep our lodge

strong.

I would personally like to thank you, the members, for trusting me and allowing me to serve as your lecturing knight for the 2025-2026 year. I am so incredibly grateful for the opportunity and the friendships I've made along the way. It's been an honor, Santa Ana #794!

And to our exalted ruler, Mark Schauwecker, and his first lady, Colleen Daddario, it has been a pleasure working with you both. Thank you all that you have done over the years!

I want to invite everyone to join us at the lodge on March 7 for our St. Patrick's Day dinner dance. Please check online to purchase tickets as this is always a sold-out event. This promises to be a night filled with great food, music, dancing, and lots of Irish spirit. It's one of my favorite events of the year, and I truly hope to see our members and guests come out to celebrate together.

Continue to check our website for all the fun and exciting events we have happening at the lodge over the next few months... there is truly never a dull weekend and we also have our popular Thursday lineup of karaoke, country line dancing, tiki night and Bingo Boogie.

Lastly, a reminder that our regular lodge meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:30 PM. We especially encourage our new members to attend and get involved. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what your lodge is all about, meet fellow members, and see how you can be part of the many great things we do.

Here's to another wonderful month of fellowship, fun, and Elk pride! Brotherly love from me for the last time.... See you all at the justice chair!

General Manager John Moore



I have received many positive comments on our Friday and Saturday Prix Fixe menus. For those who may not be

familiar, we offer a three-course dinner at price points of \$20, \$25, and \$35 with fantastic selections along with our new wine list featuring by-the-glass and bottle options for you to pair with your meal. Please go online (SAElks.com/menus) or drop by the lobby to see the new March menu.

Some of you have asked "Can we have a steak night?" My reply is "why not!" Our certified Black Angus steaks are wet aged 28 days with several cuts from which to choose. We also revamped our Thursday All American Menu, keeping our popular burger selections and including steaks, fish and chicken. Look for this to start March 5. Prime Rib will be moving to Friday and Saturday.

Thursday Nights with our various entertainment options are quickly becoming one of our busiest nights. With line dancing, tiki bar night, Bingo Boogie and, karaoke, there is something for everyone.

A couple of entertainment items to note: Thursday March 12, we are having a special Magic Castle Night. Reservations are imperative as we cap this at 150.

As I look out my office window, I see our magnificent Elks Memorial Brick Garden. We encourage you to remember your loved ones by honoring them with an engraved brick. Call me or drop by the front desk for information on how to get this inexpensive process started.

INVESTING IN TOMORROW

THE LEGACY OF SANTA ANA ELKS #794 SCHOLARSHIPS



In 2025, we presented 40 awards to 39 students totaling \$61,000! This year's presentation on Tuesday, March 3 will exceed that amount.



by Sue McKee

here are moments in the year that remind us who we are and why we serve. For the members of Santa Ana Elks #794, scholarship season is one of those moments. While the holidays celebrate tradition, this season celebrates promise—the promise of our youth and the power of a community that believes in them.

Each scholarship awarded is more than financial assistance: It is a vote of confidence, a message that says: *We see you. We believe in you. We are investing in your future.*

Have you ever wondered how that process unfolds here at the lodge?

A COMMITMENT THAT SPANS DECADES

In October, 2001, immediately after repeating my obligation, I was

approached by the formidable Jean Miller and invited to join the scholarship committee. If you knew Jean, you know that declining was hardly an option. That moment marked the beginning of a 25-year commitment to helping guide one of the lodge's most impactful programs.

Over the years, the scholarship committee has been led by dedicated and capable chairs—Jean Miller, Marietta Parkinson, Leticia Rodella and today, Linda Barcelona. Under their stewardship, what once began as a single scholarship has grown into a diverse and far-reaching program that now supports students from multiple educational paths and backgrounds.

FROM ONE SCHOLARSHIP TO MANY

Back in 2001, the lodge offered only the Most Valuable Student Scholarship. Today, Santa Ana proudly supports a wide range of scholarships, each with its own story and purpose.

In 2007, Herman and Muriel

Lenz established the Lenz Scholarship through a generous donation placed into a CD to grow over time. For years, it faithfully supported deserving students until the final award was given last year—a testament to their thoughtful planning and generosity.

The #794 Scholarship, established in 2001, honors the children and grandchildren of Santa Ana lodge members. Some years it goes unclaimed. This year, four recipients will benefit.

