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Santa Ana Elks

Magazine

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue t-shirt and a dark jacket, is smiling and holding a blue backpack. The backpack is filled with school supplies, including several yellow pencils, a pair of green scissors, and a box of Crayola crayons. She is also holding a stack of colorful folders or notebooks. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

**Linda Fernandez Fills
Backpacks with Hope**

**MNF Golf Tournament
Tees Up For Charity**

**Elks Fundraiser nets \$25,000
for Local Scholarships**

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MOTHER'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH



Sunday, May 10, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
 Free-Flowing Champagne and Mimosas
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MENU:

Strawberry Bread • Signature Chocolate Muffins • Fruit Danish
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 Machaca con Huevos • Sausage • Applewood Bacon
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June 6, 2026

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**Exalted Ruler
Eli Morales**



Greetings Santa Ana Elks —Before starting my May column, I want to express my sincere gratitude

to our members and our incredible staff—who are no less part of this great Elks family—for your help at our inaugural ball. Your time and your generosity turned the evening into a beautiful memory. My wife and I are truly humbled and grateful to have shared it with all of you.

That said, let us move on to May and what is in store for our lodge and members. As I was preparing to write this column, I came across a note informing me that May 1 is National Loyalty Day, a day established to reaffirm our patriotism and loyalty to the United States. With Memorial Day at the end of the month, May is the perfect month to honor our country and those who have sacrificed for it. As Elks, we hold deep respect and gratitude for the American values and freedoms that unite us and have been entrusted to all of us. Let us reaffirm our continued sup-

port of veterans and active service members, as a testament of our commitment as Elks. God Bless America!

One of the biggest honors of our lodge, year after year, is to host our Mother’s Day brunch and give our members the opportunity to celebrate the incredible women who have shaped our lives. This day is something a little different for each of us. For some, it’s time to gather with Mom, wives, daughters and grandmothers who intercede and continue to bless our lives. For others, myself included, who said goodbye too soon, it’s a moment to reflect with gratitude and love for the one that loved us first. Their love and influence remain as a part of who we are every day.

The Santa Ana Elks will open its doors not just as a lodge, but as a family, welcoming everyone to be part of something bigger than just brunch. It will be warm, supportive and full of love. In moments like this, no one celebrates alone. I encourage you to join us, bring your family and make them part of this tradition as we celebrate our mothers together.

Finally, I invite you to come and join us at our meetings on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM where fellowship is the focal point.

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

<p>CINCO DE MAYO May 1</p>	<p>DJ RONNIE FUN NIGHT May 15</p>	<p>BINGO BOOGIE May 21</p>	<p>MAGIC CASTLE NIGHT May 23</p>
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For the full calendar of events, go to SAElks.com/calendar

Esteemed Leading Knight Brian Byrd



Here we are in April 2026, beginning a new Elk year with a new exalted ruler, new officers, and plenty of energy moving our lodge forward. By the time you read this, you'll already know whether our officers brought home a victory at the district ritual competition—but as I write this, the outcome is still unknown. What I do know is how many hours of dedication and practice went into preparing for it. Win or lose, our officers represented Santa Ana with pride.

Of course, our lodge is about much more than competitions. What makes our lodge special is our membership—an extraordinary group of people who come together to support our community and those who need us most: veterans, unhoused individuals, and children. Let's make the 2026–2027 Elk year one where we truly knock it out of the park and continue strengthening the impact we have together.

Personally, I'm grateful for the many friends and members whose encouragement made it possible for me to serve as your leading knight. I remain committed to supporting our exalted ruler and board of directors as we continue working for the benefit of our lodge and its members.

There are also many ways each of you can support the broader mission of Elkdom. Please consider contributing to the Purple Pig (CHEA Major Project) or the Elks National Foundation (ENF). These programs make a meaningful difference in communities throughout

California and across the nation. If you would like help learning how to participate or make a contribution, I'm always happy to assist.

