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**Exalted Ruler
Eli Morales**



It is good to be an Elk! If you participated in our Cinco de Mayo celebration or attended our

Mother’s Day brunch, then you already understand the greatest benefits of being an Elk: brotherly love and fellowship. There is something special about getting together with our members, families, and friends to celebrate, laugh, volunteer and enjoy each other’s company. Our Mother’s Day brunch was a tremendous success, and it should inspire all of us to continue the work of Elkdom and look after one another, knowing that while we are here, none of us are ever alone.

But fellowship cannot exist only during our special events and celebrations. It should also be present at our lodge meetings, where the future of our lodge is discussed and shaped. Attendance at meetings continues to be lower than it should be, and that concerns me greatly. Let us work together to increase attendance, allow ideas to flourish, and strengthen the bonds of Elkdom.

June will mark the start of a new program for our newest members. Participating members will wear a red lanyard identifying them as new to the lodge. I ask that you make a special effort to approach them, introduce yourself, and make them feel genuinely welcomed into our Elks family. We all remember what it felt like to walk into the lodge for the first time—a warm greeting can make a world of difference. Let’s call it brotherly love in action.

Finally, let us not forget Father’s Day. Let us celebrate our fathers with the same fervor, passion, and appreciation that we showed Mom. Let us build on the momentum of our May events and make it an even greater reflection of the fellowship and brotherly love that define our lodge.

“Being an Elk means you belong to something bigger, and that belonging requires participation and care for one another.”

**Esteemed Leading Knight
Brian Byrd**



Welcome to this month’s ElkHorn Magazine. May has flown by and we are now head-

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

<p>LINE DANCING June 3</p> 	<p>DJ RONNIE FUN NIGHT June 13</p> 	<p>BINGO BOOGIE June 18</p> 	<p>DJ MAJESTIC MIKE June 26</p> 
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For the full calendar of events, go to SAElks.com/calendar

ing full speed into the summer months, and, quite frankly, into Thanksgiving and Christmas before you know it.

There is always so much to do at the lodge and so much to do to help our community. The best thing you can do is getting involved and enjoying the company of your fellow Elks family.

We are one of the few organizations that still celebrates Flag Day. On June 16, we will be having an open meeting celebrating our nation's flag. It will be hosted by our inner guards and our veterans committee. It is always a very emotional program celebrating the freedoms, the sacrifices, and the commemoration of the adoption of the flag of our country.

On June 26, we will have our quarterly new member social. Although it is structured around our newest members, it is open to all. Majestic Mike will be the DJ for the night, playing dance music and hits from the past. We will have our regular Friday prix fixe menu and heavy appetizers for the new members. Come on in and meet the officers, staff, and more of your Elks family. It is always a great night.

As Elks, our goal is to help those less fortunate through charity and volunteerism. There are two great programs that make it easy to help—our Purple Pig (CHEA Major Projects) and ENF (Elks National Foundation). Every Elk should have a purple pig bank to collect coins and paper money. Let's make June the month where we dust those off and put them to use. If yours has some money in it, bring it into the lodge and get another one. Every little bit helps. We are working on creating a couple of events at the lodge to help both of those charities. Keep in touch by frequenting our website: SAElks.com.

The new officers are in place, and we hold meetings every Tuesday Night at 7:30. We would like to extend a special invitation to everyone reading this column. Come in and see what is happening in your lodge. Reading the ElkHorn and coming to the meetings are the best ways to stay in touch with what is happening. Your membership to the best charitable organization in the United States is only valuable if you use it to its fullest extent. As much as we are a membership social club, we are also a charitable arm to our community.

In closing, we have tremendous staff. Please understand that as Elks, we treat everyone with respect. They work hard and we should always know that their efforts should be recognized and respected.

See you at the best lodge in the Orange Coast District!

Esteemed Loyal Knight Karla Vigil



Welcome to the justice chair. As I come to serve you in this capacity I want to let you know what this chair

entails and how our foundation is built. The foundation of any successful organization is built upon fairness, accountability, and respect for its governing principles.

Within the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, our bylaws are more than rules written on paper — they are the framework which protects the integrity of our lodges, our members, and the mission we proudly serve.

Justice within the Elks organization should never be based on

popularity, personal alliances, or selective enforcement. True justice requires consistency, transparency, and adherence to the bylaws which every member has sworn to uphold. These bylaws exist to ensure that all members are treated equally and that decisions are made with fairness rather than emotion or personal agendas.

Leadership within any lodge carries a responsibility not only to lead but also to protect the values of the Order. When bylaws are ignored, manipulated, or unevenly enforced, trust within the organization begins to weaken. Members may feel unheard, excluded or unfairly targeted, which can create division rather than unity. Justice means listening to all sides, following proper procedures, and allowing due process to take place without prejudice.

The Elks have long stood for charity, patriotism, community service and brotherhood. Those values must also extend inward within our own lodges. Respecting bylaws demonstrates respect for the members themselves. It reminds us that no individual is above the rules and that every member deserves dignity, fairness, and an opportunity to be heard.

Disagreements and challenges are inevitable in any organization, but how those situations are handled defines the strength of leadership and the character of the lodge. Justice is not about punishment — it is about ensuring honesty, accountability, and equal treatment. When bylaws are followed properly, they provide clarity during difficult situations and protect the integrity of the Order for future generations.

