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Exalted Ruler Eli Morales



April marks the beginning of a new Elk year and gives us a chance to reflect on what we've accom-

plished and what lies ahead for our lodge. It's also a time of transition, a changing of the guard, when we recognize those who have led us over the past year and welcome those stepping forward to serve in the year ahead.

First and foremost, I want to extend sincere thanks to our outgoing exalted ruler, Mark Schauwecker. It has truly been a privilege to be part of your year. On behalf of our lodge, thank you for your commitment, leadership, and the many hours you dedicated to Santa Ana Lodge #794—a job well done.

I would also like to recognize several officers whose service concludes this year. Chuck Kupfer, esquire, your preparation and dedication to representing our lodge with true Elkcellence set a high standard for all of us. To our chaplain, Garlin Flynn, thank you for your many years of service and for

reminding us through your prayers that our mission is always bigger than ourselves. Cathy Pouchie and George Salazar, who served as inner guards, thank you for your dedication and commitment. Special mentioned to Cathy for honoring our lodge by winning first place in our ritual competition. And to our tilers, Connie Foley and Andy Matthews, thank you for your steady efforts each week in carrying out the important duties of the tiler—each position is as important as all others. These officers gave their time, energy, and effort to help ensure the continued success of Santa Ana Lodge #794, and their contributions are sincerely appreciated.

As we begin the new year, we also introduce the theme that will guide us forward: “Commitment to Elkcellence.” For me, this means reconnecting with the values that define who we are as Elks. While charity is a cornerstone of our organization, one of the most meaningful forms of charity we share is fellowship within our own lodge. The friendships we build, the support we give one another and the sense of belonging we create together are what truly make our lodge strong. If we focus on this, I truly believe there will be nothing that we will not be able to do. Most

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

TIKI BAR NIGHT
April 9

MAGIC CASTLE NIGHT
April 11

BOOGIE BINGO
April 16

MANGO BAND
April 18

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

importantly, along the way we will find we made a difference. But it begins at home, with your fellow Elks. I invite you to come in and experience what it really means to be an Elk. See you at our lodge, see you at our meetings.

Finally, I want to welcome the new officers who have volunteered to serve this year. I won't list them here, because I encourage everyone to come to our meetings and meet them in person. Their willingness to step forward and serve shows a true commitment to Elk-celence.

The year ahead holds great promise. Let's move forward together—with renewed energy, strong fellowship, and pride in what it means to be an Elk.

Elkdom: Love It, Live It.

Esteemed Leading Knight Brian Byrd



As we close out an incredible Elk year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful members. Together, we have created a year filled with charity, brotherly love, and fidelity. Through the dedication of so many Elks, we have proudly served our community in countless meaningful ways.

As we begin a new Elk year, we are presented with even more opportunities to contribute to the success of our lodge and the communities we serve. I encourage each of you to get involved—be a part of the fun, the fellowship, and the difference we make together.

With our officers stepping into new roles and responsibilities,

your continued support is more important than ever. We are committed to serving our community and upholding all that Elkdom represents. Join us at our Tuesday meetings at 7:30 PM to take part in the decision-making, share your voice, and enjoy the camaraderie.

I would also like to personally thank Mark Schauwecker for his outstanding leadership over the past year. Your dedication has helped move our lodge forward, and we are truly grateful. Please know that you will continue to have the full support of our officers in whatever Elkdom has in store for you.

In addition, I would like to recognize and congratulate our new exalted ruler, Eli Morales. Your officer corps stands firmly behind you, ready to support your leadership as we continue building a strong and vibrant lodge.

Before I close, I want to highlight a couple of important opportunities for the coming year. First, if you want to experience the very best of Elkdom, consider supporting the Purple Pig (CHEA Major Projects) or the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Both make a profound difference in the lives of those in need. The Purple Pig provides vital services to children with disabilities and their families, while the ENF gives back to lodges through grants and scholarships. In fact, contributions made through our lodge often return twofold—and both are tax-deductible.

Lastly, do you, your family, or your friends, enjoy Bingo? Join us on Mondays for a fun evening with a chance to win! We are always looking for volunteers as well—many hands make for a great time.

In closing, let's make this a fantastic month and an even better 2026–2027 Elk year.

Esteemed Loyal Knight Karla Vigil



Can you believe we are now beginning the month of April? Wow, where is the time going?

As we step into a new lodge year, there are so many wonderful things ahead. Our lodge continues to thrive because of the dedication and participation of our members. I encourage everyone to come out, show support and get involved in some way with the many charitable committees and programs that make such a difference in our community.

Please remember to continue visiting our lodge website (SAElks.com) for the latest information and upcoming events. Our weekly Tuesday meetings begin at 7:30 PM, and new and longtime members alike are always welcome to attend and see what your lodge is all about.