In 2020, the Brother Ed 1st Responder and Brother Ed Economics Scholarships were added and supported by a local member which were offered for two years.

In 2022, the Robert McCalla Scholarship was introduced and this year includes a new nursing scholarship in his honor. Before his passing, Bob had the privilege of presenting scholarships alongside his daughters—a moment that beautifully reflected family, service and legacy. His family plans to continue supporting these

awards for years to come.

The Athletic Scholarship, established in 2023 by Monday Night Football and now co-sponsored with the scholarship committee, recognizes dedication both on the field and in the classroom.

Recognizing the growing need among community college students, the Opportunity Scholarship was launched in 2024. This year, the Machado family further strengthened that commitment with both the Machado Family Community College Scholarship and the Machado Family College Scholarship, broadening access for students pursuing higher education.

THE MOST VALUABLE STUDENT: A NATIONAL JOURNEY

At the heart of the program stands the Most Valuable Student Scholarship, funded through donations to the Elks National Foundation (ENF).

Over the years, the process has evolved. In the past, students would rush to the lodge, applications clutched tightly in hand, hoping to beat the 5:00 PM deadline. Today, submissions are completed online and sent directly to ENF in Chicago. This year, Santa Ana #794 received 64 applications, more than double some past years.

Although ENF provides scoring, Santa Ana has consistently chosen to personally review and score its applicants. Several times, the lodge has scored students higher than ENF, giving them a stronger opportunity to advance.

The top six applicants, three girls and three boys, move on to district judging, where representatives from the eight Orange Coast District lodges evaluate 48 applications. Eighteen advance to the state level, and from there, 500 students nationwide are selected as MVS



Sue McKee congratulates MVS 2025 winner Gerardo Caravez.

Scholarship recipients.

Twenty first-place winners receive \$7,500 per year for four years. The remaining 48 receive \$1,000 per year for four years. At the local level, Santa Ana #794 ensures its top six applicants are also recognized with lodge scholarships before advancing.

POWERED BY YOU

You may wonder about the source of the money that supports all of these scholarships. Most of it comes from you! Bingo, fundraising events, opportunity drawings and donations from individual members support all of these scholarships. We have even sold the table decorations and Mardi Gras masks.

What once were modest fundraising efforts have grown into a signature annual event. Members have danced through the decades—'50s, '60s, '70s '80s—and this year we will celebrate our annual scholarship fundraiser with "5 o'clock Somewhere" on March 28. Behind the music and laughter lies a serious purpose investing in students.

PREPARING THE NEXT CLASS

Another important tradition is Student Information Night. Through presentations and handouts, high school seniors and their families learn about available scholarships and applications procedures. This year's event will be held September

10 and is open to both members and nonmembers.

A SCHOLAR'S NEXT CHAPTER

The impact of these scholarships doesn't end at graduation. Cristopher Espino, a former MVS recipient and Tustin High School graduate, has been attending UCLA with the support of his scholarship. After advancing to the national level and receiving \$1,000 annually for four years, he is now preparing for graduate school.

Before that next step, he has been selected to attend the Elks service trip in Portland, Maine this March, where scholars from across the country will serve in the name of the Elks and strengthen their Elks family connections. The Santa Ana charity committee is assisting with his travel expenses. One day we may see him as an Elk!

A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE

Behind every scholarship is a story, of a student working late into the night, of a family making sacrifices, of Elks members selling tickets, hosting fund-raisers, and saying "yes" when help is needed. What began decades ago as a single scholarship has grown into a powerful legacy of opportunity.

This year, 31 students will receive a total of \$71,000 in scholarships. Thirty-one futures strengthened. Thirty-one dreams supported. And it only happens because of you.

We invite you to join us on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 for student awards night. Come witness firsthand the extraordinary young people your generosity supports. You will leave inspired—reminded that the true measure of our lodge is not only what we do for today, but what we make possible for tomorrow. Because when we invest in students, we are investing in the future of our entire community.

Lodge Leadership 101: An Officer Who's Who What's a Duty Officer?

by Dan Breece

While you all met the lodge officer team when you got initiated, most of you probably don't give them much thought afterwards. That's not a slight to the member or the officer; it's just kind of how it is. This article will be the first of several, providing you with a reminder or maybe a better introduction to the lodge leadership, aka, our officer team. Over the next several months, we will tell the who, and the what, for each officer position. We're starting with a position that all the officers have the pleasure of holding at least once or twice a year, duty officer.