As Elks, we should strive to create an environment where fairness prevails, where members can

voice concerns without fear, and where leadership remains committed to ethical conduct and transparency. Upholding justice within the bylaws is not simply an obligation; it is a reflection of the principles upon which the Elks organization was founded.

If we truly believe in the values of the Elks, then we must also believe that justice, fairness, and integrity should guide every decision we make. I encourage you to come to our Tuesday 7:30 meetings and get to know your officers and how we serve you the members.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Rachel Snell



The station dedicated to brotherly love saw just that throughout the month of May! Our lodge came together to celebrate its third place finish at the ritual competition, and it recognized the individual officer winners that proudly represented #794. We supported our chaplain team of Carmen and Colleen while celebrating Mother's Day. Our charity committee supported the largest partnership this lodge has with the Santa Ana Unified School District by sponsoring the Wally Dietrich awards. Finally, our inner guard team of Jason and Michele worked closely with Kellie Miller and the veterans committee to show love and support to fallen soldiers for Memorial Day. I have never been so proud to be a Santa Ana Elk!

More opportunities for showing brotherly love await us in June. From Flag Day to Father's Day, we are in for some events that will surely show the heart of this lodge

and its members.

Please join us on June 16 at 7:30 pm for our open meeting which will be dedicated to Flag Day. We will have a wonderful Flag ceremony and program honoring the great flag of our country. Our inner guards once again will host this program, and it is promised to be impactful.

For Father's Day, our trustees have partnered with John Moore and the banquet team to honor families and their fathers. From fantastic food to musical entertainment, Father's Day will surely be an experience to be had. Avoid FOMO (fear of missing out) and make your reservations early!

As we look to celebrate and honor our country, I would be remiss to leave out the famous birds of Big Bear, American Bald Eagles Jackie and Shadow who recently hatched another pair of eaglets. These majestic birds are not only another highly recognized symbol of our great country, but they also represent the freedom and strength we enjoy as American citizens.

This year's youngsters were named per tradition by a group of third graders. Congratulations Sandy and Luna! May you fly high in our blue skies and continue protecting our nation and bringing joy to its citizens.

General Manager John Moore



Santa Ana Elks members still have an opportunity to participate in one of the lodge's most exciting summer fundraisers—a chance to win two round-trip Jet-

Blue tickets to anywhere the airline flies, all while supporting the lodge building fund.

For just \$75, Santa Ana Elks members may purchase a chance to win simply by showing their Elks membership card at the front desk. Only 100 tickets will be sold, giving participants excellent odds at an unforgettable getaway.

The winning prize can take travelers across the United States or abroad to destinations including London, Paris, Amsterdam, Milan, Scotland and Canada.

The drawing will take place during the lodge's annual Fourth of July Family Picnic and winners do not need to be present to claim the prize.

The lodge extends its sincere appreciation to Angie Kardasian, whose generous donation of the Jet-Blue tickets once again makes this popular fundraiser possible.

On ritual weekend we offered the Sunday express buffet on Saturday, and it was met with rave reviews so we will be offering it starting June 6 on both Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 to noon. \$14.95 gets you omelets cooked to order, eggs any style, freshly cooked pancakes and waffles, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage and potatoes.

In addition to the express buffet, we will still be offering Nacho's famous Menudo, Eggs Benedict and other items from the regular weekend breakfast menu.

Our maintenance workers have wrapped up interior, exterior building and patio painting, monthly power washing has our patio looking brand new and with summer here, the brand-new umbrellas are a welcome touch. Please enjoy our patio for dining and remember dogs are welcome on leash. We provide water bowls. All we

ask is that you sign the pet waiver form for our files. You do not have to sign it every time you come in, but the first time you come you will be asked. There are times when we have events on the patio so we will let you know of the patio closures via email or tune in to our TV Show on Facebook Live every Monday at noon starring Lisa, Linda and Jeff.

In closing I invite you all to come and responsibly enjoy the new Summer bar drink menu created by our team of mixologists! Check it out online at SAEIks.com.

Lodge Leadership 101: Secretary and Treasurer

by Dan Breece

Our next two positions in this column are two of our most important. They are also two of seven elected officer positions.

A lodge secretary has more daily tasks than any of our officer positions. They have more duties and responsibilities than will be listed here but know that a lodge of our size is practically a full-time responsibility. Some of those duties include keeping minutes of all lodge meetings, receiving and accounting for all receipts and turning them over to the treasurer.

The lodge secretary is extremely involved in the processing of membership. From taking in the initial application, to reading them on the floor of the lodge and presenting them for balloting, all the way through handing out the membership cards on initiation night. They process the mail that comes in and respond accordingly. The job requires computer skills and good

time management to do it right and keep up with a lodge as active as ours. We are in good hands, after all, our lodge secretary, PER Linda Fernandez, was selected as the CHEA secretary of the year last year!

The lodge treasurer is another position that is elected each year and requires a solid time commitment throughout the year. Our treasurer this year is PER Mark Schauwecker.

In addition to Mark, we have a full-time bookkeeper, Evelyn Godinez, and an assistant bookkeeper, Cathy Hackett. Evelyn and Cathy are busy logging in all of the bills, requests for payment and posting all this information and processing checks.

As the treasurer, Mark not only is responsible for overseeing the bookkeeping and creating the financial statements, but he also works with the secretary processing the receipts of payments deposited in the safes, the purple pigs on the tables and, of course, through the cash registers. Our treasurer also reports at our weekly meetings on the number of transactions we have processed, along with the current balance of accounts. He also assists the trustees in creating an annual budget and provides weekly updates.

