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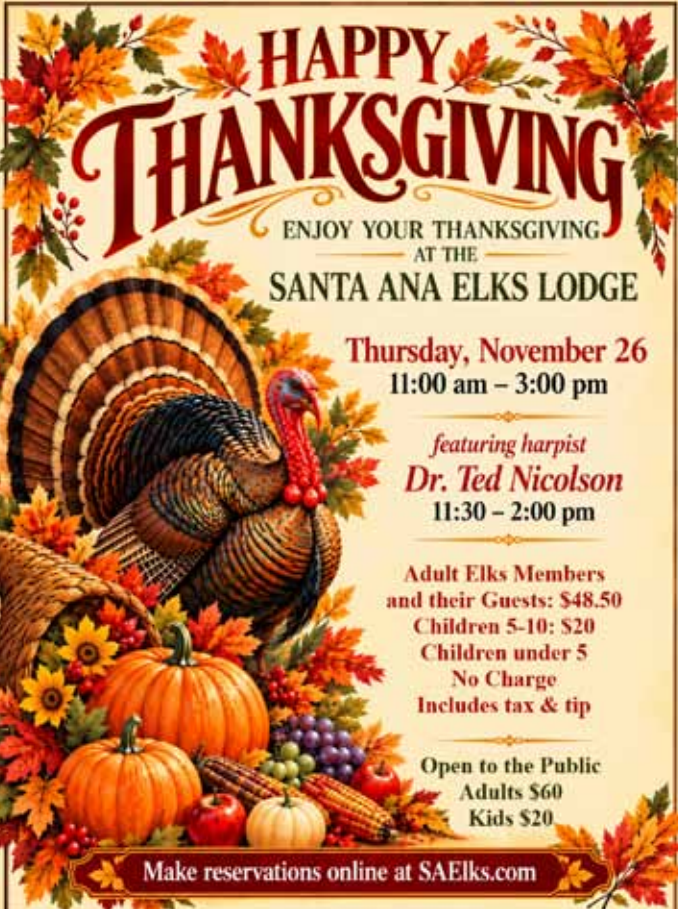
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Exalted Ruler Eli Morales



November is here, bringing one of the busiest and most exciting times of the year for our lodge. With

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's just around the corner, our rooms will be filled with fellow Elks and visitors celebrating with family, friends and coworkers. There will be laughter, good food, and plenty of reasons to come together to celebrate the season.

But in the midst of all the activity, let's take a moment to slow down, look around, and reflect on what this lodge truly means to each of us. What is it about this building that keeps us coming back? What is it about the people we share it with that makes us feel at home?

As we approach the end of another year, have we stopped to appreciate how fortunate we are to be part of this family? This year has not been without its challenges. We've faced difficult issues, disagreed, and there have been moments when our voices have gotten a little louder, more than we intended. But

underneath it all, I believe there is something we share; we all care. We care about our lodge, our members, and its future. We may not always agree on how to get there, but I believe we all want the best for Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794. And that belief is reinforced every time I look around and see what makes our lodge so special.

I see it in the interaction between our younger members and our senior members, sharing stories, exchanging ideas, and learning from one another. I see it at our functions when a familiar face walks through the door after being away for a while, and members welcome them with open arms, happy to see them back among friends.

And then there are our Wednesday nights. What begins as trivia and a friendly competition quickly becomes something much more. The room fills with laughter, friendship, and for a little while, the worries of the day seem to fade away. It doesn't matter who knows the most answers (you know who you are, "Those People!") or who's bringing up the rear (yes, "Flaming Flamings," I'm talking about you). What matters is that you're together enjoying each other's company and sharing something that goes far beyond a game. In those moments,

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

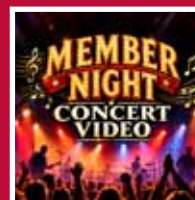
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DANCING
November 5



FUN NIGHT WITH
DJ RONNIE
October 12



MEMBER NITE
CONCERT VIDEO
November 19



DJ MAJESTIC
MIKE
November 27



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

our lodge is exactly what it should be: a gathering place for friends and family.