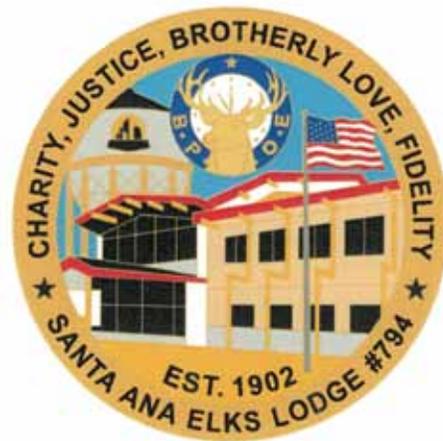
The duty officer is a collateral assignment for each officer. Each officer takes a turn in the rotation throughout the year on Friday and/or Saturday night. They are the host for the evening and in the absence of the exalted ruler, are acting on their behalf. In general terms, they are to welcome our members and guests and just be available if a member needs assistance or has a question.

The expectations for them are to check in with the staff and let them know they will be the duty officer that night, including the greeter if there is one, the bar and wait staff and even the banquet host if there is one. You might even have them greeting you upon your arrival or have them come to your table to introduce themselves.

They are expected to "make the rounds" of the lodge by walking around the parking lot, The Nest or an outside event to make sure things are as they should be. They will field concerns or issues from

the members like whether the music is too loud or the lights too bright, food or service and anything else that comes up. As members, we aren't supposed to direct any complaints or try to instruct the staff on what we think they should be doing. That's what the duty officer is for (along with our dining manager).

So, the next time you're in on a Friday or Saturday night, look for someone wearing a lodge shirt with a name badge on it. They will likely be sitting at a table with a sign on it that says, "Reserved for the Duty Officer". Remember, they also like to hear any compliments you might have as well any concerns or issues. The officers are there for you, so let them help you when you need and get to know them while you're at it.



2026 Lodge Challenge Coin Now Available!

We're excited to announce the release of our new Elks lodge challenge coin, a keepsake that proudly reflects the spirit and tradition of our lodge. This beautifully crafted coin features the same artwork as our new lodge pin. Challenge coins have long been a symbol of fellowship, service, and shared values—and this one is no exception. Whether you're a longtime collector, a newer member building your Elks memorabilia, or simply looking for a meaningful memento of your lodge, this coin is a great addition. Challenge coins are available now for \$10 each and can be purchased through the front desk or your server.

It Time To Renew Your Elks Membership

By now, you should have received your Elks membership dues notice in the mail. We kindly ask that you submit your payment at your earliest convenience to keep your membership current and continue supporting the important work and enjoying the benefits of our lodge. For your convenience, there are several easy ways to pay:

- **BY PHONE**

Call the lodge at 714-547-7794

- **IN PERSON**

Drop your payment off in the little black box next to Sheila's desk

- **ONLINE**

Visit SAElks.com

Please note that beginning April 1, access to the lodge will be limited to members whose dues have been paid in full. If your dues are not current by that date, you will not be able to enter the lodge.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our lodge and its mission.

IT'S FIVE O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE!

A Scholarship Fundraiser Saturday, March 28, 6:00 pm

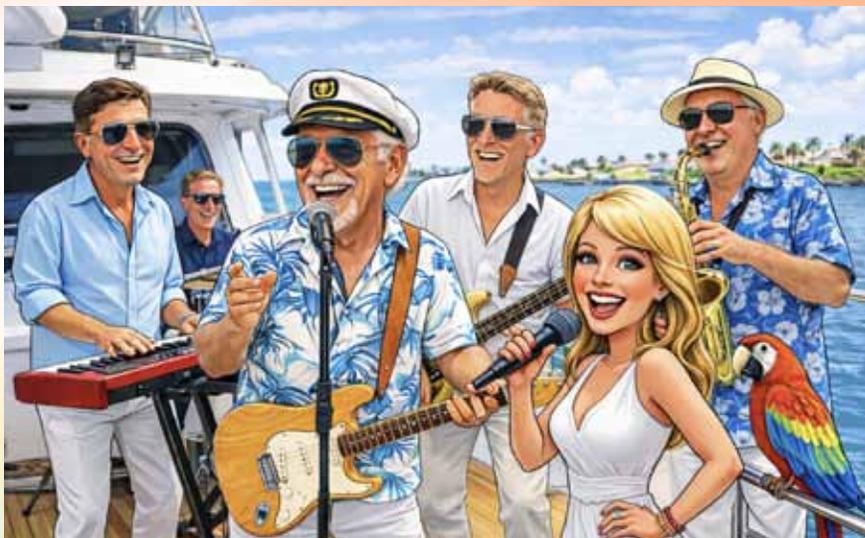
There's no rest for the scholarship committee! After hosting our scholarship awards presentation night on March 3, we jump right into our big, event designed to fund even more students next year—our annual scholarship fundraiser dinner dance.

