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## 4th of July Family Picnic

Food • Live Music • Drinks • Ice Cream  
Hoop Shoot • Games • Raffles

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AND  
BEYOND



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## Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker



Elks family, as you are reading this article, several officers and members are attending Grand Lodge

in Kansas City, Missouri. This is the national Elks convention held each year around Independence Day. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other Elks from around the country, learn more about Elks programs, represent our lodge and bring back news and information to support our lodge's activities.

Kansas City is also very close to Independence, Missouri, the home of former President Harry Truman, who was initiated as a member of the Kansas City Elks Lodge No 26 in 1934. One of my favorite quotes from President Truman is "America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

As we enter the month of July and celebrate our independence as a nation, may we, as Elks, continue to demonstrate that determination as we serve our members and community.

## Esteemed Leading Knight Eli Morales



Welcome to July, the most patriotic month of the year! The charge of the leading knights begins

with: "The emblem of this station is the flag of our country, and its motto is **charity**." In this month's message, we will focus on two significant themes from that charge: our beautiful flag and the greatest virtue, **charity**.

The brotherhood of Elks is a proud patriotic organization, and in June, we celebrated and paid tribute to "Old Glory" with a wonderful event organized by our inner guards. As we approach July, the "Stars and Stripes" will fly high and proud in honor of our nation's 249th birthday, taking center stage in our lodge celebrations. The flag itself is a powerful emblem of American patriotism, liberty and the core ideals of our nation, such as democracy, justice, and freedom.

On July Fourth, we will come together as a nation and as family to celebrate and honor the birth of our country and remember the

## Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**FRIDAY FUN NIGHT**  
**DJ RONNIE**  
**July 11**



**JEROME**  
**DEAN**  
**July 12**



**LARRY FRESCH**  
**QUARTET**  
**July 18**



**SUNDAY GET**  
**TOGETHER**  
**July 27**



For the full calendar of events, go to [SAElks.com/calendar](http://SAElks.com/calendar)

brave individuals who fought to secure the freedoms we cherish today. As the barbecue heats up and the burgers, hot dogs, and ribeye steaks start to sizzle, take a moment to contemplate the true significance of our flag, “the red, white and blue” and what it represents for us as Americans and as Elks.

This brings us to the concept of **charity**—what is its purpose? Broadly, charity aims to alleviate suffering, advance human rights, enhance community well-being, and promote education—aren’t these the very ideals at the heart of Elksdom?

It is often said that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. That first step occurred in 1902 when the Santa Ana Elks Lodge received its charter from Grand Lodge, establishing itself as a vital part of our community. On August 9, we will commemorate our lodge’s 123rd anniversary and it is my great honor to invite each and every one of our members to this celebration.

Join us in taking pride in the remarkable work accomplished over the past 123 years. Your support has made this possible, so let’s raise a glass to the continued success of our lodge. This lodge would not be what it is today without you; you are an essential part of it and deserve to be celebrated.

I look forward to seeing you there! Remember; mark your calendars for August 9 at the Santa Ana Lodge. Everyone is welcome.

Let me leave you with this thought: “May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” Charity, fellowship, and Elksdom are indeed the right path forward.

Elksdom—Love it, Live it.

## Esteemed Loyal Knight Brian Byrd



Can you believe it? It is already July! I would say that it was a busy June, in and out of the lodge, but after reviewing

my previous columns, it seems as though I state that every month. We have a very active lodge and also have some excellent committees that can elevate your Elk experience. You should get involved and have fun and meet new people and your new Elks family.

If this is the first time receiving the *ElkHorn*, then you must be a newer member. We have a special evening planned on July 11 from 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM. We are inviting those members who have been initiated in April, May and June to a night out at the lodge. This is a fabulous opportunity to meet some other new members who, like yourself, might be trying to figure out what is best fit to become active as an Elk. We will have our own ambassador of goodwill, DJ Ronnie, playing great music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Of course, there will be awesome food and drinks available. This is also an excellent environment to speak to the officers and many of the committee chairs to help you with your journey into Elksdom. Please call the lodge and make reservations to what will be a spectacular evening of fun. The lodge number is (714) 547-7794.

I would like to personally invite everyone who is spending time reading the *ElkHorn* (the #1 rated Elks newsletter in California and Hawaii) to attend the weekly meeting on Tuesdays at 7:30. I would

like to make a special request that newer members attend for at least five consecutive weeks after initiation so you can get a full spectrum of what we do as Elks. I also believe that it is very important for you to come see the initiation ritual a couple of times after your initiation so you can sit in a comfortable seat and really listen to all the parts of this unique and solemn ceremony.

The responsibility of investigation, orientation and initiation falls under my domain as the loyal knight. If you need any help navigating your Elks membership and are not sure who to reach out to, I am always available. My phone number and email are near the back of this newsletter.

Someone or something inspired you to join the Elks. So take advantage of the wonderful things we do for our communities and all the fun and friendship provided through your membership.

## Esteemed Lecturing Knight Karla Vigil



Karla wants to remind everyone to join us at the 4th of July Family Picnic. Look for her column in the August issue of the *ElkHorn*.

## General Manager John Moore



If you have been to the lodge recently, I hope you noticed that we have repaved, sealed and re-stripped the park-



ing lot, as did our great neighbor, the Orange County Credit Union with whom we share the lot. The lodge looks as good now as it did on opening day in 2019. We also replaced the gold carpet in our ballroom with a warm brown color and will soon replace the flooring in the Nest with a more durable laminate in preparation for the upcoming football season in September. To make the new floor official, we will ask Smiley to christen the floor by spilling the first beer!

Maintaining and continuing to improve your magnificent lodge is something the board of trustees and I agree on. We want to keep the lodge in tip top shape for future generation's enjoyment. Each year, our fantastic Santa Ana Emblem Club #530 buys us a gift. This year they purchased some new catering trays to make our food and dessert presentations more impressive for outside and Elk events. Thank you, Emblem Club for this donation. We really appreciate everything you do for the lodge.

