

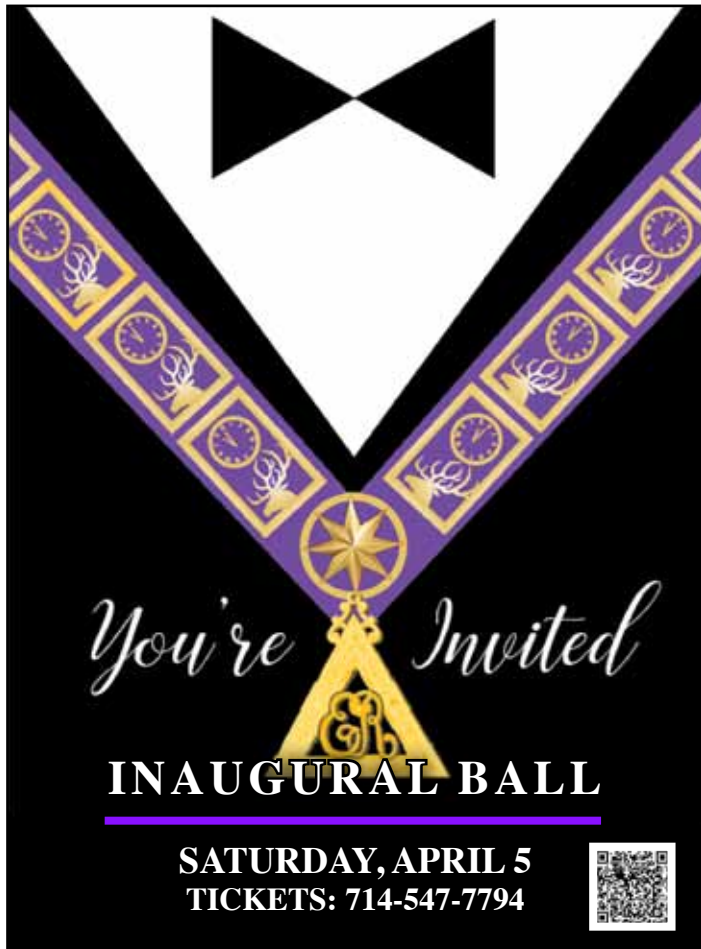
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Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker



Welcome to a new Elk year. On April 1, we install the officers for the new year. I hope you can join us for the installation

of the 123rd officer corps of Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 and the Inaugural Ball on Saturday, April 5.

My theme this year is "Cooking up Community". This is a combination of my passion for cooking great food combined with the sense of community felt in Elkdom. When I think about the wonderful times spent with fellow Elks during events, typically over a shared meal, it warms my heart. The community we create with our shared values and passion for veterans, children and charities is palpable. I look forward to working with our officer corps and members to continually build and enhance the sense of community which keeps us coming back to the lodge.

This work is not done alone. In addition to our members, we have an amazing corps of officers this year. Over the past couple months, the officer team has been working

together to learn ritual (the process of initiation). I love to watch a team come together while working on a common goal. You will be impressed with the team's performance.

I hope you are excited about this Elk year and I look forward to continually building and developing our community at Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794. Cheers to a great year!

Esteemed Leading Knight Eli Morales



Welcome to the 2025-2026 Elk year! This marks the beginning of a fresh vision and exciting

opportunities to connect with our fellow Elks and our local communities. For me, it signifies the start of a new role within our lodge, one that I take seriously and will strive to fulfill to the best of my abilities.

The leading knight station, is symbolized by the flag of our country and its motto is charity and charity stands as one of the most significant and rewarding actions we undertake as Elks. Last year, our lodge achieved remarkable milestones in fundrais-

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**JEROME
DEAN
April 11**



**TROPIC STAR
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April 18**



**MOONDOG
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April 25**



**SATURDAY
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April 26**



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ing and charitable contributions to our local communities, setting a high standard for us to follow. The dedication of our many volunteers did not go unnoticed and will serve as the standard for this year.

If you, as a member of this lodge, have not had the chance to participate in our charitable efforts, I encourage you to become a volunteer this year. Our committees are eager to welcome you; remember, the only requirement is a willingness to help those in need whenever your schedule permits.