Have you heard about the Antlers? This youth program offers young people ages 12–20 a wonderful opportunity to get involved with service projects, connect with their community, and earn valuable volunteer hours for school. It's a terrific way to introduce the next generation to the values of Elkdom.

There is so much happening at the lodge in the coming months that it's impossible to list it all here—so be sure to check the center section of this issue of the ElkHorn for upcoming events and activities. Join in the fun, the camaraderie, and the experiences that make being an Elk so rewarding.

And finally, I encourage everyone to attend your Tuesday night meetings. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM, but many members arrive around 6:00 PM to socialize and connect. These meetings are an important opportunity for officers to hear your ideas, feedback, and suggestions. You're also welcome at house committee and board of trustees meetings—check the calendar for details.

Our lodge is strongest when members share their voices. It's not just about officers making decisions—it's about all of us working together to shape the future of Santa Ana Elks Lodge.

I look forward to seeing you at the lodge. Have fun, stay involved, and make this your number one place for friendship, service, and entertainment.

Esteemed Loyal Knight Karla Vigil

Look for Karla's column in the June issue of the ElkHorn.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Rachel Snell



It's hard to believe we have already begun another Elk year—and what a busy and meaningful start it has been. Nothing says *brotherly love* quite like seeing dozens of Elks families come together to enjoy our wonderful Easter brunch. It's always a special day when we gather around great food, warm fellowship, and the shared spirit that makes our lodge such a welcoming place.

Our first month of the Elk year also culminated with the Orange Coast District ritual competition. Since January, our officer ritual team committed themselves to weekly practices, increasing to three times per week throughout April as we prepared for this important annual event. Congratulations to our ritual team members for their dedication and perseverance—and special thanks to our coaches for their patience, encouragement, and motivation along the way. Their efforts truly reflect the pride we take in representing Santa Ana Elks Lodge.

May brings even more opportunities to celebrate and share in the spirit of Elkdom together. First comes Mother's Day, when John Moore and the lodge team will once again prepare a magnificent brunch for our members and their families. Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, wives, and mentors have supported us through life's challenges, offered encouragement when we needed it most, and helped shape the people we are

today. Please join us as Elk families gather once again to celebrate these remarkable women—offering gratitude to those with us today and honoring the cherished memories of those we hold in our hearts.

Later in the month, we observe Memorial Day, a time to honor the military men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. While many of us will gather with friends and family for backyard barbecues, picnics, and community events, we also pause as Elks to reflect on the meaning of this important day. Please watch for Memorial Day recognition and remembrance activities organized by our inner guards, Jason Lozano and Michele Joyce, along with our award-winning veterans committee chair, Kellie Miller. There is no better way to honor their sacrifice than by showing our support for those who served—and for the families they left behind.

As we continue into this new Elk year, I look forward to seeing our members come together again and again in fellowship, gratitude, and service. These shared moments are what make our lodge truly special.

General Manager John Moore



Help Wanted! We are in search of a creative Elks member to take over the yearly exalted ruler and first lady scrap

book duties starting now until the end of March, 2027. Exalted Ruler Eli Morales and first lady Chrissy would greatly appreciate your assistance. It is important to docu-

ment each year for our exalted ruler and keep our historical archives up to date. I must warn you, the bar has been set high by Garlin Flynn who assumed this “labor of love” many years ago and has put these scrap books together tracking each years activities. Our scrap books are kept upstairs in our trophy cases for viewing and one is given as a gift to the exalted ruler and first lady. Please contact me if you are interested in taking over.

Over the years, I have received a lot of feedback from the members on various topics, from menus, entertainment to our building and and suggestions to help us improve. I enjoy hearing your feedback and especially your praise about our team of employees who work tirelessly to provide service to you and your guests. Hands down, the most positive feedback I have received is about the Friday and Saturday prix fixe three course dinner menu with price points ranging from \$20 to \$49.50... especially for those who enjoy lobster. No one has a lobster tail like we do and that is no fish story! Please come see for yourself—you won’t be disappointed!