MNF to Host Annual Golf Tournament and Car Show

by Dan Breece

As I'm sure you have seen the flyers and promotions, the annual MNF Bob Woolford Memorial Golf Tournament is here! Saturday, June 6, Willowick Golf Course will once again host our tournament and all the fun that goes with it. Led by

Smiley Hernandez, the committee has done a great job getting ready for another great outing. This year the awards luncheon will be held at the golf course and there will be a live band to entertain as well. So, if you haven't signed up, reach out to Smiley at 951-520-5977 or go online and see if there are any openings.

Check-in starts at 6:45 am and you will be greeted by the volunteers with plenty of early morning refreshments!

We also want to remind everyone that our MNF car show is coming up soon. Sunday, August 16, 2026, will be this year's date to bring out those vintage cars and motorcycles and join the fun. Check our website or ask a MNF committee member how to get signed up!

Lastly, if you're interested in joining the committee, attending our events, or have a group or organization you would like us to support, please contact us at our email address: 794mnfchairman@gmail.com. We will be glad to answer any questions!

Art Echternacht to be Nominated for Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight at Convention



For more than half a century, Arthur H. “Art” Echternacht has embodied the spirit of Elkdom through leadership, loyalty, and service. This July, at the 2026 Grand Lodge convention in Chicago, members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from across the nation will consider his candidacy for grand esteemed loyal knight — one of the organization’s

highest offices.

Presented by Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794, Echternacht’s nomination represents the culmination of decades of distinguished service at the lodge, district, state, and national levels.

Echternacht was initiated into the Santa Ana Lodge in October 1976, beginning a journey that would span more than five decades of

dedication to the Order. Like many great Elks leaders, he began modestly — serving as inner guard in 1987 and lodge esquire in 1988 before progressing steadily through the chairs. In 1992-1993, he served as exalted ruler of Santa Ana Lodge No. 794, helping lead the lodge during a period of strong ritual and organizational excellence.

His passion for ritual work soon gained statewide attention. After winning both district and state ritual contests, Echternacht advanced to compete at Grand Lodge in Dallas, Texas, bringing pride to Santa Ana and the Orange Coast District.

But his service did not stop at the local level.

Throughout the 1990s and beyond, Echternacht became one of the most recognizable and respected leaders in the Orange Coast District. He served in numerous district positions, including district orientation chairman, ritual contest chairman, district esquire, and public relations chairman. In addition, he served as ritual floor judge for 18 years and Santa Ana’s liaison to Grand Lodge for building permits.

His ability to mentor younger members and strengthen lodge leadership earned him admiration throughout Southern California Elkdom.

In 2004, Santa Ana Lodge recognized his extraordinary dedication by naming him an honorary life member.

At the state level, Echternacht's record is equally impressive. He served as Orange Coast District vice president of the California-Hawaii Elks Association in 2000-2001 and later held a series of major leadership positions, including state drug awareness chairman, trustee, first vice president, and ultimately president of the California-Hawaii Elks Association in 2012-2013.

Among his proudest accomplishments was his work with the Elks drug awareness program. As state drug awareness chairman, he helped expand outreach efforts and educational initiatives designed to protect young people from substance abuse. In recognition of his effectiveness and enthusiasm, he was honored as rookie of the year for state drug awareness chairman in 2006.

Echternacht also played an important role in statewide administration and planning. He served on the California-Hawaii Elks Association major project board and has chaired the meetings committee since 2018, helping organize and guide major association events across the state.

His service to the Grand Lodge has likewise been marked by distinction. In 2002-2003, he served as district deputy grand exalted ruler for the Orange Coast District, one of the Order's most respected leadership assignments. Later, he chaired the local support committee for the 2008 Grand Lodge convention in Anaheim, helping coordinate one of the organization's most significant national gatherings.

Outside of Elkdom, Echternacht built an equally admirable



Art Echternacht speaks at the groundbreaking for the new Santa Ana Elks

professional career dedicated to public service. A graduate of California State University, Fullerton with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice, he served for 30 years with the Santa Ana Police Department, retiring as a sergeant. He later continued his law enforcement career with the Orange County District Attorney's Office as a supervising investigator for welfare fraud before retiring in 2008 after 13 additional years of service.

Through every chapter of his life, family has remained central to Echternacht's story. He and his wife Shirley have shared 56 years of marriage and raised three children: Art III, Terry, and René. Their family has grown to include seventeen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren — a legacy of devotion extending far beyond lodge walls.

Those who know Echternacht best often describe him as steady, approachable, and deeply committed to the principles of the Elks: charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. Whether mentoring officers, organizing conventions, supporting charitable programs, or representing the Order with dignity, he has spent decades strengthening the organization he loves.

Now, as delegates prepare to gather in Chicago this summer, Santa Ana Lodge No. 794 proudly presents Art Echternacht as its candidate for grand esteemed loyal

knight — a man whose lifetime of service reflects the very best traditions of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday at the SA Elks Lodge

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 invites members, families, and friends to celebrate America's 250th birthday at its annual 4th of July Family Picnic on Saturday, July 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This fun-filled community tradition promises an afternoon of food, music, games and patriotic fellowship for guests of all ages. Admission is affordable for the whole family, with tickets priced at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, payable at the door.

