

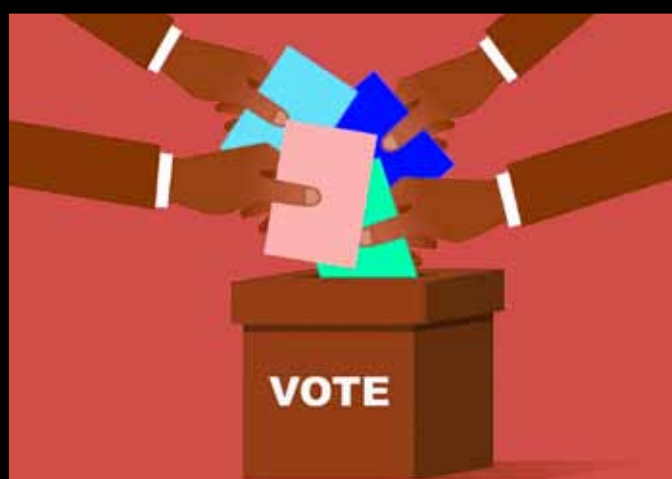
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LODGE ELECTIONS

**1ST NOMINATIONS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**2ND NOMINATIONS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance



Friday, February 14th

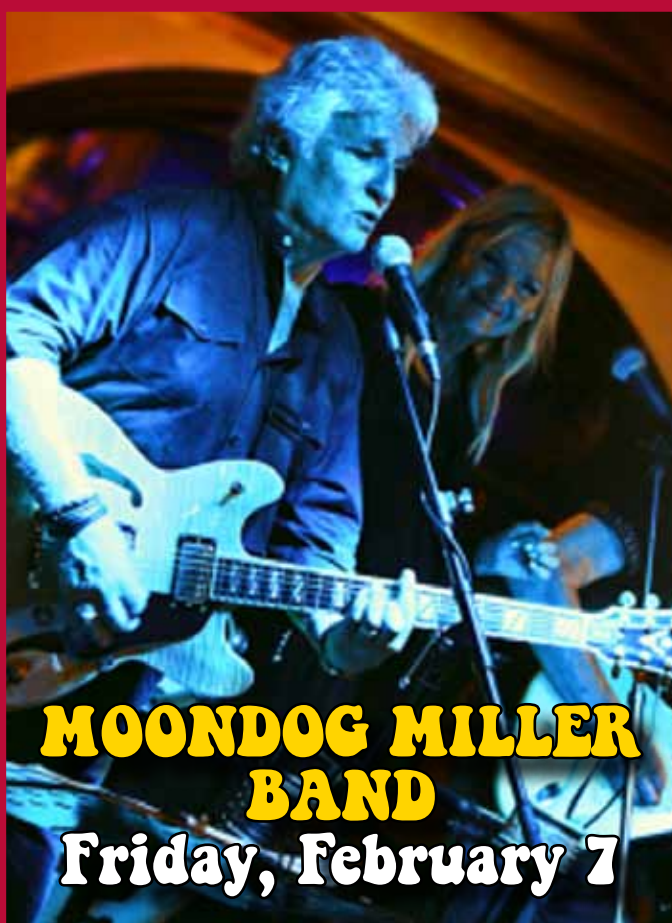
Appetizers
6:00 pm

\$50

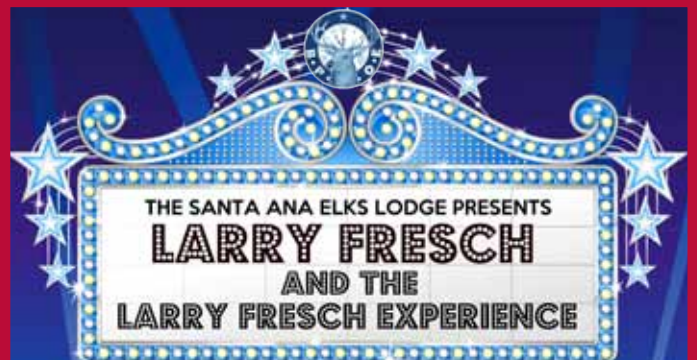
Dinner
7:00 pm

*Dinner choice of Stuffed Salmon, Beef Short Ribs
or Vegan Butternut Squash Risotto*

*Book your tickets online
at SAEIks.com*



**MOONDOG MILLER
BAND**
Friday, February 7



Dinner and Dancing



Friday, February 28

Experience the glory days of great Las Vegas shows
and classic New York Lounge dinner dancing.
No Cover Charge. Open to the first 160 reservations
Reserve online at www.SAEIks.com



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Exalted Ruler Joe Rodriguez



I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey forward and the path ahead. The new year started on a high note with our un-

forgettable New Year's Eve event. I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in making this celebration a remarkable success, from our dedicated lodge staff to the officers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Your efforts exemplify the true spirit of Elkdom.