There are so many opportunities to support our military veterans, youth, students, and let's not overlook those in homeless shelters. The need is great, and our response is a must. I can personally guarantee that dedicating your time and effort will be a rewarding experience, allowing you to witness firsthand how your involvement can uplift someone's spirits.

Additionally, if you're looking for a tax deduction, I encourage you to consider donating to the Elks National Foundation. This foundation provides substantial financial support to local lodges for community charity initiatives through grants. Your contribution can be as little as five, ten, or twenty dollars a month, or whatever amount you feel comfortable giving. There is still time to make a donation this year, and it can greatly enhance the funds available to our lodge for the charitable work we are devoted to. I sincerely thank you in advance, as I believe that together we can achieve new heights and make a significant impact in our community.

I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to working alongside all of you in the vital mission of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. Elkdom: live it, love it!

Esteemed Loyal Knight Brian Byrd



A new Elk year is getting ready to begin, or might have already, depending on when you receive this *ElkHorn*. Thank

you to all of our members who have put their faith in me to continue my Elk journey as your loyal knight.

We have some new officers and some old officers in new positions. However, our commitment to you as members is as strong as ever.

To Joe Rodriguez and First Lady Sheila, thank you for a great 2024/2025 Elk year.

Congratulations to Mark Schauwecker who is our new ER. I am sure we will have a lot of fun and make a lot of money for charity.

As long as you have started reading my column, you might as well keep reading about all the things we have going on, because there is so much to do in April.

The Inaugural Ball is April 5. Come join us in the introduction of all the officers and their significant others. We will have a swing band, great food, lots of fun and pomp and circumstance. I hope to see you there.

We still need a whole bunch more volunteers for this year's CHEA convention. Check out the web site (SAElks.com) or the mobile app (MyElks) for all the information you need to attend the convention and/or help out. The Santa Ana lodge has the best members and the most committed members. Let's show the rest of the district how good we are by participating.

Cinco de Mayo will be cele-

brated on May 2 at our lodge. Get your tickets early! As loyal knight, along with help from the entire lodge team, I will be your host. We will have all of your favorite foods, music, and entertainment. I can see it being a sell out!

Right around the corner is the ritual competition on the 3rd and 4th of May here in our lodge. Come watch the competition and support our team. It will be a great weekend, ending on Sunday afternoon with a "tailgate party" and awards. Help support us in our endeavor to be number one.

As a reminder, we have our lodge meetings every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM (19:30). Come experience the new officers and experience what we have planned for the coming year. Oh, and remember, if you come to the meeting you can win prizes and you can go to the McCalla Lounge for an after meeting snack and conversation with the officer corps to learn more about us.

As I close out, always keep in mind to treat every person as you would like to be treated...what a world we will create!

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Karla Vigil



Welcome to the new 2025-2026 Elk year. My name is Karla Vigil and I am very excited to be your new esteemed lecturing

knight. I look forward to working with our fellow officers and Elk members. We had a great year in 2024-2025. I enjoyed being a tiler for the last two years and I look forward to a great year planned ahead for this corps year.

Joining the Elks has been a great way to get involved and I have met so many great members and enjoyed participating in charity and recently MNF committee Super Bowl event.

I encourage you as members to come get involved and join a committee. Volunteer opportunities are a way to get involved and fellowship with other Elks members.

We have weekly meetings each Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm and it is a good way to get to know what is going on at your lodge.

Come see our new officers get installed on April 1. We would love to have you attend and support us as well as support the lodge. Let us work together in friendship and servicing our great community!

General Manager John Moore



As we all know, the new 2025-2026 Elk membership cards go into effect April 1, 2025. If you have not paid

your dues, please stop on by and see Sheila at the front desk to get you current for the upcoming year. You can also pay via the MyElks app on your phone. We would not want you to miss any of the great events the newly-elected Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker and the 2025 officer corps have in store.

Keep in mind the staff has been asked to make sure everyone who enters our magnificent lodge proudly shows their 2025-2026 Elk membership card. You will be asked upon entry to the lodge and then asked again by the server or bartender to show us your card. It is important to know the Elks statues

require us to verify each member is current. By letting in a member with an expired card or someone with no card we are jeopardizing our tax-free status. So please be patient with us and remember we will ask each time you enter (even if you came yesterday). And to avoid the \$5.00 fine that goes to the purple pig, be sure to sign your new card.