Guests can enjoy classic picnic favorites including burgers, hot dogs, chicken burgers, cole slaw, baked beans, chips, and ice cream, along with a variety of refreshing beverages and frozen drink specials. Live entertainment will feature the band Harvest, performing favorite hits from the 1960s through the 1990s to keep the celebration lively throughout the day.

There will also be plenty of activities for all ages, including a bounce house, kids' games, raffles, and a silent auction. Anniversary pins will be presented to the first 100 adult guests, and the winner of the JetBlue tickets raffle will also be drawn during the event.

The picnic is open to Elks, family and friends. Guests are encouraged to sign up online at SAElks.com so we know how many people to plan for.

Elks Raise \$4,867,529.67 For Kids with Disabilities



Santa Ana Purple Pig chair Michele Joyce with the 2026 theme child and family.

by Michele Joyce

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, lovingly known as the Purple Pig, continues to change lives because of the generosity, dedication, and compassion of our incredible Elks family.

I had the honor of attending the California-Hawaii Elks state convention in beautiful Palm Springs, and I am proud to report that together, statewide, we raised an extraordinary total of \$4,867,529.67 for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Even more exciting, our lodge contributed an amazing \$44,783.49 toward this life-changing cause.

These accomplishments would not be possible without our wonderful members, our hardworking committees, our event volunteers, and the leaders who continuously dedicate their time and energy to supporting the Purple Pig. Every fundraiser, every event, every donation,

and every effort made throughout the year truly matters. I am incredibly grateful to everyone who commits themselves to this important mission.

One of the most touching moments of convention was meeting our new 2026 theme child, Sarah. Sarah is a remarkable young girl whose resilience, strength, and joy touched the hearts of everyone in attendance. Sarah was born prematurely at just 30 weeks gestation. Due to her fragile condition and complicated medical needs, she required multiple surgeries, respiratory treatments, and extended stays in both the neonatal intensive care unit and pediatric intensive care unit during the first six months of her life.

Sarah's older brother, Aaron, was the 2020 theme child and was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at the age of two. During Sarah's hospital-

ization, Aaron was already receiving physical and speech therapy through the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project.

Their mother, Gaby, understood the importance of early intervention and also knew how difficult it would be to manage the needs of both children while ensuring each received the best possible care. Thankfully, physical therapist Megan immediately accepted Sarah into therapy services through the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project and began providing treatment for her at home. At the same time, Aaron continued receiving speech therapy at home with his wonderful therapist, Toby Tamayo Davis, who later welcomed Sarah into her care as well.

Watching this beautiful family on stage was something I will never forget. Seeing the joy on the children's faces, watching families receive gifts, and witnessing Aaron—a child who once struggled to speak—stand before thousands of people and sing “Happy Birthday” to the Elks was deeply emotional. That moment reminded all of us exactly why we do what we do.

This is where our donations go. This is what the Purple Pig provides. These therapies, opportunities, and life-changing services are possible because of the generosity and compassion of the Elks.

Be a Purple Pig Partner



Make a donation to the pig and help children with disabilities. You can donate at SAElks.com/donate.

Honoring the Flag: How the Elks Helped Shape an American Tradition



Every June 14, across small towns and great cities alike, the American flag rises into summer skies accompanied by parades, ceremonies, speeches, marching bands, and patriotic music. For many Americans, Flag Day may seem like a quiet observance tucked between Memorial Day and Independence Day. Yet behind the holiday lies a remarkable story of national identity, civic pride, and one organization whose dedication helped transform Flag Day into a permanent American tradition: the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Long before Flag Day became an official national observance, the Elks were among its earliest and most passionate champions.

The story begins on June 14, 1777, during the American Revolution. Meeting in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress adopted a simple but enduring resolution: *“Resolved, That the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”*

With those words, the Stars and Stripes was born. The flag

quickly became more than a military banner. It evolved into a symbol of a daring experiment in liberty — a republic founded not on monarchy or inherited power, but on democratic ideals. Over generations, Americans carried the flag into battlefields, schools, city halls, churches, public squares, and eventually onto the surface of the moon.

But for nearly a century after the Revolution, there was no official day dedicated solely to honoring the American flag.

The earliest known formal observances of Flag Day emerged in

the late nineteenth century, during a period when patriotism and civic education became increasingly important in American life. Teachers, veterans, and community leaders sought ways to encourage national unity among a rapidly growing and diverse population.

One of the earliest advocates was Bernard Cigrand, a Wisconsin schoolteacher often called the “Father of Flag Day.” In 1885, he organized a school celebration on June 14 commemorating the adoption of the flag. Similar efforts soon spread across the country.

Yet among the organizations most responsible for elevating the observance nationally was the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Founded in 1868, the Elks had long emphasized patriotism as one of the Order’s central principles. By the early twentieth century, the organization believed the nation needed a stronger public observance dedicated to the flag and the values it represented.

In 1907, the Grand Lodge of the Elks designated June 14 as “Flag Day” and required every lodge in the country to hold annual patriotic exercises. At the time, there was still no official national Flag Day recognized by the federal government. The Elks effectively created one themselves.

Year after year, Elks lodges across America organized ceremonies featuring schoolchildren, veterans, elected officials, clergy, bands, and community groups. Members recited the history of the flag, honored military service, and promoted civic unity.

The ceremonies became so widespread and influential that Congress eventually took notice. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation officially recognizing June 14 as Flag Day,

though it was not yet a federal holiday. Decades later, in 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress permanently establishing National Flag Day.