This year's theme sets the tone for a relaxed tropical evening: *It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere—What Would Jimmy and Alan Do?* (That's Jimmy Buffett and Alan Jackson, for those of you who don't know.)

What would they do? Well, we imagine they'd gather good friends, pour a Hurricane before going insane, cue up the music and settle in for a night of island fun. And that's exactly what we have planned!

We are thrilled to welcome back the popular local band, Yacht Sea, who have performed at Disneyland and other local venues. They return to our lodge to provide the perfect sound track for an evening of dancing, line dancing, laughter and great energy.

The buffet will carry the island theme throughout the night, featuring margaritas, cheeseburgers in paradise, shrimp on the grill and a variety of delicious tropical fare. Tropical attire is encouraged—though not required—and of course, there will be a costume contest for those who want to fully embrace the spirit of the



evening.

In addition to the music and dancing, both our live and silent auctions are shaping up to be exceptional. Live auction packages already include exciting trips such as a getaway cruise, a Palm Desert retreat, sports memorabilia and more as additional items are still being finalized.

Our silent auction tables will once again feature a wonderful assortment of items generously donated by supporters of our scholarship program.

Tickets are available online at SAElks.com for \$50 and we strongly encourage purchasing early. Last year's event sold out ahead of time and we anticipate another full house this year.

We are grateful to Aptiva Care Management for underwriting the cost of this event. Because of their generosity, ev-

ery dollar raised goes directly toward funding scholarships for next year. Your attendance, participation and bidding truly make a difference in the lives of local students.

If you are unable to attend, you can still support the cause by donating a silent or live auction item or by making a contribution payable to Santa Ana Elks 794 (be sure to note "Scholarships" in the memo line).

For auction donations, please contact Sue McKee at SueMcKee@cox.net and for live auction, contact Linda Barcelona at LindaBarcelona1@yahoo.com. The deadline is March 21.

Join us for a memorable evening of music, fellowship and island spirit—because it's 5 o'clock somewhere, and it's the perfect time to support scholarships and invest in the future of our community.

March

CALENDAR CONTENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK WWW.SAELKS.COM/CALENDAR FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS - FRIDAYS 9 AM-4 PM, OFFICE CLOSED SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Glick Derby 11:00 am - 2:00 pm 	2 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	3 Open Lodge Mtg Scholarship Awards 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 4:00 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	4 Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Investigation BOT - 4:00 pm 	5 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Line Dancing 6:30 - 9:30 PM	6 Regular and Prix Fixe Menus 4:30-8:00 pm 	7 Irish Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon St. Patrick's Day Celebration 6:00 - 11:00 PM
8 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	9 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	10 Lodge Meeting House Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	11 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	12 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Charity Mtg 6:00 pm Magic Castle Night 6:30 - 9:30 PM 	13 Regular and Prix Fixe Menus 4:30-8:00 pm	14 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation - Noon Regular and Prix Fixe Menus 4:30-8:00 pm
15 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	16 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	17 Lodge Mtg Initiation - 7:30 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm Taco Tuesday	18 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm	19 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Boogie Bingo 6:30 - 8:30 PM 	20 Regular and Prix Fixe Menus 4:30-8:00 pm Guy Nelson That Dude Guy 7:00 - 10:00 pm	21 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Prix Fixe Menus 4:30-8:00 pm 
MARCH MADNESS						
22 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	23 Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	24 House Committee 5:00 pm Open Lodge Meeting ER Exit Night 7:30 pm	25 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	26 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm All New Karaoke 6:30 - 9:30 pm 	27 Regular and Prix Fixe Menus 4:30-8:00 pm Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 PM	28 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon "It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere" Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner Dance 
MARCH MADNESS			MARCH MADNESS			
29 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	30 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	31 Open Lodge Mtg Installation of Officers 7:30 AM 	BUY EVENT TICKETS AND MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE AT SAELKS.COM			
MARCH MADNESS						