Looking ahead, I am excited to continue pursuing our goals and objectives with unwavering determination. Our mission to provide continuous service to the communities that we serve remains steadfast, and I am confident that together, we will achieve even greater heights.

I am especially proud to announce that our team of officers have already begun preparing for this year's ritual competition. Having witnessed their dedication and focus during practice sessions, I firmly believe we will bring the gold cup home this year. Let's rally behind them and show our support

as they represent our lodge with pride and excellence.

Stay tuned for updates on all our upcoming events, and don't miss the opportunities to get involved and contribute to our lodge's vibrant community. As always, your participation and support are what make our lodge a beacon of camaraderie and service.

Stay safe, and remember: "It's great to be an Elk!"

Esteemed Leading Knight Mark Schauwecker



Fellow Elks, my sincere thanks go out to you for your continued support of our beloved Purple Pig, Percy. The

Leading Knight Challenge over the past three months was a success. The numbers are still coming in but you outdid yourselves with your generosity. A true demonstration of "Elks Care, Elks share".

The month of February is represented by love, maybe because of Valentines Day. But at the lodge, I get that feeling all year long. It can be seen and felt through our generosity of time and money to support

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**JEROME
DEAN
February 1**



**US 99
BAND
February 15**



**5 STAR
BAND
February 21**



**SATURDAY
KARAOKE
February 22**



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

our community and local charities. Thank you for all you have done this Elk year.

Esteemed Loyal Knight Eli Morales



Dear fellow Elks, from the seat of justice, I welcome you to February, the month dedicated to love. I want to invite you to join all of the festivities our lodge has planned for you.

We will adorn ourselves in Cupid's vibrant reds and host an unforgettable St. Valentine's dinner, complete with a delicious meal, dance music, and a romantic ambience to create the perfect setting for expressing your affection. Make it a special night; don't forget to make your reservation, this event is sure to sell out.

February also marks the conclusion of football season, and our Monday Night Football committee is gearing up to throw one of the biggest Super Bowl parties in Orange County. While the teams competing in the final match remain a mystery, I can assure you this is an event you won't want to miss. Gather your friends, decorate your table in your team colors, and join us for a day filled with excitement and fun as the NFL crowns this year's number one team. There's truly no better way to experience what has become America's game!

Finally, let me invite you to participate and be part of all the events here in our lodge, you will love it. Elksdom, love it, live it!

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Brian Byrd



January has come and gone. Seems like it was not too long ago we were celebrating the holidays. Lots of things were going on at the lodge for everyone to enjoy. Are you going to take part?

Is this the year that you made a resolution to get involved with the committees at your Elks Lodge? We continue to have many opportunities for you to get involved with your fellow Elk family to help those communities and residents who can use our help.

Did your football team out play the competition and are now in the Super Bowl? It doesn't matter, although you're happier if they did. Come to the Santa Ana Elks Lodge on February 9 and be a part of the EPIC event that is the largest Super Bowl party under one roof!

Lodge meetings are every Tuesday at 7:30 PM. All members are invited. You will meet some other Elks and you be able to see and hear what is going on with your lodge. It is very informative and fun. If you are a new Elk, and you may be reading this *ElkHorn* for the first time, these meetings are shorter than the installation/initiation program, and there are always some good snacks and conversations after the meeting in the McCalla lounge. I hope to see you there.

Coming up on March 15, we will have our annual St. Patrick's day celebration. Get your tickets early by calling the lodge. All your favorite Irish food and drinks will be on the menu, including Shepa-

rd's Pie. The Fenian's will serenade us with a variety of Irish (and other) music. It will be a fun night with shillelaghs, shenanigans and maybe a four leaf clover or two...

As it is often said, "A good time will be had by all".

General Manager John Moore



Exciting changes are happening on Tuesday nights! The first being our Taco Tuesday menu – We are offering a quick serve menu (*see SAElsks.com/menu*) featuring a variety of street tacos and other Mexican favorites priced at a value for all to enjoy. We also added a Modelo 20oz draft for \$3.00. The appetizer menu is always available. On the fourth Tuesday of the month, which is initiation night, we will offer a "Down Home" buffet.

As we enter the new year we are pumping the breaks on our weekend entertainment. We are mixing in some nights where you can dine and have conversation with your friends and fellow Elks. We will have the popular entertainment you enjoy spread throughout the month along with our popular concert series and Saturday karaoke on the last Saturday of the month. Make note that in March, Saturday Karaoke will be on the 22nd as we have a Scholarship Fundraiser on March 28.