By then, the Elks had already been observing the day for more than forty years.

Even today, the Elks remain deeply connected to Flag Day traditions. In lodges throughout the United States, annual ceremonies continue much as they did generations ago. American flags line lodge halls. Veterans stand beside Scouts and students. Patriotic music fills the room as members reflect on citizenship, sacrifice, and national unity.

Many Elks lodges consider Flag Day among the most important observances of the year because it reflects one of the Order’s defining missions: promoting Americanism.

The Elks’ patriotic involvement expanded significantly during the twentieth century, particularly during times of war and national crisis. Members supported troop drives during World War I and World War II, organized bond campaigns, assisted veterans returning home, and sponsored countless civic programs emphasizing constitutional freedoms and democratic values.

The organization also became known for its scholarship programs, youth leadership contests, and Americanism essay competitions designed to teach younger generations about citizenship and civic responsibility.

For many communities, local Elks lodges became the guardians of patriotic ceremony.

In places like Santa Ana, Flag Day traditions often connect generations. Veterans who once served overseas stand beside children saluting the flag for the first time. Families gather not simply to honor a symbol, but to remember the ide-

als behind it — liberty, equality, sacrifice, and national unity.

The meaning of the flag itself has evolved over time. It has flown over moments of triumph and tragedy alike: battlefields, inaugurations, protests, disasters, moon landings, and memorial services. Americans have debated its meaning, defended it, criticized it, and rallied beneath it.

Yet through every era, the flag has remained one of the nation’s most powerful shared symbols. Its stars represent the states united together. Its stripes recall the original colonies that declared independence against extraordinary odds. Its colors have long been associated with valor, purity, perseverance, and justice.

For the Elks, honoring the flag is not simply ceremonial. It is meant to reaffirm belief in the principles the flag represents.

That message feels especially relevant in modern America, where civic institutions and national traditions often struggle to unite an increasingly divided public.

Flag Day offers a quieter kind of patriotism — less political than reflective, less partisan than communal. It asks Americans to pause for a moment and remember the ideals that outlast elections, headlines, and generations.

At Elks lodges nationwide, members will gather with speeches, music, prayers and salutes. Here at the Santa Ana Lodge, the inner guards have planned a Flag Day celebration featuring the popular All American Boys Chorus for Tuesday, June 16 at 7:30 pm which is open to friends and family and preceded by a special Americana buffet for \$14.95. We hope you’ll join in this meaningful and patriotic tradition as we honor our nation’s flag and celebrate the values of freedom, service and American unity that it represents.

June

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	2 Lodge Meeting AVP Visit 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Special Menu	3 Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Investigation 4:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	4 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Line Dancing 6:30 - 9:30 pm 	5 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm	6 Bob Woolford Golf Tournament Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 Noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm
7 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Tustin Chili Cookoff 	8 Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm 	9 Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm HC Mtg - 5:00 pm Taco Night 	10 Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm MNF Meeting 6:30 pm 	11 All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Charity Committee 6:00 pm Fun Night with DJ Ronnie 6:30-10 pm 	12 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 	13 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12 Noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm Jerome Dean 7:00 - 10:00 pm
14 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Tasty Breakfast 	15 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	16 Flag Day Program Open Meeting 7:30 pm Taco Night Veterans CMTE 6:00 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm	17 Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	18 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Bingo Boogie 6:30-10:00 pm	19 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 	20 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 Noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Tournament of Champions 6:00 - 9:00 pm
21 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Father's Day BBQ & Beach Boys 3:00 - 7:00 PM 	22 Lodge Closed Bingo - 6:15 pm 	23 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Special Menu	24 Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	25 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:30-9:30 pm 	26 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm New Member Social 6:30 pm Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 pm 	27 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm Magic Castle Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
28 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Line Dancing Lessons 1:00 - 3:00 pm	29 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	30 No Lodge Mtg Taco Night Gourmet Cigar Dinner 6:00 pm 				

July

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
<p>WE ARE THE Elks usa</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Pasta Night Investigation 4:00 pm</p> <p>Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Western Line Dancing 6:30-9:30 pm</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4th of July Family Picnic 11 am - 4 pm</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Charity Cmte 6 pm</p> <p>Fun with DJ Ronie 6:30-9:30 pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> 
<p>Grand Lodge Convention</p>						
<p>12</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>PER Meeting 5:00 pm</p> <p>Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p>	<p>15</p> <p>MNF Meeting 6:30 pm</p> <p>Pasta/Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Emblem Club 6:30 pm</p> <p>Bingo Boogie 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Veterans Coffee Talk 9:00 am</p> <p>Orientation 12 Noon</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p>House Meeting 5:00 pm</p> <p>Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Karaoke 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>and Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Magic Castle Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p> 
<p>26</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Line Dancing Lessons 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm</p> <p>BOT Meeting 5:00 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Line Dancing 6:30-9:30 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Friday Night Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 pm</p> 	



Lynn Glick, CHEA Association President

Lynn Glick was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the daughter of an Elk. Some of her fondest childhood memories are of attending Elk family picnics, enjoying the games, companionship, and food provided by the Sioux Falls Elks Lodge, where her father Rex was a member for more than 25 years. Her first fraternal association was with Job's Daughters where she went through the chairs and became honored queen.