Perhaps one of our greatest reasons to be thankful this year is the initiation of our Antlers. Watching these young people become part of our Elks family reminds us that our lodge is not just about what we do today, but about what we leave behind for tomorrow. They represent the future of our lodge, and the values we share as Elks are values worth passing on. It is the responsibility of every Elk to welcome them, encourage them, and share the values and traditions that make our organization special. Their future, and the future of our lodge, belongs to all of us.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and look toward the end of our year, let's appreciate the friendships we've made, the fellowship we share, and the next generation who will carry our traditions forward. We don't always have to conquer the world or solve every problem. Sometimes, the greatest thing we can do is show up, share a laugh, lend a hand, welcome a friend, and enjoy being part of something bigger than ourselves.

That is Elkdom. That is our family. And that is something truly worth being thankful for. From my family to yours, I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, friendship, and gratitude.

Esteemed Leading Knight Brian Byrd



The calendar year is quickly coming to an end. But, we still have two more months to

do some great things as Santa Ana Elks. Thanksgiving is this month, but you knew that. We have opportunities to help others less fortunate. Let us pool the great resources we have as Elks and help make this holiday season meaningful for others who may not be able to enjoy it due to many different reasons. Let's work together in our community to help others during this holiday season.

October was a frighteningly fun month. There were a lot of events that you could have participated in at the lodge. But did you? Don't let some of the opportunities to spend time with your brother and sister Elks pass you by. The feeling of FOMO (fear of missing out) is real, after seeing what you have missed.

STUD AUCTION

I would like to extend a sincere "thank you" for all the support our district leading knights received from our lodge. We had a record number of Santa Ana Elks attend the stud auction at the Garden Grove lodge. This one-time, yearly event helps raise money for next year's exalted rulers. Once again, the Santa Ana Elks showed why we are the best lodge in the district. Hopefully you had fun at the event. I apologize if I haven't been able to talk to each of you, to thank you personally, so I am having to do it here, almost a month later.

LODGE MEETINGS

There is always so much to do at our lodge and I know it is almost impossible to do everything, but know that your attendance means a lot. We appreciate you when you come to events, hang out and have lunch or dinner, attend our many committee meetings, etc. But what is really important is attending our

weekly lodge meetings which are held every Tuesday at 7:30 PM. This is your opportunity to have a voice in how the lodge is run and also hear about those things important to the continued well being of *your* lodge. Please put this on your calendar and attend often.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

On December 4, I'll be hosting our Christmas Tree Spectacular Luncheon where you'll get an exclusive preview of the fabulous holiday trees, each laden with wonderful gifts you could win by purchasing a raffle ticket.

Then, join us the following evening for our fabulous Holiday Gala, featuring delicious food, live entertainment, and the exciting drawing of our winning raffle tickets.

Would you like to sponsor a tree? We'd love to have you be part of this wonderful holiday tradition. Call me at (949) 933-5305 or email me at Bkbyrd63@gmail.com and I can give you all the details.

Esteemed Loyal Knight Karla Vigil



What a wonderful Halloween party we had! The amazing costumes, laughter, and terrific turnout from our members made

it a night to remember. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all those who helped bring the celebration together. Seeing our members enjoying themselves makes all the hard work worthwhile.

A special thank-you to Connie Davis-Foley, who created the beautiful table decorations and helped make both the lodge and the event

extra special. Your creativity and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated!

And a huge congratulations to Rachel Snell and her team for an outstanding Trunk or Treat! What an amazing job you did making it such a success. Seeing the children having such a wonderful time reminds us why we volunteer and give so much of ourselves to our lodge and community.

As we move into November, our lodge is already busy preparing for the holiday season. Behind every successful event are people giving their time, sharing ideas, and working through countless details to create something special for our members. It is this spirit of cooperation that makes Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 a welcoming place we can all be proud of.

The final two months of the year bring Thanksgiving, holiday celebrations, and opportunities to reflect on our many blessings. They also remind us to look beyond ourselves and remember those who may need a helping hand, companionship, or simply a little extra kindness.

The spirit of giving is at the heart of Elksdom.

By supporting charitable causes and organizations, we strengthen our community and help individuals and families facing difficult times. Whether we donate, volunteer, support a fundraiser, or share our time and talents, every contribution matters. As our holiday calendars fill up, let's remember to make room for helping others.

Each month, we welcome new members into our lodge family. Let's make sure they feel at home! Introduce yourself, invite someone to join your table, and help them discover opportunities to get

involved. A friendly conversation can be the beginning of a lasting friendship and a meaningful connection to Elksdom.

Building a strong lodge takes all of us doing our part. Whether you help prepare an event, lend a hand with cleanup, support a charitable effort, or welcome a new face, your contribution makes a difference. We are strongest when we work together, support one another, and share in the responsibility of making our lodge a place where everyone feels they belong.