At this time, I ask our members to keep our new officers in your prayers and positive thoughts as they prepare for ritual competition. They have been working tirelessly for months, dedicating their time and effort to perfecting their ritual charge. This year is especially exciting as the competition will once again be held in our own lodge. We are proud of the commitment and hard work they are putting in and look forward to cheering them on as they represent our lodge with pride.

Together, we are setting the tone for a wonderful year ahead—one centered on charity, community, and the continued spirit of Elkdom.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Rachel Snell



I am very excited to be installed as the lecturing knight for the 2026-2027 Elk year. We will have a

fantastic year, and I welcome you to embark on this journey with me.

As the ritual team prepares for the annual competition, the lecturing knight's charge, brotherly love, promotes compassion and kindness. When I think of brotherly love, I think of those of us who provided end of life care for loved ones, advocated for those who could not defend or advocate for themselves, or supported others in need—whether it was an ear to bend or a shoulder to cry on.

When it seems like kindness and compassion are at an all-time low, brotherly love gives us hope that someone will grasp our hands in friendship. While we all have faults and experienced wrong for no reason, we are blessed that as Elks, we write faults in the sand and virtues on tablets of love and memory.

As part of brotherly love, the lecturing knight carries out its charge in other ways. From the Wally Dietrich awards to Saint Paddy's Day, I look forward to coordinating all the various activities under this chair. This includes activities related to scholarships, drug awareness, hoop shoot, and everything in between. Whether you are a first timer, a many-timer, or a no-timer at the lodge, please consider joining me this year in honoring brotherly love and making a difference in

General Manager John Moore



We kick off April in true Santa Ana Elks style—BUSY! We welcome our new ex-

alted ruler, Eli Morales, and First Lady Chrissy in with our elegant Inaugural Ball on April 4 followed by our annual Easter Champagne Brunch on Sunday, April 5 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Tickets are available online at SAEIks.com or by calling the lodge.

We have an active membership, and our neighboring lodge's attendance is not only great, it is much appreciated!

With an active group, we need to offer a variety of entertainment and dining options to appeal to everyone's taste. Be sure to check your weekly ElkMail designed and sent out by Theresa Kammermeier. If you're not subscribed, let us know and we will assist you.

Our website has our calendar of events and options to make reservations and purchase tickets effortlessly or you can call the reception desk for assistance. While at the lodge, be sure to stop by our lobby newsstand for all the upcoming events.

The Purple Pig chairperson, Michele Joyce, has put together a fundraiser you do not want to miss: our popular mariachi brunch on Sunday April 19, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The cost is \$30.00 for Elk members and their guests. This fundraiser will give you the chance to donate to our major project the Purple Pig and have a fantastic time doing so! We have room for the first 225 so invite your friends and neighbors; this is a