One of the most popular brunches we have is our Easter Brunch which is fun for the entire family. Keep your eyes peeled for the Easter Bunny "Hop Along Sue" who will be visiting tables, have your camera ready to capture that great family picture. Please see the details of this brunch online at SAElks.com and make your reservation using our effortless online ticketing. For those of you who prefer making your reservation the "old fashion way" you can still call the lodge, but we encourage everyone to give the online purchasing a try. We have room for the first 500 and large parties are welcomed. No other menu will be available that day.

I hear this question often "When do you close the kitchen?" The kitchen closes on Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Wednesday - Saturday at 8:00 pm and on Sunday during non-football season at 6:00 pm So come on down and enjoy appetizers or the popular \$10.95 Sunday spaghetti dinner With respect to the bar, Tuesday through Thursday we close at 10:00 pm; Friday and Saturday we close at 1:00 am but our members tend to clear out by 11:00 pm; and Sunday during non-football season we close at 6:00 pm. Remember last call each night is 30 minutes before we close. With that said, if there are members still enjoying themselves at the Lodge on any of these nights and it war-

rants remaining open, that decision will be made by the bartender.

We are also tasked with managing our financial obligation and to always be aware of our labor cost. This certainly is a balancing act, and we ask the members to understand. We are here to service the members, we want you to have a good time at the Lodge, and we also want to get everyone home safe so we can see you tomorrow.

Employee Corner

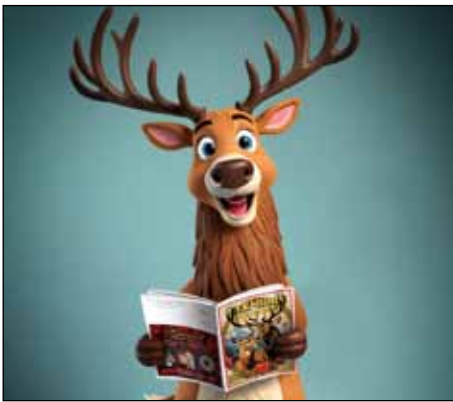


Maria Bisbee wears so many hats at the lodge, she needs the biggest hat rack they make! Director of events, selling the various events, working with the sales team, editor of our many banquet packages, overseeing the reception desk. Maria is my counterpart working side by side with me on the daily lodge operations, putting the events and Elks weekly work packets together for the staff supervisors, making fliers and invitations monitoring the service team, making sure the events are running smooth and once upon a time she was our first lady and award-winning editor of the *ElkHorn*. Maria is the wife of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and P.E.R. Allen Bisbee, but her main source of joy comes from her grandkids, Jaycion and RJ and her son Richard. Maria is a proud

Emblem member and is passionate about Elksdom and our Elks lodge. The lodge is much better because of her! If you have not had a chance to meet her on your next visit, ask to say hello.

MARIA TRIVIA

Favorite Foods: hot dogs, BBQ.
pizza, mac 'n cheese
Favorite Animal: Giraffe
Favorite TV: Hallmark Channel
Favorite Boss: Me!



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MNF: More Than Just Football!



by Dan Breece

MNF, as most of you know, is Monday Night Football. We have a tremendous group of members who volunteer for that committee and provide a lot of fun and good times while working hard to make sure when you attend a Monday night game, our golf tournament or car show, that you leave wanting to come back.

This month, while there is the NCAA men's and women's basketball championship games on the first weekend, I wanted to share with you how much more the MNF committee is doing and how what we do helps kids in our community.

Three years ago, our committee came up with the idea about sponsoring a student-athlete scholarship. The end result was last month, we funded 11 scholarships for \$15,000. Partnering with the scholarship committee, who donated extra funds they had, in total, we gave out 27 scholarships for a total of \$31,000. All thanks to you for supporting what we do.

Our scholarship criteria is a little different though. We require the applicant to write an essay on what and/or how being an athlete and/or athletics has impacted their lives. Describe what obstacles or adversity

they overcame from lessons they learned being an athlete and part of a team. The essay is 80% of their score. The other 20% comes from letters of recommendation from their coaches, counselors or teachers. Unique for sure. Their stories even more so.