During this season of gratitude, I am especially thankful for our members and the kindness, dedication, and fellowship you bring to our lodge. Your willingness to step up, lend a hand, and make a difference is what keeps our Elks family strong.

Let's finish the year with generous hearts, helping hands, and a renewed commitment to the principles of Elksdom.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and gratitude!

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Rachel Snell



What a wonderful kickoff to fall we experienced last month!

A special shout-out goes out to Leading Knight, Brian Byrd and

his kindred spirits for a fantastically successful stud auction. This event raises funds to support activities at the state, grand lodge, and midterm conventions for the Orange Coast District.

Our past exalted rulers (PERs) completed another successful re-

verse drawing, raising funds to support PER activities. The drug awareness committee hosted a Trunk or Treat that surpassed last year's participation, welcoming many first-time entrants eager to showcase their Halloween decorating talents. Our Emblem Club sisters hosted their annual holiday boutique, and what a blowout bash we had at the lodge's Halloween party, courtesy of the "hostess with the mostess," Loyal Knight Karla Vigil!

With all that excitement behind us, the holiday season is approaching faster than a Shohei Ohtani fastball! Our current officers will deliver the ritual obligation and their respective charges one last time before beginning another season of ritual practice.

Throughout my articles, I have worked hard to impress upon my gentle readers the importance of brotherly love and the responsibilities that come with it.

It's easy to sit through initiation month after month and simply go through the motions. As officers, we encourage our newer members to attend subsequent initiations and take the opportunity to truly hear the charges being delivered without the stress of having to stand for 45 minutes. We want all our members to remember the obligation they swore to uphold and the various charges delivered by each of our chair officers.

Unfortunately, it's far too easy to lose sight of the very tenets and principles that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks holds so dear. As the days, months and years pass, the words spoken during initiation can become little more than a dramatic recitation rather than principles we put into daily practice.

We don't always treat one another with kindness or speak respectfully to or about our fellow

members. Sometimes, we exact our own form of justice, jumping to conclusions or making assumptions about someone's motives. At times, we may even be inconsistent in how we treat others or make decisions, whether intentionally or unintentionally.

These moments remind me that practicing patience, tolerance, and kindness is often easier said than done. Without going into too much detail about my day job, my primary mantra at the end of each day is this: "Did I do the right thing today?" Did I act with fairness, objectivity, and independence? Did I treat others with respect? Did I make decisions based on what was right rather than what was easy or convenient?

This same reflection applies to my duties and volunteer service at our lodge. At the end of the day, I ask myself a simple but important question: "What does it mean to me to be an Elk?"

With that in mind, I encourage each of you to take some time to revisit our ritual. Log in to your account at Elks.org, navigate to the manuals section, and review the Word Accuracy Guide. Take the time to read and reflect on the beautiful and meaningful directives embodied in the principles of Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, and Fidelity.

These are not simply words to be memorized and recited during an initiation ceremony. They are principles meant to guide our conduct, shape our decisions, and influence how we treat one another every day. We should all strive to exemplify the tenets of our fraternal order—not because we are perfect, but because we recognize that we are human.

After all, being an Elk isn't just about what we say during initia-

tion; it's about how we live those words long after the ceremony ends.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family, friendship, and fellowship. I'll be traveling to Seattle to visit my sister, and I suspect the journey will provide plenty of opportunities to practice the very principles I've been discussing!

There is no better time than the present to put our patience, tolerance, grace, love, and gratitude to the test.

May we all continue to live the principles of Elkdom, support one another, and remember that even small acts of kindness can make a tremendous difference.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

General Manager John Moore



As we enter November, hopefully the weather will get back to the tradition of cooler temperatures, we deserve a break from the heat. We at the

Santa Ana Elks Lodge have many things to be thankful for, me I am thankful for the wonderful team of employees, those who volunteer and of course our membership.

I will refer you to our calendar on pages 12 and 13 to view the many exciting events and lodge programs in both November and December. A few November events to mention are our "Just Because" Dinner Dance and Steak or Fish Fry on November 21. DJ Ronnie will provide dance music before Sideways, OC's

premier dance band, takes the stage. This night promises to be fun! Tickets are available online at SAEls.com. We have room for the first 280, so do not get shut out.