great opportunity to showcase our lodge and invite non-members to become members

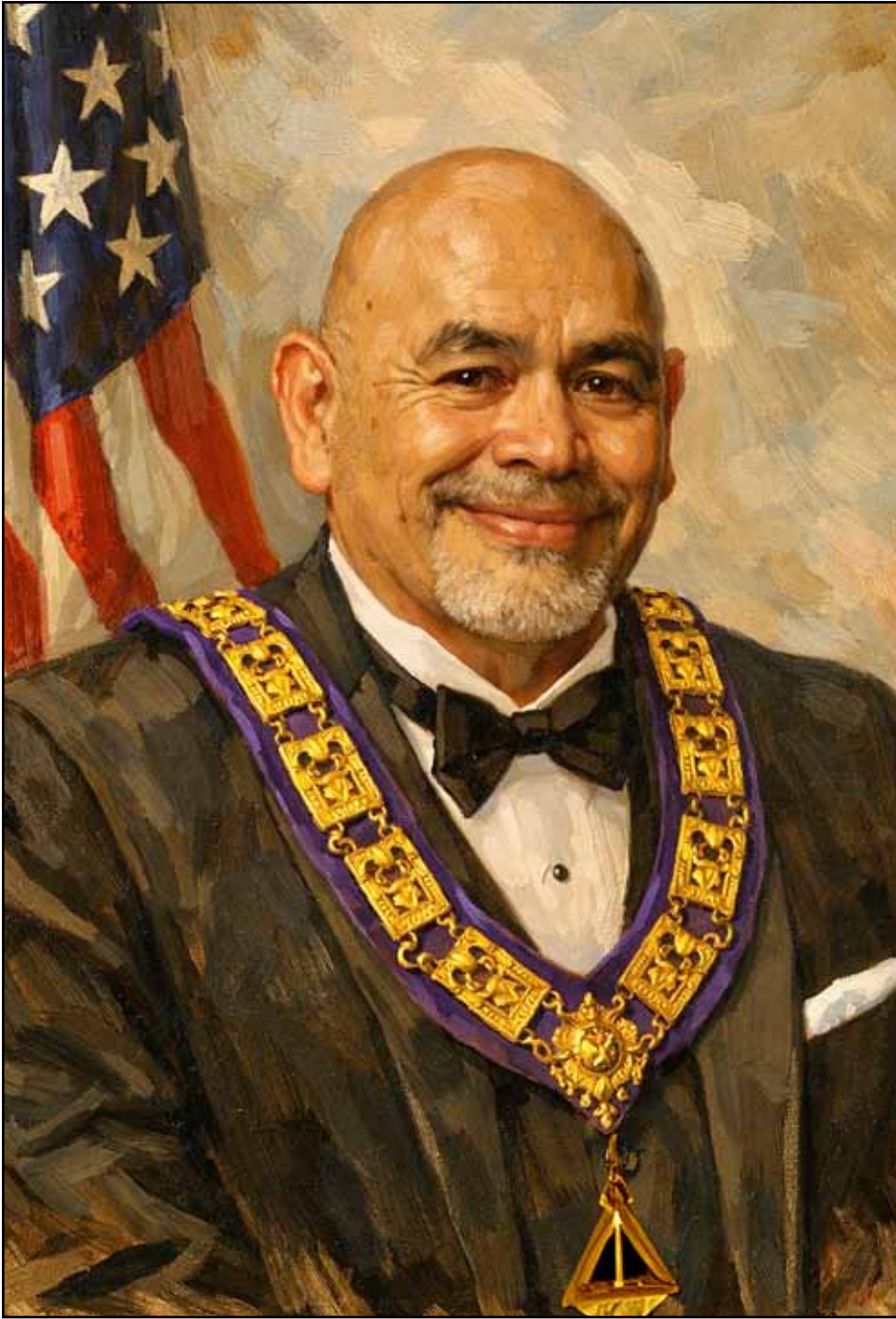
We are starting a new bi-monthly cabaret dinner series and we kick off the first one on Friday, May 22 with the Rat Pack. This intimate dinner show has room for only 160, so do not put this off. Get tickets now online.

The popularity of our line dance Thursdays (\$5.00 Elks members \$10.00 non-member guests) has far exceeded our expectations! Thanks in part to member Sheryl Franke who spreads the word to her large crew of dancers. My advice is to get here early to enjoy a meal and secure a table. If you are a little intimidated by the seasoned line dancers and would like to learn how to line dance, we offer lessons from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoons, March 29 and April 19. Food is available for purchase and there's a host bar. The instructor charges \$10.00 for the lesson. Sign up and come on down and learn.

Last year we had a Jet Blue fundraiser that was such a huge hit that we are bringing it back. On May 1 we will have 100 tickets for sale for Santa Ana lodge members only—\$60.00 per ticket for a chance to win two round trip tickets anywhere JetBlue flies (destinations include the Caribbean, South America, Amsterdam, Paris, London, Ireland, as well as the U.S.). We will draw the winner at the July 4th family picnic; winner need not be present.

You may have noticed a new day porter. They will assist Abraham and Jesse in keeping our massive building in pristine order. Even though I walk the building and property daily, another set of eyes is always welcomed, so if you notice anything that needs addressing, please let me know.

Meet Your New Exalted Ruler, Eli Morales



Hello Santa Ana Elks Lodge. For those who may not know me, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Eligio “Eli” Morales. I’m very proud of that name, I get to carry the name of my best friend, my father. But I learned early on that if I didn’t shorten it to “Eli,” I might spend the rest of my

life answering to “Hey you.”

My beautiful wife and biggest supporter for the past 26 years is Chrissy Morales. She has stood by my side through thick and thin, and now she also gets to stand by me through this exalted ruler year which means she probably deserves some kind of medal or therapy... maybe both.

We have a wonderful daughter, Brianna Angel Morales, and a great son-in-law, Johnny. But the real stars of the family are our two grandsons; Julian “the Jet,” the baseball player who is eight, and Carter “the Dynamo,” the all-around entertainer who is three. As proud grandparents, we believe they are the most talented, smartest, and best-looking grandchildren in the world, and we’re pretty sure science will confirm that any day now.

I’ve had the privilege of being a member of this lodge for the past six years. During that time, I’ve served as tiler, inner guard, loyal knight, and leading knight, quietly working my way through the officer positions. Which means, and let’s be honest, you all had plenty of chances to stop me along the way. But somehow I managed to slip through the cracks, and in the coming year I will have the honor of serving as the 124th exalted ruler of Santa Ana Lodge #794.