These high school kids, from all backgrounds, share very personal stories at times. Each year we read essays that describe overcoming learning disabilities, physical injuries both on and off the field or court. They include family health challenges, death and homelessness. They are first generation kids who are attending a high school in America for the first time and must learn English, make friends, and fit in. These examples are just a small sample of the kind of student athletes we have in our community. The kind of kids we have in our community that have shown courage, character, perseverance, and grit, to achieve success in the classroom and on the field or court. Based on the essays we have read the past three years, it's safe to say our future is in pretty good hands.

On behalf of all these student-athletes who applied for or received a scholarship from us, we say thank you for supporting what we do. It means more than you know!

Introducing our new Exalted Ruler, Mark Schauwecker

As we all know, every year on the 1st of April, we start a new Elk year and with it comes the excitement and anticipation of all it will hold. One of the most exciting aspects of a new year is the position of the new exalted ruler and their officer team. This year is no exception as our new exalted ruler, as you saw on the cover, is none other than five-year member, Mark Schauwecker.

Mark was born right here in Orange County, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange. He is the son of Erwin and Bev Schauwecker who are also members.

After graduating from high school, Mark attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, where he graduated with a degree in finance. He attended Chapman University where he received his MBA in business administration. Mark currently works for Yamaha Motors where he does financial planning and analysis. Mark is currently single and resides here in Santa Ana. His first lady for the year is Colleen Daddario. Colleen has served as a first lady in the past and brings a lot of experience and will be a great first lady this year.

Our exalted ruler has earned his stripes here at the lodge. He



started out as a tiler for then Exalted Ruler Tracy Smith, and has served in two of the three chairs, holding the positions of esteemed lecturing and leading knights. He has been actively involved with many activities and events and is excited about the upcoming year. I asked Mark how he felt as he and his team are practicing and working hard to get ready for the ritual competition in May and then the year ahead.

Right now, the officer team is practicing their ritual parts in preparation for the annual ritual competition the first weekend in May. Mark said they have all been working hard and he is confident we will do great this year. In fact, he said, it wouldn't be a

surprise if we win it all.

Mark shared that his first event hosting as an officer was the 2023, Oktoberfest. He has a little bit of German heritage in his family tree, and he always loved attending an Oktoberfest. When he found out we had held one previously but not in a few years, he inquired about bringing it back to life. Then Exalted Ruler Jeff Brumett gave the green light, and after

partnering with the scholarship committee, the rest was history. One of the biggest impressions from that experience was how so many members just jumped in to help and did so with such enthusiasm and joy, which in some ways inspired him for his approach this coming year. He wants to work with the officer team to be engaged with our members to deliver a fun atmosphere for them. So be ready for some good times this year!

Mark's love of travel has taken him to over 40 different countries around the world, with Dijon, France being his favorite stop. "I have a preference for the old world," Mark said when asked about his favorite place to visit. "The wine and the food" are the reasons for Dijon. Nothing was mentioned about mustard.

(Mark Schwaucker continued) Since France is known for its wines, you'll have to ask him if his color for the year, burgundy, has a wine connection. Speaking of food and wine, Mark's favorite meal here at the lodge is the hobo steak, with crinkle cut fries. "The tender meat and succulent gravy are superb" he says. So, GM John Moore, you might as well start planning on when you're bringing that back.

Which brings us to his theme for the year, "Cooking Up Community". Mark's love of cooking, ties directly into his theme for 2025-2026. His theme is to involve us as members, in the mission of the Elks, while having fun in the process. His plan is to empower all the groups within the lodge to be the most successful they can be. However he can help them to do that, he will be there for them. Along the way, being involved and en-



gaged will grow our membership even more. Something that helped inspire this attitude has been his attending the state and grand lodge conventions. He saw and heard the magnitude and impact created by Elkdom. It also resonated with him the impact C.H.E.A. and the Orange Coast District have at these events. It brought a sense of pride to being a part of both.