One of the questions I am asked the most is "what is the upcoming lineup of the tribute bands concert series?" You can put the following on your calendar:

- **July 25: Journey**
- **August 22: Chicago**
- **September 12 :Tom Petty**
- **September 20: Oktoberfest** featuring the famous Da Stube Buben German Band
- **October 24 : Halloween Party** featuring the band Family Style
- **November 21: The Beatles**
- **December 20: Annual Feliz Navidad party** with the band Soto

Raise your hand if you've tried our new appetizer: chilled jumbo peel-and-eat shrimp? If not come on down—they are available 11:00 am until the kitchen closes on Tuesday through Sunday.



by Kellie Miller

This 4th of July we celebrate 249 years of American independence. As we enjoy our freedoms and festivities, it's important to reflect on the many men and women who fought to secure and preserve these freedoms for all of us.

June 14 marked the 250th birthday of the U.S. Army. Established by the Continental Congress in 1775, more than a year before the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Army was formed to lead the charge for liberty during the American Revolutionary War. Drawing from militia traditions and early professional standards, the Army became a symbol of unity and strength, rallying patriots in an eight-year struggle for independence.

June was also PTSD Awareness Month, a vital reminder that many of our veterans continue to fight silent battles long after their service ends. Although PTSD wasn't formally recognized until 1980, countless veterans have struggled with its effects throughout our nation's history. While the suicide rate among veterans has slightly decreased, approximately 17 veterans still die by suicide each day—a number far too high. Alarming trends show increases among women veterans and those honorably discharged from non-combat zones. One life lost is one too many!

June 12 was Women Veterans Day, a time to honor and support the growing number of women who have proudly served our country.

The American Legion's "Be The One" campaign encourages each of us to be a lifeline—listen without judgment, offer support and connect veterans to the resources they need. A simple act of kindness can make all the difference. Sit with someone before assuming why they're homeless, struggling or in crisis. Be the one!

As we move into July, please take time to recognize;

- July 25—National Hire a Veteran Day
- July 27—National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- July 29—U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

We salute all veterans and active-duty service members for their courage, sacrifice and service.

If you're interested in supporting our efforts, please consider joining the veterans committee. Email us at [veteransteam@elk794.org](mailto:veteransteam@elk794.org). We'd love to have you at our next meeting on Monday, July 15 at 6:00 pm at the lodge.

**Elks wear red on Fridays to show support for deployed service members. The tradition began in the early 2000s as a grassroots movement to remind people to show solidarity with US military personnel serving overseas. By wearing red, Elks send a visible, unified message of appreciation and support to the troops who can't be home with their families.**





## Introducing the new Santa Ana Elks Lodge Pin

by Joe Rodriguez

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 is proud to unveil our newly-designed lodge pin—an emblem that captures the heart of who we are as Elks and the values we uphold in the Orange Coast District.

This monumental pin design was created by our very own Joseph Rodriguez, whose artistic vision and deep understanding of Elkdom brought this symbol to life. Joseph's design embodies the City of Santa Ana and the core principles of our lodge: charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity—while proudly reflecting our standing among the Orange Coast District.

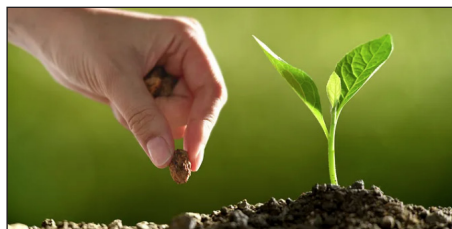
More than just a piece of memorabilia, this pin serves as a beacon of pride for all members of Lodge #794. It incorporates elements of Americanism, nods to our local heritage, and a style that's both timeless and meaningful. Whether worn at conventions, district meetings or simply around the lodge, it's a reminder of who we are and what we represent.

Special thanks go out to the members of the pin selection committee and house committee who

helped guide the process with integrity and a commitment to represent our lodge with honor. Through collaboration and a shared passion for our mission, the committees selected a design that truly speaks to the spirit of Santa Ana Elks.

The new lodge pin is now available through the secretary's office and will be featured at upcoming events. Wear it proudly—and let it spark conversation, connection, and community wherever you go.

## Planting Seeds



by Sue McKee  
*Investigation Committee Chair*

Have you ever considered sponsoring a new member to our lodge? The number of members in this lodge can only increase with your help. Ask your friends, family members and colleagues to join the Elks. Be proud to be an Elk and advertise all the good we do as an organization.

There are simple requirements for Elks membership:

- Be 21 years of age
- Believe in God
- Be a US citizen
- Be of good character
- Not be affiliated with any organization desiring to overthrow the U.S. government

What are your responsibilities as a sponsor of a new member? They do not end at your signing the prospective member's application to join Santa Ana #794. Your responsibilities also include the interview, orientation and installation.

## INTERVIEW

You, as the sponsor, will be interviewed about your candidate by a member of the investigation committee. The candidate will then be interviewed by the same member. After the interview, stay for dinner! This usually happens on the first Wednesday of the month, but not always. Check the online calendar. (SAElks.com/calendar)

## ORIENTATION

The candidate and his/her spouse/partner/guest will attend orientation. You should also attend to support them in this process. This is where the various Elks programs will be explained.

## INITIATION

The candidate will check in on orientation night at the front desk by 6:45 p.m. and pay their dues. The sponsor may join the candidate for dinner in the lounge before the meeting. The candidate will then go to the Nest at 7:15 p.m. for final initiation preparation. At this same time, you, as the sponsor, will present your membership card at the lodge room and be seated. At the close of the initiation ceremony and meeting, sponsors are asked to "pin" the new member whom they sponsored. Join your new member for drinks and snacks in the McCalla Lounge at the close of the meeting.

Does this end your responsibilities? No! You should continue to bring your new member to activities and encourage them to participate in as many events as possible. Plant the seed, and they will go forward and bring in new seeds. And thus, the process of receiving new members will continue and our membership will blossom and grow.



# The Elks and Patriotism: Inspiring National and Civic Pride

**A**s fireworks light up the night sky and the air fills with the sound of patriotic songs, the Fourth of July reminds us of the enduring spirit that defines America. It's a day to reflect on the freedoms we cherish, the sacrifices made to protect them and the shared values that unite us as a nation. Amid the picnics and barbecues, we celebrate not just our independence, but the resilience, diversity and opportunity that make us proud to call ourselves Americans.