Santa Ana has been my home for over 50 years, and I’m a proud graduate of Santa Ana High School “Once a Saint, Always a Saint.” I attended college for a couple of years (yes, it’s true), studying finance and accounting, however it now seems the nightlife sometimes received a little more attention than the textbooks. I tried not to let my classes interfere too much with my social life.

In 1987, I was involved in a serious automobile accident that threatened my mobility. It required nearly a year of physical therapy, but with the grace of God and the support of family and friends I was able to recover and move forward. That experience helped realign some of my priorities and gave me a new perspective on life.

In 1988, I was given an opportunity to work for Transamerica Financial. Originally my hiring was temporary as they needed someone bilingual, and once they found a qualified bilingual applicant I would be out of a job. Not one to shy away from a challenge, I made it my goal to prove I was the right hire. That opportunity became the start of my career in the mortgage industry, shortly thereafter being promoted to senior branch manager.

Then in 1993, two major events happened on the very same day, November 22. Early that morning my daughter Brianna was born, marking the beginning of the most important job of my life, being a father. Later that same day we held the grand opening of a small mortgage company. Between those two events, my life and career found their direction, leading to more than 30 years in the mortgage industry, and a lifetime of being a proud father.

My connection with the Elks actually goes back even further than my membership. When I was a junior at Santa Ana High School, I was on the wrestling team, and let me tell you, wrestling is usually the forgotten sport in any school budget. But thanks to a \$2,500 donation from the Santa Ana Elks Lodge our team was able to get uniforms. We were then taken to the lodge to thank them for their support. The optics may have been a little different back then, but the donation of the Elks made a big difference and helped lift the spirits of our wrestling team.

Many years later, I attended a celebration of life for a dear friend here at the lodge. I immediately fell in love with the place. Unfortunately, not knowing any Elks members at the time, I figured joining probably wasn't possible. I even

tried contacting the Orange Elks Lodge, but they never responded (their loss). Eventually, after a few emails, Maria Bisbee responded and offered to have her husband Allen Bisbee sponsor me, now you know who to blame!

Somewhere along the way, I discovered that the Santa Ana Elks Lodge is more than just a place to gather. It is a place built on friendship, service, and people who care about each other and their community. Many are aware of how difficult the last three years have been, with the passing of two of my brothers, a difficult time indeed. But I can honestly say the support, kindness, and friendship shown by the members reminded me that the Elks are not just an organization, but a true FAMILY.

In closing, I am grateful to all of you who carry the name of Elks, for the friendships I've made, and for the opportunity to serve alongside such dedicated members. It is truly an honor to serve as the 124th exalted ruler of Santa Ana Lodge #794, and I look forward to a great year.

Together, let's make this a year of fellowship, service and true Elk-cellece.

Lodge Members to Vote On Solar Initiative

As Santa Ana Elks, we are blessed with a new lodge. As you can imagine, with a lodge our size, we are looking for ways to control our overhead costs. In the past few months, we have been exploring installing solar panels on our roof in order to significantly reduce our electricity costs. After meeting with multiple vendors, speaking with other lodges, and considering various options, the trustees are proposing for Santa Ana Lodge to move

forward with a solar installation. The importance of the timing for this project is to take advantage of IRS cash rebates of \$400k which will expire at the beginning of July. To move forward, this project must be approved by our lodge members before being presented to Grand Lodge for their approval. We will be discussing and voting on this initiative at our lodge meeting on Tuesday, April 21.

Our recommended contractor has completed their initial engineering analysis and determined our roof is suitable to support this project. In round numbers, the proposal is as follows: An initial investment of \$800k is necessary to complete the project. Installation will require between 60-90 days to complete. Within a year of system implementation, we will receive IRS solar cash rebates of \$400k which will be placed back into our investment savings account. Based on our energy consumption, our lodge should save about \$65k per year in energy costs. This amount is expected to increase as energy prices continue to rise.

To fund the \$800k, the proposal is to use \$600k from our investment account and finance the remaining \$200k with a short term loan with a five year payback (4.75% loan rate). The \$400k in IRS solar cash rebate will offset a portion of the money removed from the investment account. The savings in electricity will cover the annual loan payments of \$45k. The remainder of the savings in electrical costs (\$65k-\$45k) will be placed back in savings to replenish the initial investment withdrawal.

We believe this investment to be beneficial to the future of our lodge. Please join us on April 21 to cast your vote on this important initiative.

Santa Ana Elks Donate \$71,000 in Scholarships



The question of the day is: “Where were you Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.?”

If you answered student awards night at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, you witnessed one of the most inspiring evenings of the year. If you missed it, you missed a celebration of achievement, ambition, and the power of community support.

On that evening, twenty-five outstanding students were awarded scholarships totaling \$71,000—an investment in the future made possible through the generosity of Santa Ana Elks members and supporters.

Most Valuable Student Scholarships

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarships, sponsored by the Elks National Foundation (ENF) and the Santa Ana Elks.