Mark shared a funny story of when he first became a tiler, which is also when he met Eli Morales,

our leading knight this year. As they were tending to business outside the lodge room during a meeting, someone they didn't recognize arrived. He claimed to be a two-time PER (Past Exalted Ruler) and member of Santa Ana. After checking his membership card and allowing him into the meeting, they scanned the pictures on the wall. Sure enough, the man was correct. Having never seen this guy at the lodge, it turns out it was Paul G. Shelor III, who now resides in Michigan and makes an occasional visit.

When you're at the lodge for an event or function or just for lunch or dinner, if you see Mark, don't be shy to introduce yourself. He looks forward to meeting as many members as possible this year. His heart is in the right place for us as members and for our lodge. We're in good hands for 2025-2026.



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Elks Award \$61,000 in Scholarships

What an exciting night for our students receiving scholarships and for our 794 Elks Lodge! On March 4, we presented 40 awards to 39 students totaling \$61,000! That is a record for our lodge and the culmination of a year of fund raising and promoting our scholarships.

We were so very pleased to see the room packed with students, their families and supporters as well as so many of our lodge members there to support and wish our students well. Every year we do this, we make some difficult decisions on who will receive the awards and every year it gets harder as the students applying become more and more impressive in their endeavors and achievements.

We awarded 27 athletic scholarships. This is the 3rd year we have offered this scholarship, an idea that was brought to us by the Monday Night Football committee, and we have increased the number dramatically each year. It is partially funded by the MNF and partially by our committee funds and we had so many very qualified applicants, we couldn't resist making extra funds available for them.

We also awarded the last of the

Lenz scholarships and will be retiring it this year. The Lenz family created an endowment many years ago with the instruction that the funds be disbursed to Elks members or their families. Pursuant to their instructions and completing their legacy wish, the last award was given this year to Marissa Hayes, granddaughter of Judy Brandelise.

We awarded our first ever Opportunity Scholarship, designed for students attending community college. That scholarship was awarded to Isaac Estrada who intends to move on from Orange Coast College to UC Santa Barbara in 2026.

We are so very proud to present to you the following Most Valuable Student winners that have moved on past our district competition to winning state competition. They are Gerardo Caravez of Valley High School, Jenelle Huerta of Legacy Magnet Academy, Thein-Tho Nguyen of Foothill High School, and Matthew Hsieh of Legacy Magnet Academy. And finally, Isabella Lugo of Foothill High School has moved on in judging for the Elk's National Foundation award which puts her in competition with students across the country for \$30,000 in scholarships!

The scholarship committee is proud of our winners and you should be, too! They are a diverse group of students who have excelled in many fields and will continue to do so. We as a committee, are very glad we could help them pursue their educational dreams.

Our committee has also put in a great deal of effort and raised a record amount of funds this past year, and we are getting better at the task all the time. On March 29 we held our biggest event ever, the Forever Young '80s-themed dinner dance. But since I don't have a DeLorean and can't go *Back to the Future*, I'm going to wait and tell you play by play how that rad "excellent adventure" went down next month!

By raising awareness of our work at the various activities of the lodge, we have received very generous donations from our lodge members for scholarships which we so appreciate. Know that every dollar that you donate to scholarships goes directly into scholarships. The costs of our events have been underwritten by our corporate sponsor, Aptiva Care Management. Thank you so much for your continued help and support.

For the full list of scholarship winners, go to SAElks.com/scholarships.

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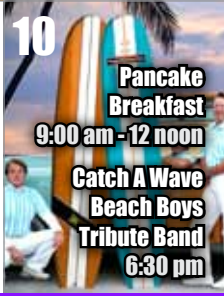
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Elks Care		1 Installation of New Officers 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm	2 Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm Investigation 3:30-6:30 pm	3 All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 6:00-10 pm 	4 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm	5 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Inaugural Ball 
	6 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	7 Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	8 Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm HC Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday 	9 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm MNF Committee 6:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	10 All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 6:00-10 pm 	11 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Jerome Dean 7:00 - 10:00 pm
13 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Spring Boutique 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 	14 Lodge Closed Charity Committee 2:00 pm Bingo 6:15 m	15 Pin Night Open Meeting 7:00 pm Veterans CMTE 6:00 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm	16 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	17 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm	18 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Tropic Star Dinner Dance 7:00 - 10:00 pm	19 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Mango Band 7:00 pm 
20 Easter Champagne Brunch 10:30 - 3:30 pm 	21 Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm	22 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 lpm HC Meeting	23 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	24 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm Nomads 6:00 pm	25 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Moondog Miller Band 7:00 - 10:00 pm 	26 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Saturday Karaoke 6:00 - 10:30 pm 
27 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Get Together USA 99 Band 1:00 - 6:00 pm	28 Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	29 Cigar Night 6:00 pm 	30 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	31 All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 6:00-10 pm 	Elks Share	