April

LODGE HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS 11 AM-10 PM; FRIDAYS 11 AM-6 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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>WE ARE THE ELKS </p>			<p>1 Pasta Night Investigation 3:30 pm</p>	<p>2 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Western Line Dancing 6:00-10:00 pm </p>	<p>3 Friday Night Specials and Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p>	<p>4 Pancake Breakfast 9 am - 12 noon Inaugural Ball 6:00 pm  MARCH MADNESS</p>
<p>5 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon </p>	<p>6 Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm March Madness 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm </p>	<p>7 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday </p>	<p>8 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm </p>	<p>9 Charity Cmte 6 pm Tiki Bar Night 6:30-9:30 pm </p>	<p>10 New Member Cocktail Party 6:30-9:30 pm </p>	<p>11 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12:00 Noon Magic Castle Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p>
<p>12 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday at the Masters Noon - 5:00 pm </p>	<p>13 Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm</p>	<p>14 House Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm Taco Tuesday </p>	<p>15 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm </p>	<p>16 Emblem Club 6:30 pm Bingo Boogie 6:30 - 8:30 pm </p>	<p>17 Friday Night Specials and Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>18 Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12 Noon Mango 7:00 - 10:00 pm </p>
<p>19 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Line Dancing Lessons 1:00 - 3:00 pm </p>	<p>20 Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm</p>	<p>21 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm</p>	<p>22 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm </p>	<p>23 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm</p>	<p>24 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 25 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>RITUAL COMPETITION</p>	
<p>26 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Ritual Competition Tailgate Party and Awards 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>27 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm </p>	<p>28 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Special Buffet 4:00 - 7:00</p>	<p>29 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm </p>	<p>30 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Salsa Dancing Lessons 6:30-9:30 pm</p>	<p></p>	

MNF Super Bowl Party A Rousing Success!

by "Popcorn" Larry J. Hausner

Monday Night Football committee members put forth a tremendous effort which resulted in our 2026 Super Bowl Party exceeding all expectations. A jam-packed Santa Ana Elks Lodge hosted well over 500 happy and enthusiastic participants. The final tally is not yet in but all indications are the monies received for our charities will break all previous Super Bowl parties held at the Santa Ana lodge.

To list all of those who worked at this task and the duties they performed so tirelessly would require me to take up far too much space in this publication. Let me just say I am proud to have been a small part of the effort put forth by so many dedicated individuals. But there is no time to "rest on our laurels" because as the saying goes, "There is no rest for the weary."

It is now time to turn our attention to the next major event: The Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 Fourth Annual Bob Woolford Golf Tournament on Saturday June 6, 2026. The MNF committee is already well into preparations for this event. We look forward to continued success with a goal to get even more sponsors and more golfers on the course this year than at the previous tournaments. This can only be accomplished with the help of those of you who are reading this article by your sponsorships, donations, and by playing golf. We started the ball rolling with the Super Bowl Party now let's keep it going with the golf tournament.

Look for information on the upcoming golf tournament in future issues of the *ElkHorn* and online at SAElks.com.

April 4 Inaugural Ball to Celebrate New Officers

Last month our lodge gathered for officer nominations, and in a demonstration of unity and confidence, every position was filled by acclamation. We are pleased to introduce your 2026-2027 officer corps:

- *Exalted Ruler*
Eli Morales
- *Esteemed Leading Knight*
Brian Byrd
- *Esteemed Loyal Knight*
Karla Vigil
- *Esteemed Lecturing Knight*
Rachel Snell
- *Secretary*
Linda Fernandez
- *Treasurer*
Mark Schauwecker
- *5-year Trustee*
Bill Capps

Now it's time to celebrate. On April 4, we will formally welcome our new officers at the Inaugural Ball, an evening designed to honor their commitment and mark the beginning of a new lodge year in grand fashion. The festivities will include a cocktail reception, a delicious dinner, the traditional parade of officers and dancing to a live band.

This special night is more than just a ceremony—it is a celebration of leadership, fellowship and the bright future ahead for our lodge. We encourage all members to attend and show their support as we usher in the 2026-2027 term with style and enthusiasm.

Tickets are available now for \$40 and may be purchased online at SAElks.com or in the lobby. Semi formal attire is requested. Let's come together on April 4 to honor our new officers and celebrate another exciting year of Elkdom.