Six exceptional high school seniors received local awards:

- **Sepehr Alizadeh** (*Woodbridge*

High School) received \$4,000 and will attend the University of Pennsylvania to study finance.

- **Elena Knoll** (*Tustin High School*) earned \$3,000 and plans to attend UCLA, where she will study biology.

- **Lauren Low** (*Northwood High School*) received \$4,000 locally and an additional \$200 from the Orange Coast District.

- **Emmanuel Rodriguez Mejia** (*Middle College High School*) earned \$3,500 locally and \$200 at the district level.

- **Michael Hsieh** (*Legacy Magnet Academy*) received \$3,000 locally and an additional \$800 scholarship from CHEA.

- **Kathy Yu** (*Santa Margariata Catholic High School*) earned \$3,500 locally plus an additional \$3,500 from CHEA.

Two of these students—Michael Hsieh and Kathy Yu—have advanced to the national level of the MVS competition. They are now among 500 students nationwide who have reached the final round of judg-

ing. As national semifinalists, they are guaranteed at least \$1,000 annually for the next four years. After the final round, twenty students will receive \$7,500 per year for four years. We wish them continued success.

Celebrating an Elks Scholar Success Story

The evening also featured a special presentation honoring Christopher Espino, a 2022 MVS scholarship winner.

Cristopher is about to graduate from UCLA and is preparing for graduate school. His impressive list of potential destinations includes Stanford, Harvard, and Cambridge.

Before continuing his academic journey, Cristopher has been selected to participate in the Elks scholar service trip in Portland, Maine, where he will join fellow Elks scholars and members to complete community service projects. To help with travel expenses, the Santa Ana Elks charity committee presented Cristopher with a \$500 check.

Local Scholarships

In addition to the MVS awards, several local scholarships were presented thanks to the efforts of the scholarship committee and the generosity of lodge members.

The \$2,000 Opportunity Scholarship, sponsored by member Marc Friedman, was awarded to Isobelle Savage, a Saddleback College student majoring in nursing.

Four students received the #794 Scholarship:

- **Caden Bui** (*UCLA*), psychobiology – \$5,000
- **Emily Murray** (*Cal Poly Pomona*), architecture – \$5,000
- **Isaac Estrada** (*Cal State Long Beach*), sociology – \$2,000
- **Marissa Hayes** (*Westmont College*), communications – \$2,000

Machado Family Scholarships

This year also saw the introduction of scholarships supported by Dr. Patricia Machado and her family.

The \$500 Machado Community College Scholarship was awarded to Derek Rossman (*Costa Mesa High School*), who plans to attend Golden West College to study automotive technology.

Another \$500 scholarship went to Adrian Enwright, who will continue his studies at Santa Ana and Coastline Colleges, focusing on child education and accounting.

The Machado College Scholarship awarded \$1,000 each to:

- **Ashley Lam** (*UCLA*), molecular, cell, and developmental biology
- **Justine Drouillard** (*Westmont College*), psychology and English.

With support from Monday Night Football and the scholarship committee, several athletic scholarships were awarded.

\$3,000 Awards

- **Elena Knoll** (*Tustin High School*) – biology
- **Devin Valdovinos** (*Santa Ana Valley High School*) – Chico State, psychology

\$2,000 Awards

- **Nadya Rodriguez** (*Foothill High School*) – Whitman College, communications
- **Cross Rodriguez** (*Calvary Chapel High School*) – Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, marine science

\$1,000 Awards

- **Lillian Campbell** (*Portola HS*) – UCLA, applied mathematics
- **Natalie Galvez** (*Irvine HS*) – Cal State Fullerton, kinesiology
- **Lauren Low** (*Northwood HS*) – biotech/public health
- **Shivani Joshi** (*Irvine High School*) – biology
- **Daniella Warren** (*Foothill High School*) – criminal justice or political science

McCalla Family Scholarships

The McCalla family awarded five \$2,500 scholarships this year.

- **Ronit Shiroy** (*Orange County School of the Arts*) will attend UCLA and major in political science.

The other McCalla scholarship recipients were **Lillian Campbell**, **Justine Drouillard**, **Ashley Lam**, and **Lauren Low**, all of whom were also recognized earlier in the evening for other awards.

This year also introduced the McCalla Nursing Scholarship, awarded to **Sara Juarez** (*Santa Ana Valley High School*), who received \$2,500 and plans to pursue a career as a pediatric nurse.

Investing in the Future

The scholarship committee could not be more proud of this year's recipients. They represent a diverse group of students who have excelled academically, athletically, and in their communities—and who will undoubtedly continue to do so in the years ahead.

We thank Santa Ana Elks members for their continued support, which makes these scholarships possible and helps students pursue their dreams.