It is great to see our Elks members and their families and friends enjoying the restaurant and the entertainment we provide from triva Wednesday to the Thursday line up with line dancing, karaoke, bingo boogie and fun night with the infamous DJ Ronnie. Check the online calendar for details.

As you know we have a captive audience of members, so change is good from time to time to keep things fresh. We like to use the word revamped and starting Tuesday, May 5, we have revamped our Taco Tuesday night to make it the best value in town. We will have

a price friendly menu of Mexican entrées with your favorites plus we are debuting Chuy’s Taco Cart. The cart will feature steak, chicken and el pastor soft tacos for \$2.50 each with all the condiments and salsas ranging from gringo temperature to mucho caliente! And because Mexican beers go great with tacos, we will be offering them for \$2.50 as well. This great menu is available from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, which gives you plenty of time to head upstairs to attend the informative lodge meeting with Exalted Ruler Eli sharing what is going on at the lodge.

Don't Dissappoint Your Mom this Year!

Looking for an easy way to stay off your mother’s disappointment list this year? Treat her to the Santa Ana Elks Mothers Day Champagne Brunch on Sunday, May 10 from 10:30 to 2:30 pm at the lodge—a relaxed and festive way to celebrate the person who probably still reminds you to bring a jacket. Moms will enjoy free-flowing champagne and mimosas, live entertainment, and a bountiful buffet filled with delicious bruch favorites everyone will love plus there’s a special menu just for the kids.

Whether you bring the whole family or make it a special outing just for Mom, this cheerful afternoon promises great food, warm compamy and plenty of reasons for her to smile. Tickets are \$47 for adults and only \$15 for children 12 and under. Seating is limited, so don’t wait until the last minute to make her plans for the day. Reserve your spots now at SAElks.com and give Mom the celebration she deserves!

Linda Fernandez Leads Backpack Drive to Support Thousands of Local Students



Each year around this time, a familiar wave of generosity rises at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge—and at the heart of it is Linda Fernandez, whose leadership continues to expand one of the lodge’s most meaningful community efforts: the annual backpack drive for local children.

What started years ago as a modest effort providing just 25 backpacks has grown into a major community initiative serving thousands of students across Santa Ana. Last year alone, the Santa Ana Elks distributed an extraordinary 4,545 backpacks filled with essential school supplies to children through local youth programs and in partnership with the City of Santa Ana’s inaugural Back to School Fair, hosted at the lodge itself.

For Fernandez, the impact of

the program goes far beyond pencils and paper.

“A backpack is more than just a bag,” she explains. “It gives a child confidence. It tells them someone believes in them and wants them to succeed.”

That belief is exactly what continues to drive the project forward each year.

Volunteers from the lodge work together to collect supplies, organize donations, and prepare backpacks for distribution to students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The results are visible not only in the number of backpacks delivered, but in the smiles of children and the gratitude of parents who attend the annual distribution events.

Community partners feel the impact as well. The HIVE, a Santa

Ana after-school program serving local youth, shared their appreciation in a recent note to the lodge:

“Beginning the school year with a new backpack filled with school supplies gives the HIVE students a boost of confidence. The Elks members go out of their way to make sure every student feels prepared to achieve success in their new year.”

This year, Fernandez and the Santa Ana Elks are setting their most ambitious goal yet: providing 5,000 backpacks for the upcoming school year. Reaching that goal will take the continued generosity of lodge members and the broader community.

Supporters can help by making a donation toward the backpack drive. Checks may be made payable to Santa Ana Elks Lodge with “backpacks” noted in the memo line and mailed to the lodge or dropped off at the front desk. Every contribution helps place essential school supplies directly into the hands of local students who need them most.