Lynn graduated from Sonoma State University with a Bachelor's of Arts in a special major focused on linguistics. She attended University of Hawaii, Manoa and received a Master's degree in teaching English as a second language. She then returned to Sonoma State to complete her teaching credential program.

Lynn worked for the Oakland Unified School District for 36 years, as a classroom teacher, teacher on special assignment in the office of bilingual education, and reading coach. She also served on several area and state-wide education committees and



projects, and presented at national education conventions.

Lynn and her husband, Jeff, have been married for 33 years. Jeff works in private practice as an appellate attorney, and has served as exalted ruler of Alameda Lodge. They have one daughter, Elissa, who graduated from American University, and resides in Chevy

Chase, Maryland.

Lynn was initiated into Alameda Lodge No. 1015 in 1997. She has served on several lodge committees including house, budget, membership, as chair of the lodge public relations committee, and as a member of the hall association board of directors. She served as lecturing knight, loyal knight, leading knight, and finally as exalted ruler in 2001-2002.

Lynn served for six years as a lodge trustee, including one year as chair. She has served as district chair of the indoctrination, Elks training, ritual contest, and BLT legacy giving committees, and is also a qualified ritual floor judge. She served as association vice president in 2008-2009, as DDGER in 2011-2012, and is currently district leader for the bay district.

Lynn has served as a member of the CHEA board of trustees, the CHEMPI Board of trustees, serving one year as board secretary, and as vice chair and chair of the CHEA bequests and living trusts committee, and vice chair of the CHEA meetings committee.




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Elks Lodge House Etiquette

by John Moore

Following are a few items for our new members and a gentle reminder for all. I would like to cover a few of the Lodge's policies.

NUMBER 1: Bringing any outside food and beverages into the Lodge or Patio is strictly forbidden. Sounds simple enough yet we continue to enforce this rule and it puts our staff in an unpleasant position. A simple rule to follow is, if you can chew it, sip it and swallow it, you cannot bring it in. Our lodge has many menus and snacks available for purchase.

NUMBER 2: Don't get annoyed with the staff asking to see your Elks membership card. We are just following the Grand Lodge rules. Keep in mind that allowing non-members to enter jeopardizes our tax exempt status and we must protect that at all costs. As the sign on the counter says, *"Be proud to show your Elks card"*.

NUMBER 3: Buffet tickets: there are times when we require you to hand the buffet attendant a ticket to be served. We have signs indicating when those few events are in play. Please kindly provide the staff the

ticket when asked. They are just following their orders.

NUMBER 4: There are times when our bartenders and servers may give you a glass of water instead of the drink you ordered. All our staff has been certified in the Responsible Beverage Server program and we have to make a judgement call when we feel you need a break. We are not trying to be party poopers, but what we do want is for you to make it home safely so we can see you again. The trustees have empowered our trained professional staff to make their best judgement, so please remember they have the final word Your car will be safe if you leave it over night.

NUMBER 5: We have a wonderful lodge, a true "home away from home", and we love the fact you love to come and enjoy the camaraderie with your friends, family and fellow members. The bylaws state our hours of operation, and we honor those times when there is activity. To be financially responsible, there may be a time when we have to shut down earlier. The trustees have empowered the staff to use their discretion when these rare occasions occur. I have told the staff to error on the side of the members' enjoyment, but there are also times when we must make the tough decision to close up shop.

If further explanation is needed, feel free to ask.

Sip, Savor and Smoke at "Taste of Texas" Dinner

Everything is bigger in Texas — including the flavors, hospitality, and spirit of celebration. On Tuesday, June 30, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 invites guests to enjoy an unforgettable evening of fine dining, cigars, and camaraderie at its special "Sip, Savor and Smoke: A Taste of Texas" Cigar Dinner.

Designed for both cigar enthusiasts and guests who simply appreciate a first-class dining experience, the evening promises bold flavors, relaxed conversation, and a warm social atmosphere inspired by the Lone Star State.

The event begins with a social hour at 6:00 p.m., giving guests time to gather, unwind, and enjoy the company of fellow members and friends before dinner service begins at 7:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to bring their own cigars or purchase cigars on site during the evening. Importantly, both smokers and nonsmokers are welcome, making the dinner as much about fellowship and cuisine as it is about cigars themselves.

The culinary experience begins with a signature welcome cocktail, the Texas Mulberry Mule, setting the tone for an evening filled with Southern-inspired flavors and elevated presentation.

A generous appetizer reception will follow, featuring Gulf shrimp ceviche, San Antonio chips and cheese, avocado eggrolls with tamarindo dipping sauce, and roasted jalapeño poppers, offering guests a lively variety of Texas favorites.

Dinner continues with a chopped wedge salad and warm cornbread served with honey butter before the evening's main course takes center stage. Guests will enjoy a beautifully prepared USDA Prime filet mignon paired with seared live Gulf scallops, accompanied by Ortega chili potatoes and fresh asparagus.

To conclude the meal, dessert will feature a decadent chocolate pasticcio torte alongside a rich Cowboy Cappuccino, providing the perfect ending to a memorable dining experience. Tickets are \$75 per person from May 1 through June 15, increasing to \$85 on June 16, inclusive of tax and gratuity and may be purchased online at SAEIks.com.

Prepare for a night where good food, good company, and Texas-sized hospitality take center stage!