If you would like to support future scholarship recipients, please consider donating to:

- The Santa Ana Elks scholarship committee
 - CHEA (California-Hawaii Elks Association)
 - The Elks National Foundation
- You can donate to CHEA and ENF online at SAElks.com/donate.

Together, we are helping build brighter futures—one student at a time.



On February 28, our lodge came alive with purpose as the Orange Coast District hosted a powerful Veteran Stand Down at the Garden Grove lodge, serving nearly 200 veterans with the help of 50+ resource providers. From eye exams and dental care to showers, haircuts, clothing, housing assistance, and pet supplies—every corner of the event offered support, dignity, and hope. Veterans shared meals, enjoyed music, connected with the VA and received essentials, including new shoes from a donation of 2,000 pairs!

But one of the most meaningful moments came after it all ended. As the buses left and the crowds faded, a homeless veteran approached us with a smile from ear to ear. He had searched for the event, found it, and experienced something many take for granted—a hot shower, a fresh haircut, and clean clothes that fit. Standing barefoot, waiting to put on new socks and shoes, he shared how good it felt to be “clean and presentable.” In that moment, everything we worked for became clear.

On March 21, we supported American Legion Post 291 during their Ruck March. Over 220 participants carried 22 pounds for 6.8 miles to raise awareness for veteran suicide (22 veterans die by suicide each day!)

On March 28, along with Vet Center and Strong Families, we honored Vietnam veterans with a heartfelt “Welcome Home.”

Our next Veterans Coffee Talk is Tuesday, April 28 at 9:00 am in the lodge. All veterans are welcome.

April

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

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

May

LODGE HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS 11 AM-10 PM; FRIDAYS 11 AM-11 PM, SATURDAYS 11 AM-1 AM, SUNDAYS 9 AM-7 PM*

FOOD SERVICE HOURS: TUESDAYS 11 AM-7 PM; WEDNESDAYS—FRIDAYS 11 AM-8 PM, SATURDAYS 9 AM-8 PM; SUNDAYS 9 AM-6 PM*

*Lodge and food service hours are subject to change at the discretion of staff.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h2 style="color: blue;">Elks Care - Elks Share</h2>					1 Cinco de Mayo 6:00 pm 	Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 PM
3 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	4 Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	5 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	6 Investigation 3:30 - 6:30 pm Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	7 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Line Dancing 6:30-9:30 pm	8 Regular & Prix Fixe Menus 4:30-8:00 pm Bunco 7:00 pm 	9 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 PM
10 Mothers Day Brunch 10:30 am - 2:30 pm 	11 Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	12 Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	13 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm MNF Mtg - 6:30 pm	14 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Tiki Night 6:30-9:30 pm	15 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm DJ Ronnie 7:00 pm 	16 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm
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17 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	18 Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm	19 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm Taco Tuesday	20 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	21 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Boogie Bingo 6:30-9:30 pm 	22 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Cabaret Night The Rat Pack 6:00 - 10:00 pm 	23 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation - Noon Magic Castle Night 6:00 - 8:00pm
24 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Line Dance Lessons	25 Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm	26 Lodge Meeting Initiation - 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday 	27 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	28 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:30-9:30 pm	29 Regular Menu Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm	30 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm
31 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon						

Mariachi Brunch to Benefit Purple Pig



Mark your calendar for a festive and meaningful event at the lodge on Sunday, April 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. when we host a Mariachi Sunday Brunch featuring live mariachi music and traditional folklórico dancers. This spe-

cial event is open to both members and the public, making it a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and introduce them to the Elks.

The brunch will also serve as a fundraiser for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., affectionately known as the “Purple Pig.” The Purple Pig is the Elks’ major charity in California and Hawaii, providing therapy services, medical evaluations, and specialized equipment for children with disabilities. These services are offered completely free to families, helping thousands of children each year receive care that improves mobility, communication, and quality of life. Five dollars from every ticket sold will go directly to support this important program.

Guests will enjoy a hearty brunch buffet featuring fresh fruit, garden salad, shrimp ceviche, choc-

olate muffins, and breakfast breads, along with a chips and salsa station. Hot selections include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, O’Brien potatoes, biscuits and gravy, chorizo chilaquiles, menudo, chili verde, cheese enchiladas, rice, beans, and tortillas. Dessert will feature churros and cookies.

A silent auction and opportunity drawings will also help raise funds for the Purple Pig.

Members and their guests may attend for \$30 per person (children ages 5–12 are \$10). Non-members are welcome for \$40 with child tickets at \$15. Tickets are available for both members and non-members online at SAElks.com or by calling 714-547-7794. Seating is limited to 266 guests.

Chairpersons for the event are Michele Joyce and Eli Morales, ER. Don’t miss this fun brunch that supports a great cause.