We are trying our best to hold prices down as commodity prices soar; for example, eggs have always hovered around 12 to 18 cents each but have risen to 85 cents each. Chicken, beef and seafood are at an all-time high, but we refuse to sacrifice quality for our members.

We offset the price hikes by booking outside events, so if you know of anyone who is getting married, having an Quinceñera, or your company needs a place to meet please call our event coordinator, Stacey, at extension 7000.

Attention all love birds, our exalted ruler, Joe, is partnering with the Santa Ana Emblem Club for our annual Valentine's Dinner Dance which will be held on Valentines Day, Friday, February 14. Details are listed in this issue. Ticketed event reservations are required.

Speaking of reservations, like a lot of our members, I classify myself as a "wait until the last-minute person". I have every intention of attending an event but I procrastinate on calling the lodge to make that dinner reservation or purchase the event ticket. My resolution, and I am hopeful yours too, is to book early so we don't have to cancel events and can be properly staffed for dinners, enabling us to provide excellent service to all. A prime example is our Chicago tribute concert. Due to low attendance and not wanting to lose money, we canceled it. Days later we started getting calls from members who wanted to purchase tickets. It is important for ticketed events to call and book as early as possible in order to avoid having to cancel an event.

I have received many positive comments as well as many "thank yous" for the beautiful new Memorial Brick Garden we have established outside the front doors of our building. It is a great way for an Elks member to honor their loved one. This project was the brainchild of Mike Flynn on our board of trustees. All members of the board worked hard for over a year to bring it to fruition. Now

that it is complete, we have 14 engraved bricks honoring loved ones who have passed away. The forms are at our front desk. Next time you come to the lodge, be sure and look at the brick garden and the military service medallions.

Last month I asked all members to tell ten friends that our charity Monday Bingo is open to the public. Raise your hand if you followed my plea. I thank you! For those that haven't, please spread the word!

Members to Elect New Officers



Election of officers for 2025-2026 takes place each year in February. This year, the first round of nominations will take place at the lodge meeting on Tuesday, February 4. The second and final round will be Tuesday, February 11. The election will be on Tuesday, February 18.

Offices up for election are exalted ruler, esteemed leading knight, esteemed loyal knight, esteemed lecturing knight, lodge secretary, lodge treasurer and first year trustee. Any member of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge in good standing is eligible to run for office. Be sure to come and make your voice heard and vote!



Super Bowl Sunday is Here!

by Dan Breece

It's time once again for the biggest game of the year! This year, the Super Bowl will be played in New Orleans on February 9. When we say the biggest game of the year, we mean that in more ways than one. Of course, for the NFL, it's the championship game and to every team, the biggest game of the year. Here at our lodge, it's also the biggest game of year, and not just at the lodge, but in all of Orange County!

This year, \$30 gets you a ticket to the biggest party in town and county. We will have burgers, hot dogs, chili, a nacho bar, and hot wings to enjoy during the game. Bring in your favorite snacks and desserts (just no main dishes or alcohol, of course) and decorate your table! Approximately 500 of your closest football fans and either old or new friends will have a fun day of football. The game is scheduled for 3:30 pm and doors will open at 1:00 pm. It's first come first choice of seating, so you'll want to get in line early if you have a favorite place to sit. Gather up your friends, neighbors and family to join us for the biggest game of the year! Call the lodge and ask for Dayana or Lori and they will get you in... assuming there are tickets left, of course.



The Percy Awards to honor Purple Pig Donors

by Marcia Piña

Yes, it's award season with the Grammys, the Oscars, and now the Percys! Well, we're not actually handing out gold statuettes, but we do want to take time to honor those who have donated to support the CHEA major project.

Please join us in celebrating you, our Purple Pig donors! During our lodge meeting on March 25, members who donated funds to Percy, our Purple Pig, and earned club status will be recognized and celebrated.

During the 2024 Elk year, members who donated \$52.00, \$100.00, or \$1,000 to the Purple Pig all at once, earned club status and became a 52, Century, or Millennium Club member and will receive a special thank you from the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project- aka the Purple Pig.

Members who will be receiving their special pin and certificate signed by the CHEA president will be receiving a call from me, Marcia, your Santa Ana Lodge #794 Purple

Pig chairperson, to personally invite you to the lodge meeting.

We hope to see our members at our lodge meetings, and particularly on March 18 to celebrate you!

Thank you to all of our members who donate to the Purple Pig and congratulations to our club members!

Go to our page, SAElks.com/purplepig to watch a short video on how your donations are making a difference in the lives of children with disabilities!