For Fernandez, the message behind the project remains simple and powerful: “When we give a child the tools they need on the first day of school,” she says, “we’re helping set the tone for their entire year. Every backpack matters. Every child matters.”

As preparations begin for the next distribution, the Santa Ana Elks invite the community to join them in continuing a tradition that proves how a small act of kindness can shape a brighter future—one backpack at a time.

Annual Bob Woolford Charity Golf Tournament Tees off Saturday, June 6

by Dee Aguilar

Dust off your clubs, locate your lucky visor and prepare your best “I meant to do that” face—the Monday Night Football’s annual Bob Woolford Charity Golf Tournament is almost here! Whether you’re a scratch golfer, a once-a-year golfer or a proud member of Team “I’m Mostly Here for Breakfast,” this is your day to shine (or at least socialize convincingly).

On Saturday, June 6, the action starts bright and early with check-in at 6:45 a.m. Yes, that’s morning. Real morning. The reward for arriving at this heroic hour? Coffee, donuts, breakfast beverages and spicy Bloody Marys—a perfectly balanced athletic training regimen by our standards.

After picking up your goodie bag and loosening up with a few warm-up swings, golfers can test their confidence immediately at the hole-in-one challenge. Meanwhile, the taco stand will be setting up nearby—because even if your swing isn’t on target, your appetite still can be.

Throughout the day, expect music, laughs and unforgettable swing experiments as players complete in favorites like longest drive, closest to the pin and several other contests designed to determine once and for all whose stories from last year were slightly... exaggerated. This longtime Monday Night Football tradition keeps leveling up each year, and rumor has it the committee has introduced a few new surprises guaranteed to add extra excitement (and possibly harmless confusion).

Be sure to register online by Wednesday, May 15 at SAElks.com to secure your golf polo—because

nothing says “tournament-ready” like looking sharp while searching for your ball in the rough.

We’re also welcoming sponsors! If you’d like to support the event—or simply want to talk golf strategy, taco preferences or the science of the perfect Bloody Mary—reach out to SAE794golf@mail.com or contact SAE golf chairman Smiley Hernandez at (951) 520-5977.

Don’t miss the fun. Join the tournament—come enjoy the laughs and give yourself a chance at bragging rights that will absolutely grow more impressive with each retelling! Register at SAElks.com/golf.

Antlers Program Off and Running

by Jeff Brumett

A new chapter in youth service and leadership is underway at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge with the official launch of its Antlers program. Designed for young people ages 12 to 20, the Antlers—often known as “Junior Elks”—introduce the next generation to the values of service, responsibility and community involvement that define the Elks.

Now in its inaugural year, the Santa Ana Antlers group is already building enthusiasm among lodge members and families alike. Guided by dedicated Elks mentors, these young participants are stepping into meaningful roles that emphasize teamwork, initiative and civic pride. From assisting with lodge activities to helping organize service efforts, the Antlers are soon to become a visible and valued part of the lodge.

At the heart of the program is ser-

vice. Reflecting the Elks’ principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity, Antlers members participate in projects that strengthen both the lodge and the broader Santa Ana community. Planned activities include supporting veteran’s programs, assisting with lodge events and fundraisers, participating in patriotic observances and developing youth-led service initiatives that make a real difference locally.

Just as important as service is leadership development. Antlers members elect their own officers, conduct meetings, plan events, and build skills in communication and organization. These hands-on experiences provide practical leadership training while encouraging confidence and responsibility at an early age. Many participants carry these skills forward into school, careers and future civic involvement.

The program also represents an investment in the future of the Elks. The motto “Antlers Today, Elks Tomorrow” reflects a long-standing commitment to preparing young people to continue the organization’s legacy of service. By introducing youth to Elk values early our lodge is helping ensure those traditions remain strong for generations to come.

Community support plans an essential role in the program’s success. Parents, volunteers and lodge members all contribute mentorship and encouragement as the Antlers program grows.