New Candidates for Membership

CANDIDATE	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER
Vicki L. Peurring	Retired.....	Valle Campbell
Gordon Boivin.....	Ships Captain-Retired.....	Barbara Eden
Konner Boivin	Regional Manager.....	Barbara Eden
Carmen Hunt	Operations Manager	Treme Ohanesian
Alfred Melendez.....	Business Owner	Transfer from Garden Grove
Douglas Kirschke.....	Retired.....	Jan Woolford
Jaime Lopez	Police Officer.....	Erika Baca
Mario P. Lopez	Police Sergeant.....	Erika Baca
George Tapia Jr.....	Retired.....	John Moore
Joy Arnold.....	Retired.....	Sheryl Franke
Emilio Mondragon.....	Police Officer.....	Joe Rodriguez
Donna Fost.....	Project Manager	Glenn Warren
Brenda Medina	Retired.....	Alma Landini
Michael A. Medina.....	Retired-Law Enforcement	Alma Landini
Daniel Golka.....	Content Creator.....	Larry J. Hausner
Matt Cavanaugh	Retired Teacher	Reinstate
Dennis Di Giovanni.....	College Retired Professor.....	John Moore
Mark Pero.....	Retired.....	Gary Steinman
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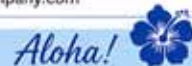
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Celebrating June Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on ANY Wednesday in June

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.

6/1.....Ivan Bradley	6/10.....Cris Baker	6/19.....Gilbert Molina
6/1.....Daisy Campos	6/10.....Garry Day	6/19.....Curtis Sprenger
6/1.....John Casteix	6/10.....Tamani Deering	6/19.....John Zahn
6/1.....Diane Weinhold	6/10.....Aaron Golden	6/20.....Bradley Hutchins
6/2.....John Clune	6/10.....Hilda Hanna	6/20.....James Maslowski
6/2.....Juvenal Diaz	6/10.....Michael Patryn	6/20.....Michael North
6/2.....Irene Jones	6/10.....Earnest Stanley	6/20.....Kristen Purcell
6/2.....Steven Sorenson	6/11.....Sally Dorsey	6/21.....James Avila
6/2.....Stephanie Thomas	6/11.....Tahnee Meridith	6/21.....Antonio Espinosa
6/3.....Don Baldwin	6/11.....Michael Montgomery	6/21.....Alice Jarminski
6/3.....Audrey Cash	6/11.....John Verduzco	6/21.....JoAnn Montejano
6/3.....Laurinda Claus	6/11.....Robert Vicario	6/21.....Maia Pehrson
6/3.....Nancy Gartner	6/12.....Theresa Aguilar	6/21.....Eva Rojo
6/3.....Robert Love	6/12.....Marilyn Bailey	6/21.....Eva Rojo
6/3.....DeAnna Thiesmeyer	6/12.....Teresa Mountain	6/21.....Tim Walker
6/4.....Edmond du Pont	6/12.....Gary Oborny	6/21.....Kya Whitfield
6/4.....Ralph Flores	6/13.....Mona Konstan	6/22.....Ismael Duarte
6/4.....Melissa Kingsbury	6/13.....Michael Leversen	6/22.....Ralph Murrietta
6/4.....Tara Leighton	6/13.....Michelle Schweizer	6/22.....Emilia Powell
6/4.....Ana Padilla	6/13.....Jill Wallace	6/22.....Marilyn Singer
6/4.....Marjorie Robbins	6/14.....Elizabeth Perez	6/22.....Bev Vensel
6/4.....Patricia Shaw	6/15.....Patricia Castillo	6/23.....Patricia Barron
6/4.....Angel Vargas	6/15.....Garland Clark	6/23.....Curtis Childress
6/5.....Robert Balsamo	6/15.....Harry Kay	6/23.....Lupe Gonzalez
6/5.....Charles Duda	6/15.....David Kos	6/23.....Ned Moeller
6/5.....Vincent Lopez	6/15.....Mary Sherwood	6/23.....Michael Ogulnik
6/5.....Charles McKenna	6/15.....Rachel Valdez	6/23.....James Palmer
6/5.....Gerardo Rodarte	6/16.....Patrick Galligar	6/23.....Glenn Warren
6/5.....Daniel Sanchez	6/16.....Rene Guerrero	6/24.....Judith Brandalise
6/5.....Christine Saucedo	6/16.....Wendy Joe	6/24.....Phil Gutierrez
6/5.....Robert Ward	6/16.....Arturo Minjarez	6/24.....Joe Moreno
6/6.....Albert Castellanos	6/16.....Don Sjostrom	6/24.....Juan Villegas
6/6.....Bonnie Cochran	6/16.....Jaclyn Velarde	6/24.....Annette Wren
6/6.....Tony Duran	6/16.....Jeff Werner	6/25.....Jane Frisz
6/6.....Cathleen Harris	6/17.....Joel Ahlquist	6/25.....Stephen Miller
6/6.....Roy Pete	6/17.....Irma Hernandez	6/25.....Jacqueline Palacios
6/6.....Jason Santengelo	6/17.....Ismael Hernandez	6/25.....Charles Wilmot
6/7.....Richard Cantu	6/17.....Dennis Pender	6/26.....James Hohman
6/7.....Victor Chavez	6/17.....Felix Rivera	6/26.....Maricela Love Gomez
6/7.....Charles Kupfer	6/17.....Janice Towner	6/26.....Arturo Munoz
6/7.....Lenora Sanchez	6/18.....John Belles	6/26.....Selma Ponsell
6/7.....Lisa Zahm	6/18.....Stephen Chang	6/26.....Dana Sommer
6/8.....Ralph Barriga	6/18.....Gus Gunderman	6/27.....Tina Fragassi
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6/8.....Vincent Vargas	6/19.....Brianna Becker	6/27.....Stephanie Roe
6/8.....Mia York	6/19.....Richard Cook	6/28.....Andy Fragassi
6/9.....Jimmy Bruhl	6/19.....Daryl Godinez	6/28.....Jaime Fuentes
		6/28.....Erwin Schauwecker
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		6/29.....Lori Gallagher
		6/29.....Janice Johnson
		6/29.....Joseph Najera
		6/29.....Daniel Patterson
		6/29.....Jeffrey Watts
		6/30.....Robert Garcia
		6/30.....Omar Magana
		6/30.....Gretchen Whisler