Announcing New Online Ticket Sales at SAEIks.com

Great news, everyone! You can now purchase your tickets to Elks Lodge events online at SAElks.com! No more waiting on the phone – our brand-new online system makes buying tickets quick and effortless! You can scan the QR code on fliers and posters with your phone and it will dive into the online ticket world. Alternatively, you can visit us directly at SAElks.com. Look for the button that lets you purchase tickets for each exciting event, starting with our Valentine's Day Dinner Dance.

You'll just need to fill in a few details like your name, phone number, email, ticket quantity, Elks membership number, seating choices, menu preferences (if any), and your credit card info. Once you complete your order, you'll receive a confirmation email along with your ticket. And don't worry, we'll email you a reminder as the event approaches!

Bring your ticket or simply show it (with the attached QR code) on your phone when you arrive.

Prefer to order over the phone? No problem! You can still call the lodge and our front desk will happily complete your online order for you. However, we're pretty sure you'll find online ordering more convenient, faster and easier.

Happy ticketing!



Volunteers Needed for Elks Convention

You are invited to join our team at the California Hawaii Elks Association 110th annual convention in Anaheim, May 7-10. We're looking for volunteers to help with registration, check in, hosting, merchandise sales and ritual competition shushing. To volunteer, go to SAElks.com/News.

For information regarding registration & check in, call Angela Anderson at 714-343-8774; for host & greeters, call Tina Duarte at 714-439-6175, for merchandise sales call Kealoha Jenkins at 808-753-1450 and for ritual competition, call Bill Whitmore at 949-279-2549.

Love Is In The Air

by Dan Breece

The color associated with February, at least for most, is the color red....which also is the color of our heart. The heart is synonymous with love.

Every February, love is in the air, especially on the 14th of February. Three of the most famous words in the history of the world are “I love you”. We use the word love in a lot of ways, for a lot of reasons. There are many different words in many different languages too. In Spanish, French, and Italian, it’s amor, amour and amore. In Greek, it’s Agape. No matter how you say it, the feelings are the same. Which brings us to the lovely couple on the cover.

Allow me to introduce you to Ellis and Earhart Elk. They

grew up in the same herd, so for them, it wasn’t love at first sight. As is the case with Elks, Ellis’ name stands for benevolence. Earhart’s name stands for honor and bravery. These are traits for which the Elk was chosen as our mascot along with their loyalty to family, their temperament, how they protect themselves and their young. The Elk is distinctly American. Ellis and Earhart were proud to be on our cover and extend a warm and loving Happy Valentine’s Day to you all.

Maybe we should all follow the example of the Elk, our mascot as Elks, in how we show our love for those around us. Valentine’s Day gives us all the opportunity to get a card, flowers, gifts, whatever it is we want to use to show our love for

someone, whether it be a spouse, a friend, a relative, a neighbor or a fellow Elk.

This year, let’s not let the month of amour be the only month we do that. Let’s carry forward, even from the holiday season right up to and beyond February, the showing of love and care for those around us.

Let’s say “I love you” to those we love, daily. It’s not too late to make one more resolution for 2025. Make a resolution not only to tell someone you love them, but show them as well. Imagine how much richer our days will be. After all, love is the greatest of all the gifts we have to give. Love is kind, caring and forgiving. It does not judge, is not jealous and is never ending. So give to your hearts content and then give a little more.

Happy Birthday, Mr. President

by Dan Breece

While February is probably most thought of as the month of Valentine’s Day, it also has a federal holiday we recognize: President’s Day. It’s a day that is simple in concept, yet, if you read its history, it seems a little complicated. There are several concepts on how we got to the title of Presidents Day. After all, February isn’t even the month with the most birthdays of our Presidents. That would be October and November, with six each. August has five and finally February comes in with four, tied with January, March, April and July. So why February? Well, it all comes down to who, not how many.

Our first President, George

Washington had his birthday in February. As did Abraham Lincoln, William Henry Harrison and Ronald Reagan. Of course there were several steps along the way, but because George had February and he was our first, President’s Day was designated for the month of February. It didn’t hurt either that by most accounts, George and Abe are our two most popular Presidents, at least historically speaking. Arguably there are more modern-day presidents who might be deemed more or most popular, but Washington and Lincoln, most would agree, had the biggest impact on our country’s future. One became the “father” of our country as the first President. Lincoln led

the way to abolishing slavery and gave the Gettysburg address among other things. Their birthdays are close together and instead of choosing one or the other, it was finally settled that the third Monday of February would be a federal holiday to honor all our presidents.

This year, when February 17 arrives, take a moment to pause and reflect on what the day is all about. Some people get a day from work for a federal holiday. In fact, the third Monday was designed to give people a three-day weekend. Instead this year, reflect on your favorite president, or one who made the bigger than usual impact during their term in office. Either way, hopefully you’ll think a little differently about President’s Day from now on.