It's also a day to be proud to be an Elk. Since the earliest days of the Order, patriotism has been among the many hallmarks that make the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks stand out from other fraternal organizations. With a membership composed entirely of U.S. citizens, the Elks are committed to promoting the principles of individual freedom, opportunity, and dignity.

## THE STARS AND STRIPES

Elks have always been moved in the presence of the flag of the United States of America, which is why, in 1907, Elks members adopted a resolution designating June 14 as Flag Day. In 1911, the Grand Lodge mandated that all local lodges observe Flag Day with appro-

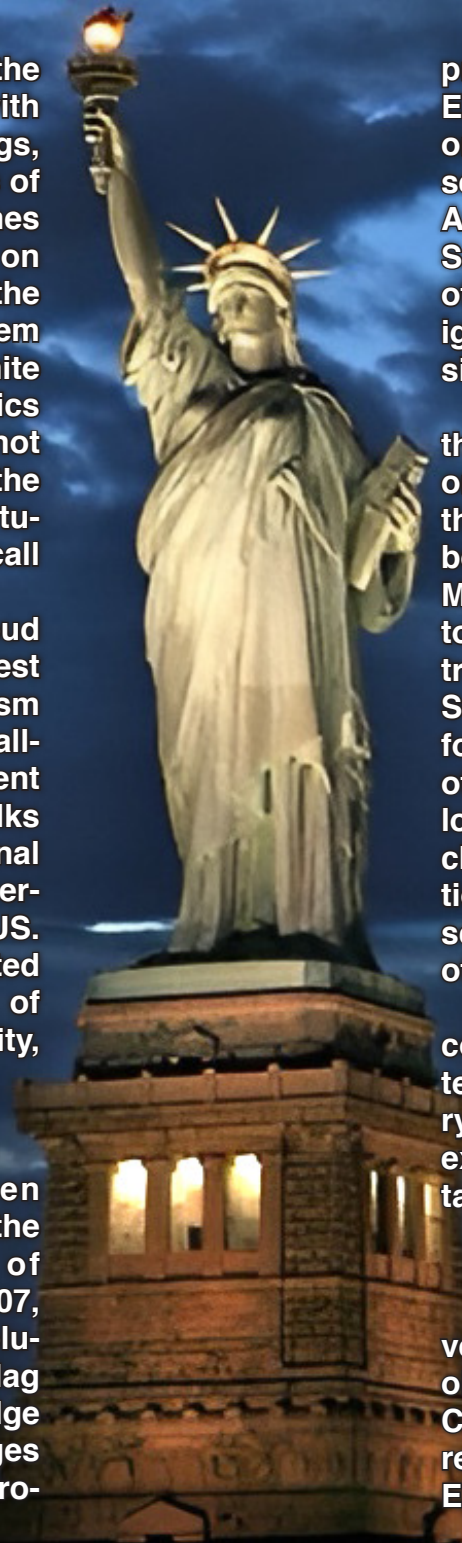
prate ceremonies, making the Elks the first national fraternal organization to require the observance of Flag Day. Finally, on August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman, himself a member of the Order, permanently designated June 14 as Flag Day by signing an act of Congress.

But observing Flag Day isn't the only way that the Order demonstrates its deep reverence for the banner that symbolically embodies the values of the nation. Many lodges give or sell flags to worthy groups and provide training in proper flag etiquette. Some lodges even provide flags for newly sworn citizens, while other lodges give flags to their local schools for display in the classroom and provide educational materials to help grade school students learn the Pledge of Allegiance.

Each year, Elks across the country sponsor essay contests that encourage elementary and high school students to explore why the flag is important in their lives.

## LADY LIBERTY

At their 1983 national convention, the Elks passed a resolution endorsing the Liberty Centennial Campaign's work to restore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and pledging its full







*Harry S. Truman, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the 33rd President of the United States designated June 14 to be national Flag Day.*

support to the campaign. For its part, the Order vowed to raise one million dollars in three years. Elks from across the country enthusiastically responded to the Order's pledge and by 1986 the Order had exceeded its original goal, contributing more than \$1.38 million to restore this treasured symbol of the nation's promise of freedom and opportunity.

### **THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL**

In 1999, the members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks gladly approved a resolution pledging an amount equal to one dollar per member to the National World War II Memorial. The memorial, which has been built on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., will preserve the memory of the more than 16 million people who served in World War II, the more than 400,000 who died and the millions more who made other sacrifices to support those in combat overseas. The Elks exceeded

their pledge, generating more than \$1.22 million for this monument of tribute.

### **CIVIC PRIDE**

In nearly 2,200 communities, local Elks lodges work valiantly to promote civic pride. Local lodges regularly hold functions to recognize and celebrate the achievements of local emergency services personnel, teachers, leading citizens, educators, students, and government officials. Elks also demonstrate the pride that they feel toward their communities by volunteering and making financial contributions to local charitable organizations.

### **IN DEFENSE OF THE NATION**

In times of war and international conflict, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has made considerable contributions to the nation's armed forces. The Order considers its work done to aid in the defense of the nation as one

of its proudest and most lasting achievements.

### **WORLD WAR I**

Elks patriotism and generosity helped the nation to victory in World War I. In 1917, the Grand Lodge allocated \$2 million to finance efforts to assist U.S. soldiers. The Order organized and equipped the first two base hospitals in France. And to accommodate the maimed and wounded, the Elks built a 700-bed reconstruction hospital and gave it to the War Department in 1918. This was the first of what were to become the Veterans Administration medical facilities. That same year, the Order built a 72-room community house to take care of the families visiting the 40,000 soldiers stationed at Camp Sherman, Ohio.

During the war, the Salvation Army was severely handicapped in its great efforts to aid servicemen by lack of funds. To make sure that this work continued, the Elks undertook campaigns to raise funds for the Salvation Army, and on many occasions the Elks assumed the entire cost of these undertakings. In addition, at Christmastime in 1918, the Order gave the Salvation Army \$60,000 to continue its programs.

Following the war's end, the Elks made 40,000 rehabilitation, vocational, and educational loans to disabled veterans who were ineligible for government help or who were waiting approval of their applications. This service was so effective that the government followed the Elks' example and established a revolving fund that was the precursor of the GI Bill.