With its first year already generating excitement and participation, the Santa Ana Antlers are off to a strong start—ready to serve, ready to lead and ready to make a lasting impact.

For information on the Santa Ana Antlers and how to get involved, contact Deanna Pelasky at Deanna.Pelasky@gmail.com

Nearly \$25,000 Raised for Santa Ana Elks Scholarships



by Sue McKee

With palm trees swaying, an abundance of life savers, and everyone rocking to the music of Yacht-Sea, it was 5 o'clock somewhere in the McCalla lounge for the annual scholarship fundraiser, held March 28, 2026. Although the venue had been changed from the ballroom to the McCalla lounge, the scholarship committee would not be deterred. Thanks to the leadership and determination of Marc Friedman and Linda Barcelona, the show went on. It was a full committee effort. You can be proud of the work they did. If you could not attend, you missed a good time.

The silent auction was a success with 27 items on the tables. Some

of the items included a pedi/mani package, fine liquor, camp chairs, a round of golf, Jimmy Buffett memorabilia, and silver earrings just to name a few. The total taken in for the silent auction was \$3,710. There was some fierce competition for some of the items. I wonder how much the \$100 lottery tickets were really worth!

In addition to the silent auction, there was also a live auction. Once again, our capable auctioneer was Marc Friedman (a.k.a. Gilligan). The items auctioned off included a week at a Palm Desert resort, golf at Coto de Caza, and three-night cruises to Mexico plus a few more. The total of the live auction was \$13,600.

During the night, additional

donations to the scholarship fund were made by several in attendance. The scholarship committee also received \$15 from each ticket sold. When everything is totaled, it will be almost \$25,000. Donations are still being accepted! Checks can be made to Santa Ana Elks #794 with scholarship committee designation on the memo line. These donations will help us prepare to award more scholarships next March.

One of the silent auction items was a picture of the original Gilligan's Island cast. We had our own cast that evening. As mentioned before, Marc Friedman was Gilligan. With pig tails and gingham dress we saw Linda Barcelona as Mary Ann. Matt Lilly was very astute as the professor. Heading the ship was now PER Mark Schauwecker as Skipper – very dapper in his captain's cap! And who could forget Ginger played by our photographer Michele Joyce. The couple at the merchandise table in the lobby was Steve and Birgit Miller who played Thurston Howell III and Lovie, his wife. Our supporting cast included the rest of the scholarship committee attired in tropical wear, as were many of the attendees.

It was a great evening including the food served plated by our wonderful staff. Kudos to all, especially to all who attended. One last thank you goes to Aptiva Care Management's with whose help we were able to keep the costs down. Among their contributions for the evening were funds for the Yacht-Sea band and all the wonderful advertising. We could not have had such success without Aptiva. Thanks to Marc Friedman for providing us with Aptiva. We will take a little time off before starting our plans for next year's event. Any guesses on next year's theme?! Stay tuned!

The Heart Behind The Purple Pig

by Michele Joyce

First, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Mariachi Brunch and helped make the afternoon so festive, welcoming and full of community spirit. Your generous support truly made this event a success and will help us continue the important mission of the Purple Pig.

As you know, the Purple Pig is one of the most meaningful charitable efforts of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It's become more than a symbol; it represents compassion in action and the true heart of Elkdom.

Each donation, no matter the size, supports children with disabilities and special needs by funding vital programs, therapies, equipment, and services. What may seem small becomes a life-changing force when we give together.

Because of your generosity, children receive critical care, families find relief, and hope reaches those who need it most. These are real lives being changed — all because of you.

We gratefully recognize our recent contributors:

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Your support fuels this mission as the community comes together to create life-changing impact for families who need it most.

Roll Up Your Sleeves: Red Cross Blood Drive Returns 5/11

by Buck Kuhns

The American Red Cross is returning to the Santa Ana Elks Lodge for another important community blood drive—and we're asking our Elks family to step up once again and help save lives.