Cocktails • Appetizers • Dinner • Moonwalk Contest • Costume Contest • Live & Silent Auctions

SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 29TH @ 6PM

Forever YOUNG

80's DAZE
WILL BE PERFORMING ALL YOUR FAV 80's HITS LIVE!

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge 794 College Scholarship Committee is excited to Announce our 1980s Retro-Themed Fundraiser & Dance!
Proceeds go to fund scholarships



Scholarship Committee Plans Dance

by Linda Barcelona

January was a very busy month for the scholarship committee! We were honored to host our district's most valuable student awards judging. After being judged at the lodge level, these district-wide applications were judged by our district committee members and chairs, choosing the top three girls and three boys to advance to the state level of competition.

Serious work was going on in the conference room on Saturday, January 4! Our judging team read and judged 48 applications, evaluating them in five different areas including essays. Thank you to Sue McKee, Sheryl Franke and Matt Lilly

who assisted in the judging along with me. Winners from our lodge applications will be awarded their scholarships in an open meeting on Tuesday, March 4. All our other scholarship applications will be judged in February and awarded on the same date.

Where do we get the funds to award these scholarships you might be thinking? We get them from the generous donations of our members, from charity and Bingo contributions and from our fundraisers.

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce our biggest fundraiser of the year, our 1980s-themed Forever Young dinner and dance

featuring the band '80s Daze. This band has performed at Disneyland and other big venues in Orange County. Plan on joining us for dinner, dancing, contests, great live and silent auction prizes and lots of fun with the band! You might want to brush up on your Rubik's Cube skills and your moonwalk moves too. Keep your eyes open for updates announcing those live auction prizes. Last year we auctioned off a trip to New York to see Saturday Night Live! I don't know how we'll top that, but we've been working hard to do so. Save the date, March 29. You won't want to miss this one.

March 4

Scholarship Awards Night
March 29

Forever Young Fundraiser



We're now one full month into 2025 and while it's full of possibilities, we've already, sadly, seen huge devastation in the state of California. Our hearts go out to everyone affected.

The veterans committee has always helped so many homeless and those with housing insecurities. While our goal is to help veterans, we know this has affected all and has displaced so many. We need to remember to help everyone where and when we can.

On Saturday March 1, Santa Ana, along with all lodges in the South Coast District will be having our 2nd annual Stand Down at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge. Last year we had over 130 veterans stop by for food, clothing, hygiene products, resources, eyeglasses, and housing (along with so much more). This month you'll start to see flyers and volunteer sign in sheets... as help and clothing will be needed. We appreciate all you can do!

In February we celebrate many military birthdays as well as Presidents Day or, as some call it, Washington's Birthday. George Wash-

ington was the only President on Mount Rushmore to serve in the military and was in the Continental Army to lead in the victory of the Revolutionary War. Interesting fact: Out of 45 Presidents, only 31 have served in the military.

Notable military anniversaries and birthdays in February:

National Freedom Day

February 1

Army Nurse Corps

Established February 2, 1901

National Salute to Veteran Patients

February 9-15

Marine Corps Women's Reserve

Established February 13, 1943

U.S Coast Guard reserve Birthday

February 19

Iwo Jima Flag Raising

February 23, 1945

Persian Gulf Cease-Fire Day

February 27

To join the committee or stay up to date on Veterans events, join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00 pm at the lodge. To join our email list, send an email to veteransteam@elks794.org or text "veteransteam" to 844-794-3557.

Cupid Comes to the Lodge

Celebrate Valentine's Day in style at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, where love and romance come together to create an unforgettable experience for couples and friends alike. Indulge in a delightful evening featuring a specially curated menu featuring crab and shrimp stuffed salmon, beef short ribs, butternut squash risotto and chocolate heart cake for dessert. In addition to the delectable dining options, the evening will be filled with entertainment that sets the perfect mood for romance with live music by the Fabulous Blue Satins.

No matter if you choose to sway together on the dance floor or simply enjoy the live music from your table, the ambiance will be nothing short of enchanting. Make this Valentine's Day one to remember by celebrating at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, where every moment is designed to honor love in all its forms. Whether you are celebrating with a partner, friends or family, this event promises to be a heartfelt occasion. Secure your reservations early to ensure you don't miss out on this extraordinary celebration of love and togetherness. Tickets are \$50 and available for purchase online at SAElks.com.



Criers Corner and Losers List

At every Tuesday lodge meeting we pull three member names at random for a cash prize. If you're at the meeting, you're a winner! If not, you lose that money, it rolls over and the pot increases by \$5. Don't be a loser. Make it your New Years resolution to attend Tuesday lodge meetings!