For our new members who have not experienced our Thanksgiving luncheon (Thursday, November 26), I encourage you to keep Mom out of the kitchen and let our culinary team do the work. Typically we serve close to 400 and this year we are opening the Emerald Room for large groups of 40 or more. We can accommodate any size group in the ballroom and offer a community table for those who wish to come by themselves.

We have listened to your feedback and have revamped the Friday and Saturday Prix Fixe menu to make it include more comfort food entrees. Since the menu will be available without having three courses (which lowers the price), we have changed the name to the "Casual Weekend Menu." The salad bar and desserts will still be available for an additional price and, don't panic, our signature colossal lobster tail will still be available.

Another suggestion we have heard regards our Saturday Breakfast which will now be off the menu only and available from 8:30-11:00 am and will include all the breakfast favorites. All we ask is that if you plan to bring a large group, please let us know for staffing purposes.

Out of all the comments I received, the one that I heard the most was about the new garlic bread presentation. I invite you to give it a try and let us know your thoughts. And again your feedback is welcomed.

Write John at
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Honoring Those Who Served Remembering Those Who Came Before Us

by Eli Morales

November is a month of gratitude. But to truly understand gratitude, we must first reflect on what we find valuable and meaningful in our lives, as well as recognizing the people, experiences and acts of kindness that have contributed to our way of life. Sometimes, the freedoms and blessings we value most are the very things we take for granted.

Among the many blessings we enjoy, few are more important than the freedom to live our lives, raise our families and pursue our dreams. These are blessings that generations of American veterans have helped protect, often to a great personal sacrifice. Their service reminds us that freedom is not something to take for granted, but something to appreciate and honor. For the Benevolent and Protective Or-

der of Elks, honoring our veterans is more than a November tradition. It is a commitment deeply rooted in who we are and what we stand for. The Elk's promise, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them," represents a responsibility that extends far beyond words or action.

But the true meaning of this commitment is found not only in national programs or charitable contributions. It is found in the personal connections we make, the time we give, and the respect we show to those who have served. When we speak of never forgetting our veterans, we are speaking of real people who gave their time, their strength, their courage, and, in some cases, their lives in service to our country. We owe them more than a few words of thanks. We owe them our respect, our appreciation, and a sincere commitment to stand

beside them just as they stood for us.

A Landmark of Honor

Here in Santa Ana, we have a remarkable reminder of that responsibility standing in our own community. In Santa Ana's historic Logan Barrio stands a powerful tribute to our local military heroes: the mural known as "Among Heroes". Created by artist Carlos Aguilar over several years, this extraordinary work of art portrays over 150 veterans, many of whom came from the Logan neighborhood itself. Their faces represent generations of men and women who answered America's call to serve, including veterans of World War II and other major conflicts.

What makes this mural so meaningful is that it tells a story far greater than military history alone. These were not distant figures whose lives existed only in history books. They were our neighbors, our relatives, our friends, and members of the community. They grew up on these streets, worked in local businesses, raised families, and built lives here in Santa Ana. When their country called, they stepped forward to serve something greater than themselves. Their courage and sacrifice helped protect the freedoms we enjoy today, and for that, we owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be measured in words alone.

These servicemen and women stood shoulder to shoulder with fellow Americans in defense of a nation whose ideals promised liberty and opportunity. Their service is an important part of our community's history and of the American story. The mural gives these veterans something every hero deserves: recognition. It preserves their faces and reminds future generations that patriotism, courage, and sacrifice have always been part of the fabric of our community. It also reminds us that

behind every uniform was a human being. There was a mother or father, a son or daughter, a brother or sister, and a family waiting and praying for their safe return. Some came home to build long lives; others carried the physical and emotional burdens of war. And some never returned at all.

Their stories deserve to be remembered, not simply because of the wars they fought, but because of the lives they lived, the families they loved, and the community they helped shape.

Remembering is a Responsibility

As Elks we believe that service does not end when a uniform is put away, because they carry their experiences and memories every single day of their life. Our obligation to those who served continues through the generations. We honor veterans by supporting those who need assistance today, recognizing their contributions, and preserving the history they leave behind. When we stand before the faces preserved in the "Among Heroes" mural, we are reminded that gratitude must be more than a feeling. It must be reflected in how we honor those who served, how we support veterans today, and how we teach future generations to appreciate the sacrifices made on their behalf. Each face represents a life, a family, and a story worthy of our respect.