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Cesar Solis	Teacher	Jared Mendez
Fred Wayne Taylor	Retired	Ronald Rios
Marisol Estrada	Program Liason	Victim Service Coordinator, Cynthia Leo Contreras
Steve Zigan	Retired Geologist	Allen Bisbee
Juan Gonzalez Jr.	Caltrans Supervisor	Ivan Gonzalez
Sal Moctezuma	Teacher	Jared Mendez
Maria E. Chacon	Retired	Evelyn Godinez
Monique Mendoza Sanchez	Paralegal	Michael P. Lopez
Fernando Sanchez	Business Owner	Michael P. Lopez
Adalgisa Sabala	Property Manager	Beatriz Chavez
Ronald James Vesely	Retired	Mary Lou Taylor
Manuel Iglesias	Retired	Charles J. Muro
Ryan Thoreson	Medical Scribe	Lynnette Thoreson
Mia York	Paralegal	Stephanie Najera
Linda J. Lament	Retired	Linda S. Navarro
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Charles D. Lacy	Musician	Paul Liles
Patrick Wong	Insurance	Suzi Brown
Anthony Morales		Transfer from Newport Harbor
Madeline Page Weddington	Aesthetician	Logan Flagg
Katrina Mestas-Colin		Transfer from Garden Grove
Lynn Bonas	Retired	Transfer from Orange
Christine Brown	Retired	John Ibarra
Rosalynnda Martinez Leon	Insurance Agent	Gina Campos
Gayle La Belle	Retired	Valerie Fisher
Marjorie G. Robbins	Retired	Valerie Fisher
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Celebrating March Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on ANY Wednesday in March