DECEMBER 3 - \$90

Victor Stepanenko, Conda Takenabe, Dean Karels

DECEMBER 17 - \$95

*Meridith Castro, Robert Von Rehder,
Henry Raya Corona*

FEBRUARY

CALENDAR CONTENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK WWW.SAELKS.ORG FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK THE FACEBOOK PAGE AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SANTAANAELKS AND THE SANTA ANA ELKS LODGE 794 MEMBERS PAGE.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h2>Valentine's Day Dinner Dance</h2> <p>Friday, February 14</p>						1  <p>Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Jerome Dean 7:00 - 10:00 pm</p>
2 <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Sunday Football 10:00 am - 8:00 pm</p> 	3 <p>Lodge closed</p> <p>Bingo 6:15 pm</p> 	4 <p>Lodge Meeting 1st nominations 7:30 pm</p> <p>PER Meeting 5:00 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p> 	5 <p>Investigation 3:30 - 6:00 pm</p> <p>Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm</p> <p>Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p>	6 <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Karaoke 6:00-10 pm</p>	7 <p>Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Moon Dog Miller 7:00-10:00 pm</p>	8 <p>Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon</p>
9 <p>Superbowl Sunday 1:00 - 8:00 pm</p> 	10 <p>Lodge closed</p> <p>Bingo 6:15 pm</p>	11 <p>Lodge Meeting 2nd Nominations Ballotting 7:30 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p> <p>House Committee 5:00 pm</p>	12 <p>Pasta Night</p> <p>Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	13 <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm</p> 	14 <p>Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Valentine's Day Dance</p> 	15 <p>Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Orientation 12 Noon</p> <p>US 99 Band 7:00-10:00 pm</p>
16 <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> 	17 <p>Lodge closed</p> <p>Charity Cmte 2:00 pm</p> <p>Bingo 6:15 pm</p>	18 <p>Lodge Meeting Elections - 7:30 pm</p> <p>BOT Meeting 5:00 pm</p> <p>Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p>	19 <p>Pasta Night</p> <p>Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	20 <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Emblem Club 6:30 pm</p> <p>Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm</p>	21 <p>Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Five Star Band 7:00 - 10:00 pm</p>	22 <p>Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Saturday Karaoke 7:00 - 10:00 pm</p> 
23 <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> 	24 <p>Lodge closed</p> <p>Bingo 6:15 pm</p>	25 <p>Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm</p> <p>House Meeting 5:00 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p>	26 <p>Pasta Night</p> <p>Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	27 <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Nomads 6:00 pm</p> <p>Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm</p>	28 <p>Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Larry Fresh Dinner Dance 7:00 - 10:00 pm</p>	

MARCH

LODGE HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS 9-6PM, SATURDAYS 9AM-11PM, SUNDAYS 9AM-3PM

FOOD SERVICE HOURS: TUESDAYS 11AM-7PM; WEDNESDAYS—FRIDAYS 11AM-8PM, SATURDAYS 9AM-8PM; SUNDAYS 9AM-2PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 THE FENIANS saturday, march 15						1 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Veterans Stand Down Garden Grove Lodge
2 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	3 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	4 PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday Scholarship Awards Night Open Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Investigation 3:30 - 6:00 pm Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm  Trivia Night 6:30 pm	6 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10 pm 	7 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm	8 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Jerome Dean 7:00-10:00 pm
9 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Quartermania	10 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	11 Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm Taco Tuesday House Committee 5:00 pm	12 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	13 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	14 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm	15 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12 Noon St Patrick's Day Concert The Fenians 7:30 pm
16 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	17 Lodge closed Charity Cmte 2:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	18 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm 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 Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	21 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Larry Fresch Dinner Dance 7:00 - 10:00 pm	22 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Saturday Karaoke 7:00 - 10:00 pm 
23 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	24 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	25 Lodge Meeting Purple Pig Awards 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	26 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	27 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Nomads 6:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	28 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm	29 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Forever Young Scholarship Dinner Dance
30 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	31 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm					



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Celebrating February Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, February 5

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 Wednesday, February 5 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