More than 70,000 Elks served in the armed forces during World War I. More than 1,000 made the supreme sacrifice.



## WORLD WAR II

Throughout World War II, the Elks contributed to the war effort by providing for members of the armed forces both at home and abroad. By the time hostilities ceased, the Grand Lodge had spent more than \$1.5 million, while local lodges spent hundreds of thousands of dollars more to provide assistance to our men in uniform.

During World War II, Elks lodges spearheaded local recruitment efforts, directly helping to enlist more than 142,000 men into the armed forces as well as thousands of construction specialists who dramatically aided the war effort. Additionally, more than 400 lodges conducted refresher courses that qualified thousands of young men for training as army flying cadets.

The Order also realized the need to boost the morale of servicemen stationed far from home. Across the country, the Elks sponsored 155 Elks fraternal centers, where GIs were invited to relax, socialize, and enjoy the hospitality of the Elks. More than one million servicemen visited the center in New York City. For those serving overseas, the Elks prepared and sent care packages containing candy, personal grooming supplies, and other comforting items.

## KOREA AND VIETNAM

When war broke out in Korea in 1950, the Elks responded by sending gift packs to those serving their country as they had done in World War II. In 1951, the secretary of defense appealed to the Order for help in procuring blood for the wounded. Within a few months, Elks lodges obtained more than half a million pints.

During the Vietnam War, the Elks again answered the call by

beginning the Letters from Home campaign. Elks members from across the country flooded our young servicemen and women with letters expressing gratitude for the sacrifices they were making on behalf of the nation. In addition to the letters, the Order provided care packages to soldiers.

## OPERATION DESERT STORM AND BEYOND

As in previous conflicts, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks stood ready to aid the men and women of the U.S. armed forces when the Gulf War commenced. Once again, the Elks mounted a letter writing campaign to thank these patriots for their dedicated service, and gift packs for soldiers were provided as they had been in the past.

At the close of the Gulf War, many Elks lodges made arrangements to host ceremonies honoring the brave soldiers returning from the conflict in the Middle East, making the Order one of the first organizations to formally welcome these veterans home.

And now the Elks have stepped forward yet again to help our armed forces. Today, the Army of Hope is charged with assisting the families of those in uniform with their needs at home.

Through these programs and many others, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has truly established itself as a leading force in promoting the values that help shape and strengthen the United States. As we reflect on the meaning of Independence Day, the contributions of the Elks serve as a powerful reminder that honoring our heritage and fostering national pride is a tradition worth preserving—and passing on to future generations.



## Classic Journey performs at Lodge

Get ready for Southern California's most exciting Journey tribute act—Classic Journey! On Friday, July 25 at the lodge, this incredible band will recreate the unforgettable sound and feel of one of the most influential eras in rock history.

Led by powerhouse vocalist Chad Smith, Classic Journey delivers all the iconic anthems and emotional ballads that defined a generation. From “*Don’t Stop Believin’*” to “*Any Way You Want It*” and “*Who’s Crying Now*”, you’ll be singing along all night long.

And that’s not all. Because the ‘80s weren’t just about Journey, don’t be surprised if you hear a few classics from TOTO, Foreigner and other legendary bands that made the decade so unforgettable.

The evening starts at 6:00 pm with a delicious dinner buffet featuring a clam chowder bar, big green salad, fresh fruit salad, carved baron of beef with mashed potatoes, carved turkey with stuffing, cranberry sauce and gravy, and shrimp scampi pasta. For dessert, there’s Ghiradelli chocolate cookies served with a Buena Vista Irish Coffee bar.

Tickets are \$60 each and available at [SAElks.com](http://SAElks.com). But seating is limited, so don’t wait!

Come relive the magic of Journey and the best of the ‘80s. It’s going to be a night to remember!





## **RICK ROSS ELKS OLYMPIC GAMES**

### **Going for the Gold at the Rick Ross District Games**

*by Sue McKee  
Olympics Chair*

Did you miss the fun of participating in the Rick Ross Orange Coast District Games last year (AKA Olympics)? Don't worry. Signups for this year's games are about to begin. The games are played at the various lodges in the Orange Coast District. You don't even have to get on an airplane! 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, bowling, and many more. New events this year will be archery and rimfire caliber rifle and pistol shooting.

The opening ceremony will be Sunday, September 21 at noon at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge. We will need participants for the various events as well as cheering fans! Sign-up sheets will be available soon. Get ready!

New T-shirts will be available for purchase on our website. Santa Ana's color will be gold this year

since we are going for the gold! Don't be left out! Order now!

If you would like to help organize our teams, please see Sue McKee, olympic chair and officer at large. To learn more go to [SAElks.com/news](http://SAElks.com/news).

## **Two Red Cross Blood Drives Scheduled for July**



Community spirit is alive and well at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge as it partners with the American Red Cross to host not one but two life-saving blood drives in July. Being held on Monday, July 7 and Monday July 21, the events reinforce the lodge's long-standing tradition of civic engagement and community spirit.

With blood supplies critically low across the country, the need for donations has never been more urgent. The Elks Lodge is stepping up to meet that need, transforming the lodge room into a temporary donation center complete with registration tables, donation beds and a refreshment area staffed by volunteers.

"We're proud to support the Red Cross and provide a space where our members can give back in such

a meaningful way," said Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker. "Every pint of blood donated can save up to three lives. That's a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together."

Through the drives, which run from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm both days, the lodge hopes to exceed last year's totals and even exceed initial goals set by organizers. Red Cross representatives will be on-site to oversee donations, ensure safety protocols and thank donors for their contributions.

Trustee and Past Exalted Ruler Buck Kuhns, who has organized the drives over the past several years, said "It's just a part of who we are—Elks care and Elks share. I'm grateful that our lodge continues to be a place where good things happen."

The blood drives are part of a broader initiative by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to support public health efforts nationwide. With thousands of lodges across the U.S., the Elks have long played a crucial role in supporting veterans, youth and community wellness projects.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be in good health and feeling well, be at least 16 years old, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Each donation typically takes about an hour. You can sign up for one or the other drive, but not both.