MAY

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
IT'S GREAT TO BE AN ELK!				1 All American Burger Night 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm 	2 Cinco de Mayo 6:00 pm 	3 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon
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11 Mother's Day Brunch 10 am - 2:30 pm 	12 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	13 Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	14 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm MNF Committee 6:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	15 All American Burger Night 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Karaoke 6:30-10:00 pm	16 Regular Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Casino Night 6:00 - 11:00 pm 	17 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation Noon Jerome Dean 7:00- 10:00 pm
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New Candidates for Membership

CANDIDATE	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER
Andrew T. Purmort	Financial Advisor	George Will
Amy Lindquist	Retired Deputy Sheriff	George Will
Araceli Ochoa	Billing	Vincent Lopez
Baltazar De La Riva	Retired Law Enforcement	Ernesto Conde
Christiana Stover	CEO	Mark Schauwecker
Christine Liekhus	Retired	Juliann Stanley
Christopher Laird	Electrician	Jose Castro Jr.
Deanna Bradley	Transfer from Garden Grove	
Denise Noriega	Speech Language Pathologist Asst	Paulette Hernandez
Dennis Cardwell	Contractor	Eliseo Lopez
Dolores Vargas	Caregiver	Maricela Love-Gomez
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Celebrating April Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, April 2

Every month, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge celebrates those members with birthdays that month. So, if your name is listed below, join us for a FREE pasta dinner and a slice of cake in the McCalla Lounge on Wednesday, April 2 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

4/1.....John Davis	4/11..... Steve Cuevas	4/22..... Gordon Baker
4/1.....Robert Frost	4/11..... Sonia Hungerford	4/22..... Julie Barreda
4/1.....Sonia Jensen	4/11..... Kendall Madsen	4/22..... John Capezzuto
4/1.....Michael Simpfenderter	4/12..... Gina Campos	4/22..... Charles De Capite
4/2.....Daniel Burghardt	4/12.....Manny Ramirez	4/22..... Paul Dito
4/2.....Steven Darmstadt	4/12.....Joseph Rowland	4/22.....James Egan
4/2.....Constance Moon	4/13.....James Bartolomucci	4/22..... Luis Gallardo
4/2.....Armando Salinas	4/13.....Raymond Bryant	4/23.....Sobeida Butchko
4/2.....Nancy Silva	4/13.....Wendy Currilin	4/23.....Henry Castro
4/3.....Sheilagh Robinson	4/13.....Alex Hernandez	4/23.....Joseph Le Fever
4/3.....George Will	4/13.....Arturo Lomeli	4/24.....Margaret Baranyay
4/3.....Kenneth Young	4/13.....James Zamora	4/24.....Sandra Carrillo
4/3.....Nancy Bollinger	4/14.....Evangeline Galvez	4/24.....Francisco Gutierrez
4/4.....Rene Cedillo	4/14.....Agustin Gonzalez	4/24.....Roslyn Peggins
4/4.....Cesar Grijalva	4/14.....Jennifer Miranda	4/24.....Saul Rios
4/4.....George Hansen	4/14.....Bond Nichols	4/24.....Teresa Salgado
4/4.....Mark Ramos	4/14.....Antonio Rodella	4/24.....Mark Schauwecker
4/4.....David Smith	4/14.....Donnia Schmidt-Klawitter	4/25.....Catherine Amen
4/5.....Robert Butcher	4/15.....Brian Byrd	4/25.....Donald Berkheimer
4/5.....Patrick Curley	4/15.....Clay Cotton	4/25.....Sylvia Nash
4/5.....Fred Davis	4/15.....Larry Zamora	4/25.....Gilberto Sepulveda
4/5.....Eric Finley	4/16.....Albert Calleros	4/25.....Sandra Tafoya
4/5.....John Gaido	4/16.....Dolores De La Riva	4/26.... Paula Garcia-Arsenault
4/5.....George Najera	4/16.....Carolyn Knight	4/26.....Walter Benvenuto
4/5.....George Salazar	4/16.....Carolyn Gillis	4/26.....Jeff Bradley
4/5.....Becky Torres	4/16.....Leticia Rodella	4/26.....Faye Carroll
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4/6.....Todd Szilagyi	4/18.....Annie Strenk	4/27.....Stephen Giglio
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4/8.....Mario Di Dodo	4/20.....Jenna Bodholdt	4/27.....David Reynolds
4/8.....Jason Higgins	4/20.....Larraine Hokans	4/27.....Beverly Schauwecker
4/8.....Richard Horn	4/20.....Paul Irby	4/28.....Garlin Flynn
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By Dan Breece