2/1.....Brandi Campbell	2/9.....Robert Partida	2/19.....Lawrence Bailey
2/1.....Christine Cervenka	2/9.....Filiberto Salinas	2/19.....Cindy Lou Lee
2/1.....Dan Chmielewski	2/9.....Mark Tyler	2/19.....Joel Nino Predisik
2/1.....Marissa Harris	2/10.....Steven Delgado	2/19.....Robert Reyes, Sr.
2/1.....Thomas Murphy	2/10.....Reginald Dobson	2/19.....Mary Lou Taylor
2/2.....Frank Bryant	2/10.....Nicholas Munoz	2/19.....Bobby Vidana
2/2.....Pi-lan Chen	2/10.....Charles Ousley, Jr.	2/20.....James Johnson
2/2.....Richard Feole	2/10.....Adrian Requejo	2/20...Konstantinos Kalaitzidis
2/2.....Ronnie Harrell	2/11.....Kimberly Cota	2/21.....Cathleen McNab
2/2.....Brady Karl Michel	2/11.....Karyn Cripps	2/22.....Ernesto Conde
2/2.....Bradley Miller	2/11.....Britt Esquivel	2/22.....Isabelle Kaminsky
2/2.....Maureen Palladino	2/11.....Teresa Mendez	2/22.....Ruth Olson
2/3.....Mark Bailey	2/11.....Darren Thompson	2/22.....Gilberto Rodarte
2/3.....Farideh Kia	2/11.....Peter Warren	2/23.....Gary Escudero
2/4.....Mario Garcia-Orozco	2/12.....Tracy Burge	2/23.....Henry Esquivel
2/4.....Raymond John Muro	2/12.....Abby Green	2/23.....Leopold Guzman
2/5.....Frank Donoghue	2/12.....Scott Harris	2/23.....Franz Klarer
2/5.....Seymor Ellis	2/12.....Cecilia Ponce	2/24.....William Acalin
2/6.....Norma Lopez	2/12.....Johnny Saldana	2/24.....Cesar Avila
2/6.....Jesus Osuna	2/12.....Scott Whitehead	2/24.....William Capps
2/6.....Noel Parrish	2/13.....Michael Holstein	2/24.....George Salazar, Sr.
2/6.....Brett Pate	2/13.....Kellie Anne Miller	2/24.....John Seidensticker
2/6.....Andrew Ramirez	2/13.....Neil Rettig	2/24.....Alton Jack Tuttle
2/7.....Robert Allen	2/13.....Nicholas Riviera	2/25...Kathleen York Heringer
2/7.....Brian Allen Bauer	2/14.....Ronald Gatti	2/25.....Jack Mossler, MD
2/7.....Gerry Serrano	2/14.....Stacey Silberman	2/26.....Fred Nichols
2/8.....Terry Dennis	2/14.....James Stapelton	2/26.....Treme Ohanesian
2/8.....Jaime Jesus Fuentes	2/15.....Thomas Badin	2/27.....Gloria Acosta
2/8.....Anita Duarte Lomeli	2/15.....Roberta Pedroza	2/27.....Scott Grange
2/8.....Rudy Luna, Jr.	2/16.....Gentry Edes	2/27. Ursula Esparza Martinez
2/8.....Sam Tadros	2/16.....Lori Lynn Lindmeier	2/27.....Vanessa Price
2/9.....Caryn Birch	2/17.....Benjamin Agajanian	2/27.....Lupe Saenz
2/9.....Tuc Bui	2/17.....Jessica Cha	2/27.....Alfredo Soto
2/9.....Mary Cordova	2/17.....Christina Moore	2/28.....Jimmy Galvan
2/9.....Scott Dessort	2/18.....Karen Palomo	2/28.....Wendy Lamerton
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Monday Night Football is over? Now What?

by Dan Breece

Well once again, the inevitable has happened! The MNF season has come to a close. It just doesn't seem right that with the bright expectations of the new year, we have to say good-bye to our football season. What a season it was though!

Let's start by saying, we have one last swan song, so go check out the Super Bowl article on that.

For now, we want to say thank you, thank you, thank you. To all of you who came out to watch some football, donated some goods for opportunity baskets, who purchased tickets or opportunities to win something in the name of fundraising, thank you! To our staff who are stuck with us every Monday night to add to the fun and frivolity and to our committee members, too many to name, we thank you. There are many more who stood ready for a call to help, and we thank each and

every one of you. As is often heard around our lodge, it takes a village to do what we do.

But wait, there's more! That's right! Even though the NFL season is done, our committee is not! Here are a couple of save the date items for you to get excited about! First, we have our annual golf tournament on June 7. There is an update on this that will be shared later, so stay tuned in on this event as it gets closer. Then on Sunday, August 3, we will have our third annual car show right here at the lodge! Both are full of fun and good times, so make sure you save the dates and keep an eye out for flyers to be out soon.