School's Out for Summer!

by Sue McKee

“No more homework, no more books, no more teachers’ dirty looks!” That used to be the refrain on the last day of school as students left the classroom until the following September.

Perhaps that is aging me, but something similar to that thought is probably in the minds of many of today’s students as well as teachers. The students, teachers, and administrators have worked hard to prepare for the next steps.

It will be a summer of joy for many to be free of school responsibilities for a few months. For those who marched to the podium while listening to “Pomp and Circumstance” to receive their diplomas, many decisions about their future lives will be transforming. Parents will also be involved in the process just as they have in the past.

The scholarship committee takes joy in all the accomplishments of the students, teachers, administrators, and parents. It has taken and will continue to take a team effort as each student achieves the next goal. While students are working on their next steps, the scholarship committee will spend the next few months evaluating the scholarship applications to determine how to make them better and more accessible to all students. We will also be working on ideas to continue our fundraising efforts so that we can continue to award scholarships. Our advertising methods will be looked at to be sure our scholarship information is reaching the right people.

You, as Elks, can help in this process. Join the committee. Give us ideas for fundraising and promoting our scholarships to the local community. All ideas are welcome! Our

next scholarship committee meeting will be Saturday, June 27, 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. The Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications will be available online August 1, 2026. All high school seniors are encouraged to apply. The deadline for submitting applications is November 12, 2026.

Before I close this article, I would like to take a moment to thank Linda Barcelona, who has been the scholarship chair for the past several years. With her guidance and leadership, we are where we are today. We owe her a debt of gratitude. She will continue to be on the committee but decided it was time to have some well-deserved “me” time. Hopefully, my 25 years of experience on the committee will guide us through the coming year.

Scholarship donations are always greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable to Santa Ana Elks #794 with scholarship noted on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible.



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

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

INCREASES

Initiated.....	15
Affiliated.....	0
Reinstated.....	0
Subtotal.....	15

DECREASES

Dropped.....	5
Transferred Out.....	0
Absolute Dimit.....	1
Deaths.....	2
Expelled.....	0
Subtotal.....	8

Calculated Membership Total.....	1930
CLMS Active Members.....	1930
Average Age.....	64.06
Gain/Loss.....	7

DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	0
One Year.....	383
Over One Year.....	0
Total.....	383
Lapsation Rate.....	19.92%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting.....	5
Ready for investigation.....	9
Ready for balloting.....	0
Ready for orientation.....	7
Ready for Initiation.....	21
Ready for Affiliation.....	4
Ready for Reinstatement.....	0
Other.....	0
Total.....	46

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members.....	70
Honorary Life Members.....	2
Total.....	72
Life Percentage.....	3.74%

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For full information, please visit our web site at:

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Celebrate Father's Day at the Lodge's "Surf's Up!" Summer Celebration

Father's Day is a time to honor the men who guide, support, encourage, and inspire their families every day. Whether they are teaching life lessons, cheering from the sidelines, fixing what's broken, telling stories at the dinner table, or simply showing up when they are needed most, fathers and father figures play an invaluable role in shaping families and communities.

This year, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 is inviting the community to celebrate those special men with an afternoon filled with music, laughter, and great food at its "Surf's Up!" Father's Day Celebration on Sunday, June 21, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The event promises all the fun

and easygoing spirit of a classic California summer party while giving families an opportunity to spend meaningful time together honoring dads, grandfathers, step-fathers, mentors, and all the men who make a difference in the lives of others.

The barbecue begins at 3:00 p.m. and continues through 6:00 p.m., featuring a generous menu of summer favorites including Santa Maria-style tri-tip, barbecue chicken, hot dogs, sausages, corn on the cob, baked beans, grilled cottage potatoes, a fresh salad bar, and a chips and cheese bar. Children will enjoy their own special menu with corndogs, macaroni and cheese, chips, and a soda.

And because no Father's Day feast is complete without dessert, guests will also be treated to warm apple crisp à la mode.

At 4:00 p.m., the celebration comes alive with music from Catch A Wave, a popular Beach Boys tribute band that will perform the timeless hits that defined California's surf culture. Families can dance, sing along, and enjoy an evening of classic summer fun together.

This is a ticketed event, and advance purchase is encouraged. Tickets may be purchased online at SAEIks.com or at the lodge. Admission is \$35 per adult, children 12 and under are \$10. So put on your Hawaiian shirts, bring the whole family, and celebrate the dads in your life with an unforgettable afternoon at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. Summer starts here — and there's no better way to spend Father's Day than together.

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2nd Thursday of the Month, 6:00 pm

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2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 pm

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