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Gerardo Mata	Glazier	Ray Brown
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James Aksel	Consultant	Transfer from Fullerton
Jerry R. Hodges		Transfer from Orange
Jodi Christin		Transfer from Garden Grove
Joe Medrano	Construction Company GM	Vince Lopez
Laurinda Claus	Realtor	Raymond Gagne
Leo Joseph Kempczenski	Retired	Sheryl Franke
Marc George Reardon	Retired	Loren Webb
Mark Welch	Retired HVAC Contractor	Paul Dohmann
Michael Dohmann	Police Officer	Paul Dohmann
Pete Martinez	Machinist	Alfred Melendez
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Celebrating April Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on ANY Wednesday in April

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

4/1.....	John Davis	4/10.....	Annette Casavalente	4/20.....	Herlinda Pacheco
4/1.....	Robert Frost	4/10.....	James Cogley	4/20.....	Timothy Rush
4/1.....	Sonia Jensen	4/10.....	Gabe Hernandez	4/20.....	Fred Anderson
4/1.....	Patrick Rafferty	4/10.....	James Mc Auliffe	4/21.....	Richard Hormuth
4/1.....	Michael Simpfinderter	4/10.....	Brandy Thomas	4/21.....	Marcus Jacques
4/2.....	Daniel Burghardt	4/11.....	Steve Cuevas	4/21.....	Allyson Thompson
4/2.....	Steven Darmstadt	4/11.....	Stuart Greenberg	4/22.....	Gordon Baker
4/2.....	Stacy McGarahan	4/11.....	Sonia Hungerford	4/22.....	Julie Barreda
4/2.....	Constance Moon	4/11.....	Kendall Madsen	4/22.....	Charles De Capite
4/2.....	Kevin Rosiles	4/12.....	Gina Campos	4/22.....	Paul Dito
4/2.....	Armando Salinas	4/12.....	Manny Ramirez	4/22.....	James Egan
4/2.....	Nancy Silva	4/12.....	Joseph Rowland	4/22.....	Luis Gallardo
4/2.....	Mario Melendez	4/13.....	Jimmy Anaya	4/22.....	Duane Greaver
4/3.....	Sheilagh Robinso	4/13.....	James Bartolomucci	4/22.....	Donald Sato
4/3.....	George Will	4/13.....	Raymond Bryant	4/23.....	Sobeida Butchko
4/2.....	Kenneth Young	4/13.....	Wendy Currilin	4/23.....	Henry Castro
4/4.....	Rene Cedillo	4/13.....	Alex Hernandez	4/24.....	Margaret Baranyay
4/4.....	Cesar Grijalva	4/13.....	Arturo Lomeli	4/24.....	Allan Baynosa
4/4.....	George Hansen	4/13.....	Susan Mills	4/24.....	Sandra Carrillo
4/4.....	Rosalynnda Martinez	4/13.....	James Zamora	4/24.....	Francisco Gutierrez
4/4.....	David Smith	4/14.....	Evangeline Galvez	4/24.....	Roslyn Peggins
4/5.....	Robert Butcher	4/14.....	Agustin Gonzalez	4/24.....	Teresa Salgado
4/5.....	Patrick Curley	4/14.....	Jennifer Miranda	4/24.....	Mark Schauwecker
4/5.....	Fred Davis	4/14.....	Antonio Rodella	4/25.....	Catherine Amen
4/5.....	Eric Finley	4/14.....	Donnia Schmidt-Klawitter	4/25.....	Donald Berkheime
4/5.....	John Gaido	4/15.....	Brian Byrd	4/25.....	Sylvia Nash
4/5.....	George Najera	4/15.....	Clay Cotton	4/25.....	Gilberto Sepulveda
4/5.....	Charlie Salas	4/15.....	Larry Zamora	4/25.....	Sandra Tafoya
4/5.....	George Salazar	4/16.....	Albert Calleros	4/26.....	Paula Arsenault
4/5.....	Becky Torres	4/16.....	Dolores De La Riva	4/26.....	Walter Benvenuto
4/5.....	David Westcott	4/16.....	Carolyn Gillis	4/26.....	Jeff Bradley
4/6.....	Rudy Aguila	4/16.....	Leticia Rodella	4/26.....	Faye Carroll
4/6.....	Al Duran	4/17.....	Dan Breece	4/26.....	Kimberly Grosch
4/6.....	Todd Szilagyi	4/17.....	Barry Denes	4/26.....	Theresa Kammermeier
4/7.....	Bryant Garces	4/17.....	Thomas Morrissey	4/26.....	Eddie Quillares
4/7.....	Loren Webb	4/17.....	John Spurgeon	4/27.....	Stephen Giglio
4/8.....	Mario Di Dodo	4/17.....	Dayse Tarakdian	4/27.....	Byron Hubbert
4/8.....	Harvey Duarte	4/18.....	Arturo Rosiles	4/27.....	David Reynolds
4/8.....	Jason Higgins	4/18.....	Annie Strenk	4/27.....	Beverly Schauwecker
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4/8.....	Mark Hurrell	4/19.....	Deborah McAulay	4/28.....	Jesse Gonzalez
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				4/30.....	Jess Rodriguez
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				4/30.....	Janet Vandergrift

Lodge Leadership 101: What's a Tiler or a Goodwill Ambassador?

by Dan Breece

In continuing with our “introduction” so to speak, of all of the lodge officer positions, this month we will highlight two of them. The first will be our ambassador of goodwill and the other will be the tiler position.