On Monday, May 11 from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM, lodge members and friends are invited to roll up their sleeves and make a difference with a simple act that has an extraordinary impact. Every blood donation can help patients in emergencies, surgeries, cancer treatments and many other critical situations.

To make participation even more rewarding, donors will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card by mail as a thank-you from the Red Cross. And, of course, no Elks event would be complete without a little hospitality—plus an extra treat just for Santa Ana Elks members: a coupon for 20% off a delicious meal at our world-famous lodge! Not a bad deal for an hour of your time and a lifesaving contribution!

Blood supplies are always needed and community drives like ours play a vital role in helping maintain a stable and reliable supply for hospitals throughout the region. This is a wonderful opportunity for our lodge to continue its tradition of service and support for those who need it most.

Please consider signing up online at SAElks.com, bringing a friend and helping make this drive another success story for the Elks. Your participation truly matters—and together we can make a lifesaving difference.

May

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Elks Care - Elks Share						1 Cinco de Mayo 6:00 pm 	2 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 Balloting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	6 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 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 	9 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation - 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 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 Karaoke 6:30-9:30 pm	15 Prix Fixe Menu 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	
CHEA CONVENTION PALM SPRINGS							
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24 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Line Dance Lessons	25 Memorial Day Lodge Closed	26 Lodge Meeting Initiation - 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Special Menu	27 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	28 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Fun Night with DJ Ronnie 6:30-9:30 pm	29 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 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 Emblem Spring Boutique							

June

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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
	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 3:00 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 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 Noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 
7 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	8 Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm 	9 Lodge Meeting Ballotting 7:30 pm HC Mtg - 5:00 pm Taco Night 	10 Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm MNF Meetig 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 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 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 	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 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 Noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Tournemet 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 Meting 5:00 pm Social 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 Pancake Breakfast 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 				

Lodge Leadership 101: Inner Guards & Chaplain

by Dan Breece

So far, we've talked about those officer roles which operate outside of the lodge room and meetings. Now let us go behind the doors to the inner workings of our meetings or activities. This month we introduce the inner guard and chaplain positions. Both positions are appointed by the exalted ruler each year. It is possible for someone to hold these positions for multiple years, however, the incoming exalted ruler can appoint a new one each year, and most often that is how it works.

The inner guard is responsible for guarding the door while meetings are in session. They respond to a rap on the lodge room door when the tiler has a member that would like to enter or has business to pass along to the exalted ruler from outside. In a brief description of their job, they are to not let anyone enter who is not duly qualified, nor to leave without being excused by the exalted ruler. They are gatekeepers so to speak and safeguard our door from anyone who wants to enter or leave. They also act at the pleasure and direction of the

exalted ruler when needed.

The chaplain is what the title reflects: They are prayer warriors for our lodge! They lead us in prayer at the opening and closing of every meeting. They also attend other functions and events and provide prayer for those special happenings. Whether it's at the veteran's program or a 9/11 remembrance, the chaplain is already to provide spiritual guidance for us all.

Next month, we will talk about secretary and treasurer positions and all that they do!

Dinner Cabaret Night: An Evening with the Rat Pack

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of classic entertainment, great food and vintage Las Vegas-style charm at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge on Friday, May 22! Nancy's Cabaret proudly presents The Rat Pack, a fabulous quartet of velvet-voiced performers who will transport guests back to the golden era of swing, style and timeless showmanship.

The evening begins at 6:00 pm with a relaxed no-host bar and delicious appetizers, giving guests time to mingle and settle in before dinner. At 6:45, enjoy a wonderful Italian-inspired meal featuring Caesar salad, chicken Parmesan with Alfredo pasta, and broiled Parmesan tomato, followed by cannolis and coffee.

After dinner, sit back and enjoy a lively cabaret performance celebrating the unforgettable music and spirit of the Rat Pack. It's the perfect night out with friends, family and fellow Elks.