Donors who sign up for the July 7 date get a customizable pair of Red Cross x goodr sunglasses. If you sign up for the July 21 date, you'll receive a Fandango movie ticket by email. And for either date, you'll receive a coupon worth 20% your next lodge meal.

Sign up to donate blood at [SAElks.com/blood](http://SAElks.com/blood) and invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Be a hero, donate blood!

## Engines & Elks: Santa Ana Lodge Hosts 3rd Annual Car & Motorcycle Show



It's time to rev up your summer plans because the Santa Ana Elks Lodge is bringing the heat with its third annual car and motorcycle show on Sunday August 3. This beloved community event promises a day full of chrome, classics and community spirit, all in support of local Santa Ana charities.

Held in the spacious lodge parking lot, the show welcomes all makes, models and years of cars and motorcycles, offering something

for every kind of gearhead and enthusiast. Whether you're into vintage rides, muscle cars, choppers or custom builds, this event is set to be a virtual one-day showing of incredible automotive art.

Check-in for participating vehicles begins at 7:00 am with the show itself running from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Entry fees are \$35 for automobiles and \$25 for motorcycles, with a group discount available for clubs or groups of

ten or more. Best of all, spectator admission is free, making it a perfect outing for families, friends and fans of all ages.

Beyond the gleaming hoods and roaring engines, the event will also feature:

- Vendor booths with unique finds and local goods
- Raffle drawings with exciting prizes
- Delicious food and refreshing beverages
- Live DJ music to keep the vibes rolling.

And when the engines quiet down, the party shifts inside: a live band will take the stage in the Grand Ballroom, capping off the day with music and celebration.

With 100% of the proceeds going to benefit local charities, this event isn't just a car show—it's a heartfelt contribution to the Santa Ana community.

To register your vehicle, visit [SAElks.com/carshow](http://SAElks.com/carshow). Don't miss this fun-filled day of horsepower, hospitality and hometown pride at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, where community drives everything!

## MNF Raises Money for Charity at Golf Tournament

It's July and the summer couldn't get any hotter if you've been following the MNF committee. Fresh off a hugely successful golf tournament, the committee is hosting a deep-sea fishing outing on Saturday July 12!

The golf tournament was held for the third year, at the Willowick Golf Course here in Santa Ana. This year was truly special as we renamed our tournament. One of our members, Bob Woolford, was an avid golfer and a dedicated volunteer and member of our lodge. Sadly, we lost Bob to cancer last year. Bob was always a part of our golfing activities, and he was a regular donor of

golf balls, tees, ball repair tools, just about whatever we needed for our tournaments as well as gift baskets for Monday Night Football. Even in his last few months, pushing through the fight, he was putting together bags of goodies. He also never lost his sense of humor and his smile. To honor him, we have renamed our tournament the "Bob Woolford Memorial Charity Golf Tournament". Golf chair Smiley Hernandez added, "Bob was always willing to help and even if he wasn't asked, he was always offering or giving us something. We couldn't have picked a better person to name our tournament after". *Continued page 14)*



# July

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4th of July Family Picnic</b> 	<b>1</b> No Lodge Meeting BOT 4:00 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm	<b>2</b>  Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm		<b>3</b> All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 6:00-10 pm	<b>4</b> 4th of July Family Picnic 11 am-4 pm 	<b>5</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon
	GRAND LODGE CONVENTION					
<b>6</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	<b>7</b> Lodge Closed Red Cross Blood Drive 10:00 - 4:00 pm  Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>8</b> Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm HC Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday 	<b>9</b> Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm Investigation 3:30 - 6:30 pm	<b>10</b> All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 6:00-10 pm 	<b>11</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Friday Fun Night with DJ Ronnie 6:00 - 10:00 pm	<b>12</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Jerome Dean 7-11 pm 
<b>13</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	<b>14</b> Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	<b>15</b> Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm Veterans CMTE 6:00 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm	<b>16</b> Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	<b>17</b> All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm Emblem 6:30 pm 	<b>18</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Larry Fresch 7:00 - 10:00 pm	<b>19</b> Casino Trip- 7:00 am Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation - Noon The Grumps 7:00 pm 
<b>20</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	<b>21</b> Lodge Closed Blood Drive 10:00 - 4:00 pm Charity Committee 2:00 pm  Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>22</b> Identity Theft/ Fraud Seminar 1:00 noon Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm HC Meeting 5:00 pm	<b>23</b> Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	<b>24</b> All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm Nomads 6:00 pm	<b>25</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Journey Tribute Concert 6:00 pm 	<b>26</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon
<b>27</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Get Together USA 99 Band 1:00-6:00 pm	<b>28</b> Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>29</b> Sea, Steak & Stogies Scholarship Fundraising Dinner 6:00 pm 	<b>30</b> Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	<b>31</b> All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 6:00-10 pm 	 Download the MyElks app	

# August

**LODGE HOURS:** CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS 11 AM-10 PM; FRIDAYS 11 AM-6 AM, SATURDAYS 11 AM-1 AM, SUNDAYS 9 AM-6 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
<b>Elks Care - Elks Share</b>						<b>1</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm 
						<b>2</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Trivia Tournament of Champions 6:20 pm
<b>3</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Car Show 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 	<b>4</b> Bingo 6:15 pm 	<b>5</b> Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	<b>6</b> Investigation 3:30 - 6:30 pm Birthdays/Pasta 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	<b>7</b> Regular Menu All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm 	<b>8</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Thelma & Louise 7:00 pm <b>THELMA &amp; LOUISE</b>	<b>9</b>  Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Wine Tasting 1:00 - 4:00 pm Lodge Birthday Luau
<b>10</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	<b>11</b> Bingo 6:15 pm 	<b>12</b>  Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Purple Pig Day Taco Tuesday	<b>13</b> Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	<b>14</b> Regular Menu All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	<b>15</b>  Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm DJ Ronnie 7:00 pm	<b>16</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation - Noon Jerome Dean 7:00 - 10:00 pm
<b>17</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	<b>18</b> Charity Cmte 2:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>19</b> Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm Taco Tuesday	<b>20</b> Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	<b>21</b> All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Nomads 6:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	<b>22</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Chicago Concert 	<b>23</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon 
<b>24</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	<b>25</b> Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>26</b>  Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	<b>27</b> Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	<b>28</b> Regular Menu All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	<b>29</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm	<b>30</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Larry Fresch 7:00-10:00 pm 
<b>31</b> Sunday Get Together the Grumps 2:00 - 5:00 pm						



## MNF GOLF (continued from page 11)

The top three teams took home some hardware, and they finished in the following order: First Place: The Cabron's; Second Place: Pin High and Third Place: The Gophers. The longest drive competition was won by Henri Herrera and closest to the pin was won by Dan Breece. Everyone enjoyed the taco stand, the bloody mary station and, probably most of all, a chance to buy some mulligans.