Your MNF committee is so thankful and blessed to be supported by so many of our members and their guests. We can never say thank you enough! We look forward to seeing you before, but if not, we will see you next season! (SAElks.com/MNF)



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/23..... 1663

INCREASES

Initiated	202
Affiliated	17
Reinstated	14
Subtotal	233

DECREASES

Dropped	2
Transferred Out	10
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	7
Expelled	0
Subtotal	19
Calculated Membership Total	1877
CLMS Active Members.....	1877
Average Age	63.16
Gain/Loss	214

DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	0
One Year	173
Over One Year	0
Total	173
Lapsation Rate.....	10.40%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting	29
Ready for investigation	52
Ready for balloting	0
Ready for orientation	10
Ready for Initiation.....	6
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement.....	1
Other.....	0
Total	98

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members.....	81
Honorary Life Members	2
Total	83
Life Percentage	4.99%

New Candidates for Membership

CANDIDATE	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER
Daniel Burghardt.....	Solar & Mortgage	Warren Morgenroth
Dolores Alvarado	Director	Joseph Rodriguez
Don Baca.....	Retired	Dan Breece
Ernesto Dominguez	Sales/Owner	Cynthia Contreras-Leo
George Najera	Realtor/Broker.....	Reinstate
Gloria M. Rubalcava.....	Retired	Reinstate
Ida Merline.....	RN.....	Peggy Kupfer
Jason Michael Lozano.....	Senior Building Mtce Worker	Reinstate
Jason Santengelo.....	Mortgage Broker	Teresa Alvarez
John Grey	Business Man	Cynthia Contreras-Leo
John Schroeder	Retired	Kurt Bensworth
Jorge A. Robledo Jr.....	Fire Captain	Nancy Silva
Jorge Arellano	Handyman	Valerie Spear
Jose De Jesus Gonzalez Jr.....	Police Officer	Irma Macias
Juan Villegas	Retired	Cynthia Contreras-Leo
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Leticia Ceja.....	Sales.....	Maria Paulin
Liyo Yamamoto Mancina.....	WC Admin Assistant.....	Kellie Miller
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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

3rd Monday of the Month, 2:00 pm

Travel Club Meeting

1st Friday of the Month, 1:30 pm

Nomads Meeting

4th Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm

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Moondog Miller Band to play Lodge February 7

Four years ago, six seasoned musicians from all over the USA came together in Southern California to form Moondog Miller. Now they're coming to the lodge for an evening of great music!

The band plays an energetic, eclectic mix of music from many eras—'70s, '80s, '90s and today, and genres—rhythm & blues, rock & roll, with some gospel and country thrown in for good measure. It's all tied together by one constant: dance, dance, dance!

Moondog Miller covers artists that include well-known names such as Tom Petty, The Pretenders, Melissa Etheridge, Bonnie Raitt, Jackie Wilson and Sam and Dave. On the other hand they also do songs from artists that haven't had long careers but left us with some great songs that are truly fun to hear: The Fine Young Cannibals, The Hooters, The Eurythmics and The Wallflowers. The one-name giants are represented as well, like Dylan, Clapton, Elvis.

So grab your partner and hold on tight. It's gonna be one of those nights! (*Make reservations at SAEIks.com*)



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The Emblem Report

by Evelyn Godinez

We would like to invite you to our installation of officers for the 2025-2026 Emblem year on Sunday, February 23 at 1 pm in the Lodge Room. Our installation chairman is Past President Shannon Kennedy and our incoming president will be Sharon Breece.

On the weekend of January 25 and 26, the CNH-SAEC winter state meeting was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia. This meeting was hosted by our state president Jackie Still. Those of us who attended were President Bernadette Lazzara, 1st Vice President Valerie Fisher, Dixie Brenner, Sharon Breece, Maria Paulin, Connie Foley, Shannon Kennedy, PP, Barbara Jalbert, SPP and Evelyn Godinez, SPP. At this meeting we honored our National Supreme President Molly Velez and her corps of officers. Evelyn Godinez, SPP is the supreme appointed organist for district 2 & 3 in Southern California. President Bernadette and Sharon

represented our club in the annual massing of colors. This ceremony was so emotional and beautiful.

On Sunday, January 19, the Santa Ana Emblem Club hosted our annual parcel post dinner and auction in the McCalla Lounge. Our auctioneer was none other than Allen Bisbee, district deputy grand exalted ruler for the Orange Coast district. Thank you to our chairman Past President Joyce Bryant for a very successful event.

Each and every month our club under the leadership of Past President Valerie Fisher continues to support Hero's Landing where President Bernadette Lazzara is the leader for the monthly Bingo games. Do you know what prize is most valued? Quarters! The veterans who play Bingo love quarters and use them to do their laundry. We also sponsor a monthly craft day under the chairmanship of Gloria Chavez. This last month, there was of group of us who went to the Long Beach Veterans Hospital to host their Bingo game. Valerie Fisher, Norm Fisher and Sonia Mexia lead the game.

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