This landmark is more than a work of art. It is a place of remembrance, education, and community pride. It gives parents an opportunity to explain sacrifice to their children and allows young people to see that heroes can come from their own neighborhoods. By preserving these stories, we help ensure that the service of these veterans continues to inspire long after

their time in uniform has passed. Our responsibility is not simply to remember the past, but to make sure the next generation understands why it matters.

As we move through this Elk year under the banner of "Commitment to Elkcellence." Let us remember that excellence is measured not only by what we accomplish within our lodge, but also by the difference we make beyond its doors. Veterans remind us of the values we pledge to uphold: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. They demonstrate what it means to commit to something greater than ourselves, to stand beside others in times of uncertainty, and to serve even when the personal cost is high.

This November, I encourage every member of Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 to take a moment to thank a veteran, listen to a veteran's story, or find a way to support those who have served. If you have never visited the "Among Heroes" mural in Logan Barrio, make the time to see it. Look closely at the faces. Consider the lives behind them. Remember that these heroes are part of our community's legacy.

To every veteran, past and present, we offer our heartfelt thanks. Thank you for your courage, your commitment, your sacrifice, and your willingness to serve something greater than yourselves. The freedoms we enjoy and the communities we cherish are part of the legacy you helped protect.

As members of Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794, may we never take their service for granted, may we never allow their stories to be forgotten, and may we always strive to be worthy of the sacrifices they made. To all our veterans: We thank you, we honor you, and we will never forget you.

"Elks Care and Elks Share!"



We Remember, We Honor, We are Grateful

by Kellie Miller

November is a special month for honoring those who have served our country and the families who stand beside them. It is National Veterans and Military Families Month, Warrior Care Month, and National Family Caregivers Month.

There are two additional important dates to remember this month:

- November 10 – Happy 251st birthday to the United States Marine Corps! Semper Paratus to all our Marines, past and present!
- November 11 – Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. In the United States, we honor all who have served in our Armed Forces.

Around the world, Remembrance Day commemorates the end of World War I, when the armistice took effect at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918. Poppies, memorial ceremonies, and two minutes of silence at the eleventh hour are among the traditions observed in many countries. While the customs may differ, the message is the same: we must never forget those who served and sacrificed.

Every Veteran Has a Story

Some veterans speak openly about their experiences. Others carry memories they rarely share. Some served in combat, while others served during peacetime. Some wore the uniform for decades; oth-



ers served for a few short years. But every one of them raised a right hand, took an oath, and made a commitment to something greater than themselves.

This November, let's take a moment to recognize not only our veterans, but also the families who supported them, the friends they served beside, and the brothers and sisters in arms who never made it home.

To our veterans, thank you.

- Thank you for your courage and sacrifice.
- Thank you for the places you went and the challenges you faced.
- Thank you for standing beside your fellow service members.
- Thank you to the families who

waited, worried, and supported you.

- And thank you for carrying the memories of those who served alongside you.

Keeping Their Stories Alive

It doesn't take a grand gesture to honor a veteran. Sometimes, the simplest acts mean the most.

- Ask a veteran to share their story—and take the time to listen.
- Reach out to a military family.
- Visit a veterans memorial.
- Learn about a battle, a branch of service, or a moment in military history.
- Remember by name those who gave their lives for our freedom.

The next time you meet a veteran, go beyond saying, "Thank you for your service." Ask where they served, what their experience was like, or what they want future generations to understand. You may hear a story that deserves to be told and remembered.

Behind every uniform is a person. Behind every veteran is a story. And behind every story is a piece of our nation's history.

This November, let us honor those who served, support those who continue to serve, stand beside the families who sacrifice alongside them, and remember those who never came home.

We remember. We honor. We are forever grateful!

Honoring Our Veterans with Love, Gratitude and Respect

by Michele Joyce

As our nation celebrates 250 years of independence, we pause this November to honor the men and women who have helped protect the freedoms we enjoy. Freedom comes with a price, and those who have served understand that price in ways many of us may never fully know.

To our veterans and those currently serving: thank you for your courage, your commitment, and the sacrifices you and your families have made. Behind every uniform is a person, a family, and a story

deserving of our respect. Whether you served at home or overseas, during peacetime or conflict, your service matters—and so do you.