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.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3/1..... Aureliano Cervantes | 3/12..... Roberta Bonzer | 3/20..... Jeffrey Brumett |
| 3/1..... Lloyd Downing, Jr. | 3/12..... Jessica Carr | 3/20..... Irma Castaneda |
| 3/1..... Jeff Hale | 3/12..... Salvador Lujan | 3/20..... Joan Eidenmuller |
| 3/1..... David Kruse | 3/12..... Yvette Portugal | 3/20..... Robert Mansfield |
| 3/1..... Daniel Melendez | 3/12..... Amy Tsotsis | 3/21..... Heriberto Alvarado |
| 3/1..... Jose Muniz | 3/12..... Brian Wade | 3/21..... Hector Anaya |
| 3/2..... John Hanson | 3/13..... Rob Boyd | 3/21..... Carlos Arango |
| 3/2..... Hector Ramirez | 3/13..... Alexandra Castle | 3/21..... Nupur Kiri |
| 3/3..... Tammy Radan | 3/13..... Laura Fitch | 3/21..... Paul Mc Donald |
| 3/4..... Roger Brophy | 3/13..... Susan Hawken | 3/21..... Russell Meyer |
| 3/4..... Jody Campbell | 3/13..... Martha Luna | 3/21..... Patrick Mottram |
| 3/4..... Fiona Ma | 3/13..... Sue Mc Kee | 3/21..... Martha Simon |
| 3/4..... Joanna Peterson | 3/13..... Donald Powel | 3/22..... Christopher Hisgen |
| 3/4..... Adam Reesman | 3/13..... Nicholas Quinones | 3/22..... Ronald Pilchowski |
| 3/5..... Lee Branch | 3/13..... John Rodriguez | 3/23..... Brian Hagadorn |
| 3/5..... Patricia Filley | 3/13..... Hector Villalobos | 3/23..... Joseph Harrison |
| 3/5..... Linda Harrell | 3/13..... Trace Weatherford | 3/23..... Ronald Heben |
| 3/5..... Raquel Keena | 3/13..... Chris Barbera | 3/23..... Michael Jensen |
| 3/5..... J. Lopez | 3/14..... Ana Bizarro | 3/23..... Luis Mier |
| 3/5..... Bernadette Powers | 3/14..... Ralph Flores | 3/23..... Richard Ornelas |
| 3/5..... Hilda Rendon | 3/14..... Thomas Hurst | 3/23..... Antonio Romero |
| 3/5..... Sevan Sarkisyan | 3/14..... Jill Kightlinger | 3/23..... Roger Schartung |
| 3/5..... Matthew Sarmiento | 3/14..... Marietta Parkinson | 3/24..... Paige Fountain |
| 3/6..... Cinthia Guzman | 3/14..... Aaron Franke | 3/24..... Linette Johnston |
| 3/6..... Paul Lujan | 3/15..... William Haddock III | 3/24..... Kathleen Julian |
| 3/6..... Irma Martinez | 3/15..... Marvin Hobbs | 3/25..... Joseph Flores, Jr. |
| 3/6..... Eddie Ramirez | 3/15..... Tim McVay | 3/25..... Natalie Lindauer |
| 3/7..... Emad Alaeddin | 3/15..... Mark Raab | 3/25..... Adam Loughlin |
| 3/7..... Nicole Campbell | 3/16..... Paul Garcia | 3/25..... Jeffrey Moon |
| 3/7..... Robert Hoover | 3/16..... Marcus Harrell | 3/25..... Robert Olson |
| 3/7..... Bette Robin | 3/16..... Vicky Hoffman | 3/25..... Wilbur Salazar |
| 3/7..... Pamela Zanelli | 3/16..... David Ibarra | 3/26..... Xavier Arroyo |
| 3/8..... Shannon Bain | 3/16..... Susan McIntosh | 3/26..... Raymond Gagne |
| 3/8..... Baltazar De La Riva | 3/16..... Sherri Seitz | 3/26..... Oscar Garza |
| 3/8..... Jeffrey Dickson | 3/16..... Jonathan Sigala | 3/26..... Eri Gomez |
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| 3/9..... Maria Martinez | 3/16..... Tina Wyatt | 3/26..... Paul G Shelor III |
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| 3/10..... Byron Wakeham | 3/18..... Douglas Phelps | 3/28..... James Hawes |
| 3/10..... Teddy Woodmas | 3/18..... Beverlee Richmond | 3/28..... Camden O'Donnell |
| 3/10..... Nathan Anderson | 3/18..... William Rickerson | 3/28..... Charles Plumlee |
| 3/11..... Darwin Bolsinger | 3/18..... Dennis Senft | 3/28..... Alex Rodriguez |
| 3/11..... Irene Callahan | 3/19..... Peter De Marco | 3/28..... Vincent Ruvalcava |
| 3/11..... Brook Hansen | 3/19..... Gina Hawes | 3/28..... Kelley Stagner |
| 3/11..... Margaret Kupfer | 3/19..... Stephen Saporito | 3/29..... Claire Jackson |
| 3/11..... Herbert Martin | 3/19..... Kevin Shuler | 3/29..... Liz Martin |
| 3/11..... Paul Ramage | 3/19..... Rachel Snell | 3/29..... Rafaela Mercado |
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| | | 3/30..... Alan Lukei |
| | | 3/30..... Joseph Padilla |
| | | 3/30..... Michael Procopio |
| | | 3/30..... William Taormina |
| | | 3/31..... Candace Campbell |
| | | 3/31..... Yvette Costa |
| | | 3/31..... John Pollock |
| | | 3/31..... Juanita Ramirez |
| | | 3/31..... Gabriel Torres |

Purple Pig: March Reflections and Gratitude

by Michele Joyce

As we step into the month of March, it's the perfect time to reflect on everything our incredible Purple Pig team has accomplished over this past Elks year. None of this would have been possible without the dedication, teamwork and generosity of our members—and what a remarkable journey it's been.

Over the past many months, we proudly introduced our new Purple Pig banner, bringing fresh visibility and excitement to our mission. Our BBQ events brought members together in fellowship, while the pig races added laughter, fun and friendly competition. The leading knight challenges showcased true Elk spirit, inspiring participation and creativity across the lodge. We also enjoyed successful Wahoo's fundraisers and game nights, combining community fun with meaningful giving in support of our Purple Pig mission.

Most importantly, every donation, big or small, made a meaningful impact. Each contribution represents compassion, commitment and support for the children, families and therapists who rely on the Purple Pig program. Your generosity continues to change lives and that is something truly special.

On behalf of the Purple Pig team, thank you for believing in this cause and for showing up in so many ways. As we move forward into March, let's carry this momentum, pride and unity with us—knowing that together we've accomplished something amazing.



Irish All Day! Sunrise to Sideways

Get ready to sham-rock the day and night at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge on March 7! The celebration starts bright and early with a delicious Irish breakfast served from 9:00 am to noon. Feast on corned beef Benedict, corned beef hash and eggs, and more—all for just \$9.95. And to keep the spirit flowing, enjoy Irish coffee for only \$4 until 4:00 PM.