The post-tournament luncheon back at the lodge capped a perfect day of golf and fun. Thank you to all the golfers and volunteers for putting it all together, and a big thank you to all our sponsors. Aptiva Care Management was our lone Gold Sponsor again this year. Without all of you we couldn't have been so successful!

June 14, several of our committee members also helped with The HIVE annual graduation picnic at Irvine Park. Several committee members helped transport the kids to and from, grilled up some hot dogs and carne asada and ran the game activities.

Coming soon is our casino bus trip to Harrah's Casino on July 19, so you better call the lodge now to see if there are any seats left.

Most importantly, there are only 66 days remaining before football! Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 04 to be at the lodge. It's going to be our biggest and best start to the season yet!



## Purple Pig Update

My name is Michele Joyce and I'm honored to serve as the new Purple Pig chairman for Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794. It's a privilege to be part of a program that exemplifies our commitment to helping children with disabilities through the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMPI)

As many of you know, our Purple Pig program is the heartbeat of our charitable giving. Every coin dropped into those little purple banks goes directly to funding therapy services—physical, occupational and speech—provided free of charge to children in need. This year I'm excited to bring fresh energy to our fundraising efforts. Here are few things to look forward to:

- **Pig Pick-Ups & Promotions**—  
I'll be collecting full pigs

around the lodge and handing out fresh ones. Let's see which member or group can fill the most pigs in 2025.

- **Purple Pig Events**—We'll host fun activities like our popular Purple Pig races, raffles and challenges to raise both funds and awareness.
- **Major Project Spotlights**—Each month, I'll share stories and updates on how your donations are making a difference in children's lives.

Our goal is not just to raise money, but to build a strong sense of pride and purpose around this iconic Elks program. So keep feeding those pigs, talk to your fellow members and get involved. If you'd like to help with Purple Pig collections, host a fundraiser, or have a fun idea to share, please reach out. Together we can continue to make a major impact, one coin at a time. ([www.SAElks.com/purplepig](http://www.SAElks.com/purplepig).)

## Elks Baseball Team Wins Championship



How much better can it get? Last year, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 formed a baseball team—and we went out and won the championship. This year we did it again—Back-to-back champions!

The 14-7 win was a true team effort with clutch hitting, standout defense and solid pitching all coming together when it mattered most. The team played like brothers.

Big thanks to the loyal fans who showed up and cheered each week.

# FISHING TRIP

**Saturday, July 12, 6:30 - 11:30 am**

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# A Night to Savor: Lodge Hosts Epicurean Steak, Lobster, Wine & Cigar Night

Back by delicious demand, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge is proud to present another edition of its Epicurean Steak, Wine & Cigar Night on Tuesday, July 29 at 6:00 pm—this time with an entirely new menu designed to delight the senses and elevate the evening.

Set for an elegant night of indulgence, guests will begin the experience in the Emerald Room, where no-host cocktails and a sophisticated selection of appetizers set the tone.

- Bruschetta with toast points
- Keilbasa wrapped in puff pastry with nine-grain mustard dipping sauce
- Mozzarella and tomato skewers with balsamic drizzle

To complement the appetizers, guests will enjoy DAOU Paso Robles Rosé, a vibrant wine known for its floral aromas and bright fruit notes—a perfect prelude to what's to come.

From there, the evening transitions to the Club California Patio where diners will be seated for an unforgettable culinary journey.

- **Starter:** Shrimp Louie salad served with warm sourdough rolls
- **Entrée:** Surf & Turf — Filet mignon paired with a tender lobster tail served with root vegetables and cottage herbed potatoes. Oven-roasted chicken is an alternative entrée for those who prefer.

Dinner will be beautifully paired with Angeline Pinot Noir

from Mendocino County—a light, clean wine with notes of sliced strawberry and citrus, offering a refined, authentic Pinot character.

To finish the evening, guests will indulge in espresso chip coffee ice cream served on a decadent chocolate fudge cookie, providing a sweet and satisfying close to the meal.

The entire experience—wine, food, service and ambiance—is offered at \$70 per person, inclusive of tax and tip.

And for those who wish to extend the evening with a fine cigar, Tony's Fine Cigars will be on-site offering premium selections. Guests are also welcome to bring their own cigars. Non-smokers are equally welcome to enjoy the festivities.

Tickets are available now online at SAElk.com. Don't miss this elevated night of fine dining, premium wine and classic Elks camaraderie.

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## New Candidates for Membership

CANDIDATE .....	OCCUPATION .....	PROPOSER
Allen Mault.....	Retired .....	Loree Clever
Brian Wade.....	Computer Programmer.....	Ida Wade
Chris Reed.....	Retired .....	Sandra Cullum
Daniel Marquez .....	School Employee .....	Lori Gallagher
Diane "Dee Dee" McNally.....	Parade Director .....	Transfer from Orange
George Sobota .....	Improvement Advisor .....	Ronnie Harrell
Jesus A. Segura .....	Retired .....	Rudy A. Ruvalcava
Jimmy G. Anaya .....	Retired .....	Linda Fernandez
Laura Lynn Cook-North .....	Travel Agent/Agency Owner.....	Holman Dale Cook
Loren Webb.....	Marketing Manager.....	Ronnie Harrell
Mario Melendez .....	Food and Beverage .....	James Austin
Mark S. Gay.....	Retired Engineer - AT & T .....	Jack Waldo
Matthew Speer .....	Software Developer .....	Marcia Pina
Michael James North.....	Travel Agency Owner.....	Holman Dale Cook
Robert McElney .....	Retired .....	Ben Agajanian
Ryan Zoss .....	Finance.....	Vincent Lopez
Simon Gounder .....	Executive Director .....	Mark Tyler
Tracie Luna.....	Division Administrative Assistant .....	Rudy Luna Jr.
William R. Ludes Sr .....	Retired .....	Brad Ludes