We also hold in our hearts those who remain missing in action and the families who continue to wait for answers. They are not forgotten. We remember those who gave their lives in service to our country, and we honor the loved ones who carry their memory.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 10, for an evening of gratitude, music, inspiring speakers, and fellowship. A buffet din-

ner will be served from 4:30 to 7:00 pm and veterans eat free. The Veterans Day program follows at 7 p.m. in the Gand Ballroom.

We invite all Elks, veterans, friends, and family to come together and help make this a meaningful evening. Share a meal, enjoy the music, and join us in showing our veterans how much they are loved and appreciated.

To every veteran: our gratitude reaches beyond one evening or one day on the calendar. You are a valued part of our community, and we are honored to celebrate you.

Thank you for your service, your sacrifices, and the freedom you have helped preserve. We would love to see you there!

(RSVP at SAElks.com)

The Time Has Come to Apply for Elks Scholarships

by Sue McKee

If you know of someone who is thinking of applying for the Elks most valuable student scholarship, stop procrastinating and get busy! The deadline is November 12, 11:59 PM Pacific Time. Not only is a completed application needed, but there are also recommendation letters and an essay. Most of you reading this article may not be eligible to apply, but you may have a child, grandchild, or even a neighbor. Encourage all. Elks affiliation is not required. The application and more information are available at www.enf.elks.org/MVS.

Now is the time to check out the scholarships listing on our lodge web site at www.saelks.com. There are many applications for a variety of available scholarships.



Don't wait until the last minute to have your child/grandchild apply.

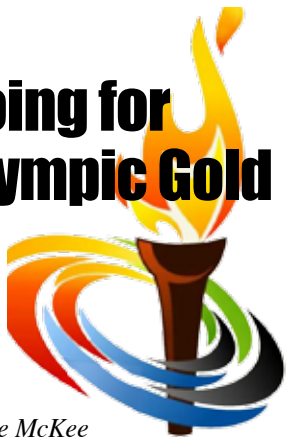
A big thank you goes to all those who attended the annual Oktoberfest last month on October 2. In case you did not know, this was a fundraiser for the scholarship committee. A good time was had by all. The German buffet was authentic and delicious, even the pretzels! The Das Stube Buben two-man band and the Die Gemutlichen Schuhplattlers Dancers provided the entertainment. Thanks to PER

Mark Schauwecker for arranging for the band and the dancers. If you missed it this year, we hope to see you next year!

Speaking of fundraisers, the *big* annual scholarship fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2027. Save the date now! The committee is busy selecting the theme, decorations, band, and so much more. Scholarships cannot be given without your financial support. Attending the fundraiser gives us some of that support, for a portion of the ticket will be donated to the scholarship committee for its many scholarships.

Of course, donations are always welcome at any time of the year! Checks can be written to Santa Ana Elks #794. Please note in the memo area that it is a scholarship donation. If it is a donation to a specific scholarship, list that: McCalla, Woolford, Machado, etc. With the help of our members, our scholarship program will continue to thrive. Thanks to all!

Going for Olympic Gold



by Sue McKee

The Orange Coast District Elks Olympic Games took place September 12 through October 18. You can be proud of your fellow members who participated this year. Santa Ana #794 was well represented in several events. Many of the games were held at the Garden Grove Lodge on Sunday, September 20, the official opening day.

The morning of the 20th found competitors at the pool tables and at the cornhole event. At noon, everything stopped for the opening ceremonies with the Parade of Lodges displaying their lodge banners. Santa Ana looked sharp in their olympic t-shirts and silver pom-poms! The events continued after the parade. There were lively competitions in darts, shuffleboard finals, hoop shoot, ladder golf, ping pong, and tray races. It was a great day enjoyed by all.

These were not the only events. The horseshoes competition took place at the Buena Park Lodge on September 12. Golfers competed on September 13 at Willowick Golf Course while the shuffleboard competition began at Garden Grove that same morning. Our rifle and pistol shooters were busy early morning on September 19.

The games continued after opening day with more competitions each weekend. Bocce ball took place at Peppertree Park on September 26, chess at the Mission Viejo Lodge on September 27, and

archery in Mission Viejo on October 3. The bowlers gathered on October 10 at Westminster Lanes.

The next day our pickle ball players were at Jordan Intermediate School, and the last event, beverage pong, took place at the Huntington Beach Lodge on October 18.