Then from 6:00 to 11:00 pm, the lodge transforms into a full-blown St. Patrick Day party! Savor a hearty buffet featuring corned beef & cabbage, shepherd's pie, and Jameson chicken. Raise a glass of Guinness, Harp or Smithwick's or sample fine Irish whiskeys (available for purchase). Be dazzled by lively Irish thistle dancers and dance the night away to the energetic sounds of Sideways. The evening is presented by your lecturing knight, Karla Virgil and sponsored in part by Jameson Irish Whiskey.

Early bird tickets are \$45 through March 1, then \$50 from March 2 forward. Get yours online at SAElks.com—and may the luck of the Irish be with you!



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/25 1846

INCREASES

Initiated	202
Affiliated.....	20
Reinstated	10
Subtotal	232

DECREASES

Dropped.....	10
Transferred Out	16
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	13
Expelled.....	0
Subtotal	39

Calculated Membership Total2039

CLMS Active Members.....2039

Average Age63.69

Gain/Loss 193

DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	0
One Year	158
Over One Year	0
Total.....	158
Lapsation Rate.....	8.56%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting	3
Ready for investigation	13
Ready for balloting.....	32
Ready for orientation	5
Ready for Initiation.....	4
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement.....	1
Other.....	0
Total.....	58

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members.....	743
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Total.....	76
Life Percentage	4.12%

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by Kellie Miller

As we move further into a new year full of hope and growth, we remember that not everyone is in the same place. This month we're focusing on supporting veterans at every stage of life and every stage of transition from military to civilian life.

Last month (Sat Feb. 28th) we had our 3rd annual District Stand Down where all eight lodges in the Orange Coast District came together to help feed, clothe and house 200+ veterans. We were there to help for the day (hot lunch, clothing, showers, haircuts, dental, eyeglasses, food, music and camaraderie) but we were also there to help for their next day, week, year, life. We had over 45 resources to help veterans to find housing, VA benefits, service animals, counseling, PEER support, as well as outdoor programs.

This event truly took a village — thank you to everyone who volunteered, sorted clothing, donated supplies, set up tables, and most importantly... listened. Being present and meeting someone where they are, matters more than we can say.

Santa Ana veterans committee hosts a monthly Coffee Talk, open to all veterans, spouses, and caregivers. It's a safe, welcoming space to connect, share, and support one another.

Life transitions can be hard — especially for veterans adjusting to civilian life or coping with experiences from service.

With open dialogue and mutual support, we help to promote heal-



ing, build community and ensure that every veteran has access to the resources and assistance they need to improve their well-being and quality of life.

Please try to “Be The One” who listens, checks in, and helps connect someone to resources. Over 58% of military suicide deaths occurred without a prior mental health diagnosis — reminding us that anyone can be silently struggling.

If you know or meet someone who needs support, reach out. We can help connect them to the right

resource.

Don't forget that we can all use a little help. Please be the one. We are all better together.

As we end our Elk year and start anew, we want to thank Mark Schauwecker and all officers for their help and support over this past Elk year. Without it, we couldn't have continued to grow. All of us with the veterans committee really appreciate it!

MARCH MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

- March 3, 2026 - Navy Reserve Birthday
- March 13, 2026 - K-9 Veterans Day – The date is the official birthday of the United States K-9 Corps and a day to honor their service.
- March 25, 2026 - Medal of Honor Day – A holiday to honor the heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients for the United States.
- March 29, 2026 - Vietnam Veterans Day – A national holiday to recognize and honor Veterans who served in the military during the Vietnam War.

To get in touch with the veterans Committee, please email veterans-team@elks794.org or ask someone you know at the lodge and they'll point you in the right direction.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like to know more about what we do, please come to our meetings – they're the third Tuesday of the month. We'll be in the Nest on 3/17 at 6pm. We'd love to see you!

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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 Footbal Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 pm

Communications Meeting

2nd Monday of the month at noon

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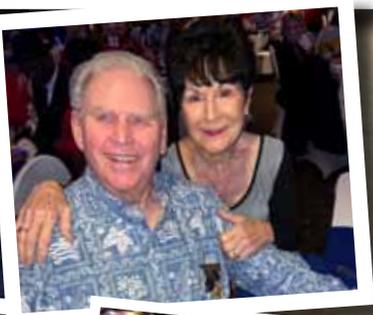
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