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# Celebrating July Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, July 2

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, July 2 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

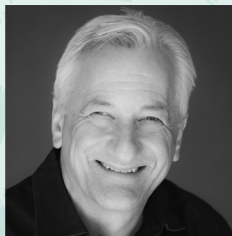
7/1..... Pamela Bordin	7/9..... David Madrid	7/17..... Edward Rubio
7/1..... James Bragstad	7/9..... Gary Neshanian	7/18..... Chrisjohn Briones
7/1..... Felix Figueroa	7/9..... Lisa Vargas	7/18..... Kristina Coyte
7/1..... Wendy Harris	7/10..... Julie Barker	7/18..... Adam Rios
7/1..... Richard Klarmann	7/10..... John Donaldson	7/18..... Constance Worden
7/1..... Brenda Matthews	7/10..... Jeffrey Hutton	7/19..... Heather Chiapuzio
7/1..... Denise Noriega	7/10..... Jose Meza	7/19..... Nathan Hittle
7/2..... W. Robert Crumpton	7/10..... Steven Wallace	7/19..... Sandra Martin
7/2..... Charles Denmark	7/11..... Laura Helm-Gasga	7/19..... Jason Mirth
7/2..... Justin Peister	7/11..... Jason Jacobsen	7/19..... Reva Renz
7/2..... Jamie Spence	7/11..... Julie Newman	7/19..... Robert Zeppieri
7/2..... Mark Spratt	7/11..... Araceli Ochoa	7/20..... Sandy Marquez
7/2..... Mario Tapia	7/11..... Melvin Steiner	7/20..... Linda Trang
7/3..... Frank Alvarado	7/11..... Kevin Tsang	7/21..... Frank Chavez
7/3..... Thomas Black	7/11..... Marshall Yelverton	7/21..... Jason Mastella
7/3..... Monte Floyd	7/12..... Beatriz Chavez	7/21..... Scott Melvin
7/3..... Tausha Mitcham	7/12..... Jorge Morales	7/21..... Kihei Otani
7/3..... Paul Rodriguez	7/12..... Arthur Tejada	7/21..... Roy Ruiz
7/3..... Kay Workman	7/13..... Charles Denmark, Jr	7/21..... Juliann Stanley
7/4..... John Barna	7/13..... Michael Flynn	7/22..... Melissa Callaghan
7/4..... Arnold Campos	7/13..... Thomas Munoz	7/22..... David Espinoza
7/4..... Nancy Gipson	7/13..... James Peterson	7/22..... Bernadette Lazzara
7/4..... Robin Hoff	7/13..... Andrew Purmort	7/22..... Ida Merline
7/4..... Richard Mc Henry	7/13..... Donald Wagner	7/22..... Alejandro Tapia
7/4..... Robert Myers	7/14..... Pierre Bergstrom	7/23..... Bruce Benson
7/4..... Juan Rodriguez	7/14..... David Borjas	7/23..... William Mazurie
7/5..... Patty Araujo	7/14..... Gregory Hoskins	7/23..... Christian Ruoff
7/5..... Judy Behnke	7/14..... Robert Krmpotich	7/24..... Victor Lazaro
7/5..... Glenn Mahler	7/14..... George Lazaruk	7/24..... Michael Mundy
7/5..... Susan Paley	7/14..... Charles Muro	7/24..... Sandra (Sandi) Neal
7/5..... James Stewart	7/14..... Duc Nguyen	7/24..... Alicia Saporito
7/6..... Dino Bica	7/14..... Calvino Rossetti	7/25..... Joseph Baltes
7/6..... Kent Dickinson	7/14..... Amanda Wright	7/25..... Mike Barth
7/6..... Richard Evans	7/15..... Enriqueta Andersson	7/25..... Scott Maher
7/6..... Susan Hines	7/15..... Robert Jenkins	7/25..... Joseph Morrissey
7/6..... James Olds	7/15..... Lauren Ruseler	7/25..... Richard Ruiz
7/6..... Patricia Schuck	7/15..... Robert Shirey	7/25..... Jennifer Wang
7/7..... Jeffrey Filley	7/15..... Theresa Thompson	7/26..... Jose Andrade
7/7..... Cynthia Germain	7/15..... Brandon Turonek	7/26..... Maryann Cazzell
7/7..... Gerald Halberg	7/15..... Robert Von Rehder	7/27..... Selica Diaz
7/7..... Cynthia Lambert	7/16..... Rochelle Bennett	7/27..... Nancy Fetta
7/7..... Brad Maurer	7/16..... Anh Dufour	7/27..... Matthew Holland
7/7..... Ricardo Ortiz	7/16..... Lisa Frank	7/27..... Jon Jumper
7/7..... Scott Urschel	7/16..... Astrid Hagen	7/27..... Steven Stover
7/8..... Rod Arredondo	7/16..... Sam Hernandez	7/28..... John Demonaco
7/8..... Daniel Grisct	7/16..... George Honer	7/28..... Richard Mendez
7/8..... Paulette Hernandez	7/16..... Edward Thaete	7/28..... Colleen Perry
7/9..... Terrence Dakin	7/17..... Melanie Belger	7/28..... Cory Vigil
7/9..... Mark George	7/17..... Arturo Colchado	7/29..... Candace Kenney
7/9..... Garrett Hansen	7/17..... Victor Delgado	7/30..... Eva Anthony
7/9..... Michael Hatcher	7/17..... Byron Ellison	7/30..... Dwight Avery
		7/30..... Patricia Blyleven
		7/30..... Lawrence Mujica
		7/30..... Denise Ramirez
		7/30..... Victor Stepanenko
		7/30..... Phillip Sullivan
		7/31..... Denise Byrd
		7/31..... Karin Marquez
		7/31..... Stephanie Najera
		7/31..... Pat Parr





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Prepare for a day of excitement and good fortune! MNF is excited to invite you on a day trip to Harrah's Casino in San Diego on Saturday, July 19. It's the perfect getaway for anyone who enjoys gaming, shopping, dining or simply relaxing with good company.