The ambassador of goodwill is pretty much what it sounds like. It's someone who represents our lodge in a positive and active way. With our own lodge members but especially visitors, both members and non-members. Usually, they have been chosen for their outgoing personality, show a passion for the lodge and have a general tone of “it's great to be an Elk!” in how they interact with guests, visitors and fellow members. They share their love of membership not only here at our own lodge, but also whenever and wherever else they visit another lodge.

The tiler position, along with the ambassador of goodwill and a few others, is an appointed position. There are seven elected positions and four appointed positions within the officer corps.

The tiler's responsibilities focus strongly on our meeting nights. They are responsible for gathering the good of the order prizes for meetings, distributing and offering opportunity drawing tickets and maintaining the meeting-related property of the lodge. They are also responsible for making sure the lodge is properly tiled when the meeting starts, meaning the bar is closed, the entry door to the meeting room is secure and no one enters without first going through them. If someone comes to the meeting after it has started, they check for membership cards to verify they can enter the meeting and then notify the inner

guard that someone is requesting entry.

In our lodge, the tilers are also responsible to host one of our best functions of the year, the 4th of July party. No doubt this year will be a great one with the celebration of our country's 250th birthday! I think I just put some pressure on the tilers, but I have no doubt they will live up to the challenge! As of this writing, the 2026-2027 year's group of tilers will be Head Tiler Sharon Breece, and Assistant Tilers Greg Machias, Jack Waldo and Colissa Weber.

It Time To Renew Your Elks Membership

Your Elks membership dues are due April 1. You'll want to be sure to submit your payment to keep your membership current and continue supporting the important work and enjoying the benefits of our lodge. For your convenience, there are several easy ways to pay:

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



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/25 1846

INCREASES

Initiated 227
Affiliated 23
Reinstated 11
Subtotal 261

DECREASES

Dropped 10
Transferred Out 19
Absolute Dimit 0
Deaths 17
Expelled 0
Subtotal 46

Calculated Membership Total 2061

CLMS Active Members 2061

Average Age 63.58

Gain/Loss 215

DELINQUENCY

Six Months 0
One Year 154
Over One Year 0
Total 154

Lapsation Rate 8.34%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting 10
Ready for investigation 9
Ready for balloting 20
Ready for orientation 6
Ready for Initiation 6
Ready for Affiliation 0
Ready for Reinstatement 0
Other 0
Total 51

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Life Members 73
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Fourth Annual Bob Woolford Memorial Golf tournament

by Dee Auilar

The time is rapidly approaching for our fearless foursomes to assemble—ready to take on the serious golfers...and the “I-only-play-when-it’s-70-degrees-and-sunny” golfers too. Join us Saturday, June 6 as we kick things off bright and early with coffee, Bloody Marys, breakfast drinks and donuts—because nothing says “athlete” like carbs and hot sauce before sunrise.

Check in starts at 6:45 a.m. Pick up your goodie bag, warm up with some practice swings, and test your luck at the hole-in-one challenge. Meanwhile, the taco stand will be setting up, because if you miss the hole, at least you won’t miss the tacos.

Expect a full day packed with laughter, music, and questionable swing mechanics. Contests include the longest drive, closest to the pin, plus a few surprises from the committee.

Visit SAEIks.com for all the details and to register early. Don’t be the person hearing the stories afterward and pretending you “totally would’ve won.” Sponsors wanted! Contact Smiley at (951) 520-5977.

Easter Champagne Brunch

Join us on Sunday, April 5, for a festive Easter Champagne Brunch from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Celebrate the holiday with family and friends while enjoying delicious food, warm fellowship and live music. Adults are \$38 (includes tax and one glass of champagne), children ages 5–10 are \$15. Additional champagne refills are available for \$2. Seating is available in both the ballroom and McCalla Lounge. For online reservations, go to SAEIks.com.

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Lodge Meetings

First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

House Committee Meeting

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

Charity Committee Meeting

2nd Thursday of the Month, 6:00 pm

Monday Night Football Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 pm

Communications Meeting

2nd Monday of the month at noon

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