Most of you are familiar with the acronym, P.E.R. For those who aren't, P.E.R. stands for past exalted ruler. It signifies an individual has been the exalted ruler of a lodge. Which means that same individual has dedicated at least a year of their life, spending many days a week and countless hours guiding and leading our lodge.

Over the last 18 months we've lost several: Bob McCalla, Tom Wilkie, Tom Rizzo, Cliff Thompson, Dick Wroble, Gene Jalbert and Don Woods. Unfortunately, this year we've lost two more. In February, Arnold Brackman and Patrick Kuykendall both left us.

Arnold was born in London, England and moved to the U.S. around 1954. He later served in the U.S. Army and became an integral part of our lodge. He was a ritual coach for several years, hosted the Friday night orientations, led the lodge memorial team, was an officer and exalted ruler for the 1999-2000 year. According to James Wroble, one of Arnold's closest friends was James' father, Dick Wroble, and they often traveled together going to visitations and meetings to other lodges. After a few trips with Arnold driving, Dick decided he wanted to drive. Arnold drove too fast and made up his own road rules, telling Dick, "Speed limit signs are for those other drivers". Even as Dick's eyesight worsened, he still felt safer driving then to let Arnold behind the wheel. But whenever Dick wanted a little excitement, he would turn the keys over to Arnold.

Patrick Kuykendall was exalted ruler for the 2016-2017 Elk year. Patrick grew up in Santa Ana, going to Glen Martin Elementary School and Saddleback High School. His dad, Tom, was a long-time Elk mem-



Arnold Brackman



Pat Kuykendall

ber and was one of the lodge's best maintenance guys at the old lodge location. Patrick often wore his dad's jackets and shirts with "Tom" on them, always paying tribute to his dad. One of the things Patrick was best known for and will be remembered for is his love of being Elroy the Elk. Patrick put on that heavy and often hot costume and attended our car shows, drug awareness events, you name it. If anyone asked him to be Elroy, he always did his best to be there. Last October, at our Trunk-or-Treat event, Patrick once again became Elroy, to the joy and amusement of both kids and parents.

Thank you to all our past exalted rulers for their dedication and sacrifice. To those who are no longer with us, we say goodbye and thank you for the memories you have left for us all. Our lodge would not be what it is today without all you did for it.



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

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

INCREASES

Initiated	280
Affiliated	24
Reinstated	23
Subtotal	327

DECREASES

Dropped	3
Transferred Out	13
Absolute Dimit	3
Deaths	10
Expelled	0
Subtotal	29

Calculated Membership Total 1961

CLMS Active Members..... 1961

Average Age 63.09

Gain/Loss 298

DELINQUENCY

Six Months	0
One Year	156
Over One Year	0
Total	156
Lapsation Rate.....	9.38%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting	16
Ready for investigation	49
Ready for balloting	0
Ready for orientation	4
Ready for Initiation	10
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement	3
Other	0
Total	82

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members	80
Honorary Life Members	2
Total	82
Life Percentage	4.93%



by Kellie Miller

Happy Spring everyone! I'm excited to start a new Elk year – new officers to work with, new ideas to help veterans. This continues with each ER and officer that we've worked with over the years. It's great to be part of different ideas, new mentorship, friendships, and partnerships that come with each year. It's absolutely invaluable.