Tickets are limited, so be sure to purchase yours early. This special event is open to the community, so invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a memorable night at the lodge. Tickets are available now online at SAElks.com. Don't miss it.

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John A. Finn	Teacher/Athletic Director.....	John Rodriguez
Kathleen Carol Mastin	Health & Wellness Dance Instructor	Richard Maxson
Manuel Mendoza.....	Carpenter Superintendent.....	Luis Gallardo
Melissa Vargas	Manager	Alfonso Alvarez
Pauline Halloran	Program Coordinator Heritate Museum	Linda Fernandez
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Tamara Brenner	Retired Phychologist.....	Transfer from Orange
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Celebrating May Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on ANY Wednesday in May

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.

5/1.....Jane Diaz	5/11.....Claire Gauthier	5/21.....Jim Alcaraz
5/1.....Jean Diaz	5/11.....Brandon Hart	5/21.....Arthur Armas
5/1.....Gilbert Garcia	5/11.....Kristen Hayward	5/21.....Renea Helmer
5/1.....Michael Holguin	5/11.....Deborah Hoss	5/21.....Jerry Hicks
5/1.....Geoffrey Perea	5/12.....Mirna Hernandez	5/21.....Jacob Klokochar
5/1.....Sal Ruiz	5/12.....Paul Holden	5/21.....Joel Robledo
5/1.....Matthew Wharton	5/12.....David Spencer	5/22.....Jack Caress
5/2.....Roy Calvetti	5/13.....Julie Elder	5/22.....Sheri Hand
5/3.....Ivonne Borja	5/13.....Janine Fountain	5/22.....William Singley
5/3.....Martin Estrada	5/13.....Vincent Gonzales	5/22.....Kelli Will
5/3.....Ronnie Harrell	5/13.....Monica Mendez	5/23.....Aaron Gomez
5/3.....Cynthia Lee	5/13.....Kevin Riley	5/23.....David Sanchez
5/3.....Michael Wood	5/13.....Maria Torres	5/24.....Jeffrey Katz
5/4.....Lucina Galvan	5/13.....Rosalie Velarde	5/24.....ack Kaye
5/4.....Timothy Gutierrez	5/13.....Anthony Zannini	5/25.....Steve Cederquist
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5/4.....Deanna Pelasky	5/14.....Arnold Castaneda	5/25.....Colleen Daddario
5/4.....Kristin Tallman	5/14.....Hwasup Lee	5/25.....Rhonda Salazar
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5/5.....Aragorn Zolno	5/15.....Ryan Leversen	5/26.....Mary Cote
5/6.....Jeffery Bennett	5/15.....Patrick Nichols	5/16.....Britt Escobedo
5/6.....William Ehart	5/15.....Richard Padilla	5/16.....Kenneth Green
5/6.....Miguel Franco	5/15.....Alan Pekarcik	5/16.....Fred Ju
5/6.....Mehdi Mohammadi	5/16.....Louis Carlson	5/16.....Laura Kojac
5/6.....Rudy Ruvalcava	5/16.....Janie Ekman	5/16.....Matthew Phillips
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5/8.....Josefina Martinez	5/18.....Eric Perez	5/28.....Dolores Alvarado
5/8.....Joseph Rodriguez	5/18.....Carl Perkins	5/28.....Charles Frieda
5/9.....Gerardo Baez	5/19.....Phillip Solano	5/28.....Eddie Herrera
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		5/30.....Ronald Zahoryin
		5/31.....Justin Bennett
		5/31.....Claudia Figueroa Perez
		5/31.....Julie Savant
		5/31.....Robert Siever

OCCU to Host Free Trust and Estate Planning Workshop at the Lodge

by Rachel Snell

Our friends at Orange County's Credit Union (OCCU)—long-time neighbors and generous supporters of many Santa Ana Elks Lodge activities—are once again partnering with the lodge to offer an informative and valuable opportunity for members.