This one-day adventure is open to all (both Elks and non-Elks) and promises something for everyone. Whether you're hoping to try your luck on the slot machines, browse the shops or share a delicious meal, this is your chance to do it all—no

extensive planning needed, just bring your sense of humor and maybe a lucky rabbit's foot.

You'll have five glorious hours at the casino (excluding travel time - because who doesn't love a good bus ride?)

The bus will depart the Santa Ana Elks Lodge at 7:00 am and leave for the return trip at 2:00 pm, arriving around 3:30 pm. The cost is \$50 per person which includes a \$10 tip for our professional driver.

You can purchase your tickets online at [SAElks.com](http://SAElks.com).

Two buses will be available with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Note that all tickets are non-refundable and seating is limited and selling fast

So gather your crew, grab your lucky charm and join us for a fantastic day trip filled with entertainment, great company and the thrill of the casino floor. Whether you're a seasoned player or just along for the ride, this is sure to be a memorable experience!



## Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

**Beginning Membership Total 4/1/25.....1845**  
**INCREASES**

Initiated.....	39
Affiliated.....	3
Reinstated.....	0
Subtotal.....	42

### DECREASES

Dropped.....	4
Transferred Out.....	8
Absolute Dimit.....	0
Deaths.....	2
Expelled.....	0
Subtotal.....	14
<b>Calculated Membership Total.....</b>	<b>1874</b>
<b>CLMS Active Members.....</b>	<b>1874</b>
<b>Average Age.....</b>	<b>63.41</b>
<b>Gain/Loss.....</b>	<b>28</b>

### DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	0
One Year.....	328
Over One Year.....	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>328</b>
<b>Lapsation Rate.....</b>	<b>17.77%</b>

### APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting.....	4
Ready for investigation.....	12
Ready for balloting.....	32
Ready for orientation.....	8
Ready for Initiation.....	9
Ready for Affiliation.....	0
Ready for Reinstatement.....	4
Other.....	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>69</b>

### LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members.....	76
Honorary Life Members.....	2
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Life Percentage.....</b>	<b>4.23%</b>

## Criers Corner and Winners 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. Be a winner and attend Tuesday lodge meetings!



**May 13 - \$50**

*Ricolas Riviera, Henrietta Herrera was present and donated the money to the Backpack Drive*

**May 20- \$50**

*Rebecca Ramirez, Lizz Matin, Alvaro Nunez*

**May 27 - \$55**

*Betty Moran, Savvas Roubanis, Jessica Cha*

**June 3 - \$60**

*Scott Gibbs, Jonathan Juarez, Ida Merline*





The 2025-2026 California/Hawaii Elks Association district deputy grand exalted ruler for the Orange Coast District is Bryan Baker, PER from the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge #1767. Baker will travel throughout California and Hawaii visiting all eight lodges in the Orange Coast District sharing the message of Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan R. Klatt. Baker will visit the Santa Ana Lodge on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. All are welcome and encouraged to attend his visitation.

## Bryan Baker, Orange Coast District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

**B**ryan Scott Baker is a native Californian, having spent the majority of his life in Southern California with brief chapters in Waltham, Massachusetts, and Seattle, Washington. He currently lives in Huntington Beach with his fiancé, Nicole Sato—California-Hawaii Elks Association chaplain. Remarkably, the two not only share a deep commitment to Elksdom but also the same birthday (month, day, and year) and the same initiation date into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

When they're not busy with their lodge responsibilities or other Elk commitments, Bryan and Nicole enjoy traveling—whether it's a weekend staycation or a cruise to a far-off destination, they love exploring the world together.



Bryan's professional journey began as a high school beach lifeguard in Huntington Beach and Newport Beach. He went on to attend Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts before

entering the tech industry. His early career included a role at a small software consulting firm in Los Angeles, where he helped develop high-traffic websites such as the Academy Awards and SuperBowl.com. After working at several startups, Bryan joined Microsoft Corporation in Southern California, supporting major regional clients in adopting Microsoft technologies. He later moved to Redmond, Washington, to work on the Microsoft Office team.

Eventually returning to Southern California, Bryan launched his own consulting firm with offices in California, Washington, and India—a business he continues to lead today.

In 2016, a longtime friend proposed Bryan for membership to the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge #1767, recognizing that the lodge's mission and camaraderie aligned

perfectly with Bryan's values. Since joining, Bryan has held numerous leadership roles, including two terms as chairman of the board, twice awarded officer of the year, and was exalted ruler in 2019–2020. He spearheaded several successful and ongoing lodge programs that remain central to the lodge's activities, including chairing the lodge renovation committee.

Bryan is also a certified word judge, calculator judge, and floor judge and has word judged at the state level. At the district level, he has served in various leadership roles, including business practices chairman (a three-year term), COVID advisor, and Americanism chairman. In 2021–2022, he served as esquire to District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Jackie Lynn Defries. More recently, he

served as association vice president for the Orange Coast District in 2023–2024 serving under Ted Talbot, secretary for the 2025 CHEA state convention and vice-chair of the newly launched CHEA learning series for 2024–2025.

On Wednesday, July 2, 2025, in Kansas City, Missouri, Bryan will be installed as the district deputy grand exalted ruler for the Orange Coast District #0960. His slogan for the year, "Stay Calm and Journey On", is a tribute to the wisdom of his late mentor, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Stanley Malkin who often reminded others, "Don't sweat the small stuff." Bryan's message encourages fellow Elks to focus on the big picture and enjoy the journey of service, leadership, and community.

## Lodge Places 3rd at Tustin Street Fair And Chili Cook-Off

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge famous chili brought the heat at the Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off, Sunday, June 1, earning the lodge third place for best commercial chili.

While the judges ranked it third, the crowd definitely had their say—**over 80 gallons** of our legendary chili were served to eager attendees, making it a clear fan favorite!

The best part? As a Santa Ana Elk, you don't have to wait for a street fair—our award-winning chili is always available on the lodge menu. Come by and enjoy a bowl of the chili everyone's talking about!

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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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