With this new year also comes the anticipation of new grants – What can we do differently? Who else can we help? Are there new veteran programs and collaborations that we can be involved with.

The veterans committee will continue to give out welcome home kits, play Bingo at the Long Beach VA, give free lunches to needy veterans at homes and the VA. We will help and contribute wherever and to whomever we can.

We will be sponsoring two veterans on a two day fishing trip, out of San Diego. This is an all-expense paid experience, and we'd love to sponsor veterans from the Santa Ana lodge. This fishing trip will happen in August and if you're interested, or have questions, please email veteransteam@elks794.org.

A lot happened in March: March 1 was the 2nd annual veterans Stand Down in Garden Grove and all eight lodges in our South Coast District were involved in putting this together! We had over 200 veterans that showed up for dental work, new eyeglasses, hot meals, clothing, camaraderie and a lot of other resources to help them get back on

their feet. As a veteran, I also visited the VA table to make sure I was up to date on the benefits that are available to me. (I've never looked into this, I always thought I'd figure it out and handle it on my own. Sadly, I'm not the only one that thinks like that) Not all veterans know where and how to get help. This is extremely important for those that need to submit a claim, get help to find a place to sleep, a new job.. It was a successful day and thank you to everyone who helped in any capacity.



The veterans committee finished three grants this month – Freedom, Spotlight and the Focus Grant.

The Freedom Grant (\$1,000) was used to buy shelving and food to start a food pantry at Heroes Landing. This helps the veterans that are currently living there but also valuable to the ones that just moved in that don't have food or anything with them.

The Spotlight Grant (\$2,000) was used for the veterans Stand Down – It was used to buy men and women's hygiene packs, hair brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, chil-

dren's clothing, undergarments for women and other items that homeless, needy or unstably housed veterans need for themselves and their families.

The Focus Grant (\$10,000) was used for Patriots and Paws. The first portion was for Thanksgiving meals and we provided 80 bags of food which included everything needed to prepare a meal for themselves, friends and family (stuffing, cranberries, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, yams, chicken broth, brownies.) We also gave out 96 frozen turkeys!

The second part of this grant was used for families who are just moving into their new home. Thirty kitchen kits were put together and given out for a family of four (dish sets, pots/pans, serving utensils, silverware sets, glasses, toasters, microwaves.)

It's such a heartwarming experience to hand these out to people that really need them. Patriots and Paws helps both veterans and active-duty men and women. It's an honor to meet with them and thank them for defending our country.

The veterans committee continues to strive in hopes of being the support to those that need help at this point of their lives. Whether it be food, helping to move to new housing, fixing their vehicle to get to work, finding clothing, laughing or listening, we're here to help.

If you'd like to join, get involved or donate to the veterans committee please let us know. It would be greatly appreciated. To join the committee or stay up to date on veterans events, join us at our next meeting: Tuesday April 15 at 6 pm at the lodge. Send an email to veteransteam@elks794.org or text the word veteransteam to 844-794-3557. Also, check us out at SAElks.com/veterans.

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First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

House Committee Meeting

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

Charity Committee Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month, 2:00 pm

Travel Club Meeting

1st Friday of the Month, 1:30 pm

Nomads Meeting

4th Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm

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Family Style & Catch A Wave to Perform



There are two great events coming up for which you're going to want to get tickets. The first one is our annual Cinco de Mayo party on Friday, May 2. Back again is the popular band Family Style who will be performing dance music from 8:00 to 10:30 pm. Also performing will be mariachi and folklórico dancers. We'll be serving a delicious buffet from 6:00-8:00 pm with chili Colorado, pork chili verde, chicken

al pastor, churros and a nacho bar. There'll also be a late night pizza cart from 9:30 to 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$55 per person available now by calling the lodge at 714-547-7794.

Then on Saturday, May 10 it's Catch A Wave, the Beach Boys tribute stage show often featured at the Disney parks. Sporting authentic detail just as you remember, this act recreates the 1960s Beach Boys evoking that unique California harmonic surf pop sound so recognizable around the world. The evening includes a delicious buffet dinner. Tickets are only \$35 available online only at SAEls.com starting April 12.



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