OCCU will host a free trust and estate planning workshop, including lunch, on May 27 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. This session is designed to help members better understand the important steps involved in planning ahead and ensuring their wishes—and their loved ones—are protected during life's most difficult moments.

During the workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from estate planning professionals, learn about key components of trusts and estate preparation, and ask questions in a welcoming, informative setting.

Planning ahead can make an enormous difference for families. When arrangements are clearly documented—whether related to finances, medical decisions, beneficiaries, or personal wishes—it can ease stress and uncertainty during already challenging times. Having a plan in place provides clarity, confidence and peace of mind for everyone involved.

As someone who has suffered loss—three times over—I cannot emphasize enough the importance of planning for the future. When my mother passed unexpectedly

at age 56, we scrambled to figure out what to do. Doctors and other medical professionals asked tough questions, pushing for tough decisions on the spot. When I reviewed my grandparents' affairs, what a mess! Paperwork was disorganized, accounts were missing beneficiaries, and I had no idea what they wanted in terms of medical care, organ donations or life sustaining treatments. After seeking professional assistance, it was a great relief to not have to make many decisions when the time came. It was already decided!

Whether you already have a trust and estate plan, are considering creating one, or simply want to learn more about the process, this workshop is an excellent opportunity to gain helpful guidance from trusted experts.

Members are encouraged to attend this informative session and take advantage of this complimentary program. For registration details, please see the event flyer or contact Orange County's Credit Union at 714-755-5000 ext. 7200 for additional information. We hope to see you there.



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/25.....1921

INCREASES

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

DECREASES

Dropped.....	0
Transferred Out.....	0
Absolute Dimit.....	0
Deaths.....	0
Expelled.....	0
Subtotal.....	0

Calculated Membership Total.....	1921
CLMS Active Members.....	1921
Average Age.....	64.06
Gain/Loss.....	0

DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	0
One Year.....	547
Over One Year.....	0
Total.....	547
Lapsation Rate.....	28.47%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting.....	1
Ready for investigation.....	18
Ready for balloting.....	0
Ready for orientation.....	20
Ready for Initiation.....	5
Ready for Affiliation.....	0
Ready for Reinstatement.....	0
Other.....	0
Total.....	44

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members.....	70
Honorary Life Members.....	2
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44th Annual Wally Dietrich Awards Set for May 18 at Santa Ana High

by Frank Alvarado

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge will host the 44th annual Wally Dietrich Scholarship and Middle School Awards on Monday, May 18 at 6:00 pm at the Santa Ana High School Auditorium. This long-standing and meaningful tradition celebrates outstanding student athletes from across the Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD).

The evening's highlight is the presentation of the Wally Dietrich Scholarship, awarded each year to exceptional college-bound SAUSD baseball and softball players, while also recognizing the Most Valuable



Leading Knight Brian Byrd with 2024 Wally Dietrich Scholarship recipients Tommy Morris from Segerstrom High School and Mia Lacey from Godinez Fundamental High School.

Players from all 13 SAUSD middle schools. This year, approximately 140 middle school student athletes will be honored.

The evening is named in honor of Wally Dietrich, a dedicated Santa Ana Elks member, accomplished

Santa Ana High School baseball player and 1981 CHEA ritual contest champion, The awards program was originally organized by the late Larry Arason, a longtime Elks member and respected SAUSD athletic director, teacher and coach whose legacy continues through this special evening of recognition.

For the past 12 years, the program as been coordinated by Elks members and retired SAUSD athletic directors and coaches Frank Alvarado, Jeff Watts, Greg Coombs, Matt Cavanaugh, and Ernesto Salgado, whose commitment helps ensure the event's continued success.

Members are encouraged to attend and support this inspiring evening honor the dedication, teamwork and achievements of Santa Ana's student athletes. It promised to be a memorable celebration of young people who represent the very best of our community.

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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

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2nd Monday of the month at noon

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