The closing ceremonies occurred on Sunday, October 25 at the Huntington Beach Lodge. As I write this article, I don't have the final results for all events because some have not occurred. Here are the results for Santa Ana #794 as of October 3:

BRONZE

- Ian Fountain, Sr.,
Rifle Shooting (Singles)
- Julie Stanley
Tray Races (Singles)
- Duc Nguyen & Mike Fiore
Bocce Ball
- Jason Lozano – *Archery*

SILVER

- Dan Breece & Duc Nguyen
Horseshoes
- Ian Fountain, Sr., Ian Fountain, Jr., & Janine Foutain
Rifle Shooting (Team)
- Cindy Harrell
Tray Races (Singles)

GOLD

- Dan Breece, Leo Gonzalez, & Duc Nguyen – *Hoop Shoots*
- Bradley Hutchins & Duc Nguyen
Ladder Golf
- Julie Stanley, Jack Stanley, Cindy Harrell, & Christy Liekhus
Tray Races (Team)

It was a great competition. In my eyes there were no losers. Everyone was a winner just by participating. Hopefully, the enthusiasm will continue to grow, and we will do even better in 2027. As the lodge olympic chair, I would like to thank all those who did participate even in the hot weather. You are the Best People On Earth!

Look for a final recap of winners in next month's *ElkHorn*.

Give the Gift of Life this Holiday Season: Donate Blood



As the holiday season approaches, the spirit of giving takes on a deeper meaning. Once again, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge is proud to partner with the American Red Cross for our holiday blood drive, Monday, November 9 from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm at the lodge.

Blood donations tend to drop during the busy holiday months—but the need never takes a holiday. Every pint collected can help save up to three lives, providing hope to patients in need of surgeries, cancer treatments and emergency care.

Whether you're a first-time donor or a seasoned giver, your contribution makes a real difference. Bring a friend, spread the word and help us fill every appointment slot.

To sweeten the pot, we're offering Elks a certificate worth 20% off any food purchase at the lodge, 500 Blood Donor Rewards (worth a \$10 gift card) and a \$10 Amazon Card.

So roll up your sleeve and give the most meaningful gift of all—the gift of life! Sign up at SAElks.com/blood. Together we can make the season brighter for those in need.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Date: Monday, November 9

Times: 10:30 am- 4:00 pm

Location: Santa Ana Elks Lodge

Sign up: SAElks.com/blood

November

CALENDAR CONTENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK WWW.SAELKS.COM/CALENDAR FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football 10:00 am Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm	2 Lodge closed MNF - 4:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	3 Lodge Mtg Balloting 7:30 pm Trustee's Meeting 4:00 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	4 Italian Night 4:30-8:00 pm 	5 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Line Dancing 6:30 - 9:30 PM	6 Casual Weekend Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 	7 Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00 am Casual Wknd Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm Every Veteran Heard Foundation Event
8 Breakfast 9:00 am - Noon Football - 10:00 am Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm 	9 Lodge closed MNF - 4:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	10 Veterans Day Program House Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	11 Italian Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm TRIVIA NIGHT	12 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Charity Mtg 6:00 pm DJ Ronnie 6:30 - 9:30 PM 	13 Casual Weekend Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 	14 Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00 am Orientation - Noon Casual Wknd Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Family Movie Night 6:00 pm
15 Breakfa Buffet 9:00 am - Noon Football - 10:00 am Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm 	16 Lodge closed MNF - 4:00 pm Bingo - 6:15 pm 	17 Lodge Mtg 7:30 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm Taco Tuesday	18 Italian Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm TRIVA NIGHT	19 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Member Night Concert	20 Casual Weekend Menu 4:30-8:00 pm	21 Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00 am Just Because Sideways Concert and Steak & Fish Fry Dinner: 4:30 - 8:00 pm Concert: 7:30 - 10:30 pm
22 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - Noon Football - 10:00 am Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm	23 Lodge closed MNF - 4:00 pm Bingo - 6:15 pm 	24 House Committee 5:00 pm Lodge Meeting Initiation - 7:30 pm Taco Tuesday	25 Italian Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	26 Thanksgiving Luncheon 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 	27 Casual Weekend Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 PM	28 Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00 am Line Dancing Lessons 1:00 - 3:00 pm Casual Weekend Menu 4:30-8:00 pm
29 Breakfast Buffett 9:00 am - Noon Football - 10:00 am Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm 	30 Lodge closed MNF - 4:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26 				

December

LODGE HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS 11 AM-10 PM; FRIDAYS 11 AM-11 PM, SATURDAYS 11 AM-1 AM, SUNDAYS 8:30 AM-7 PM*

FOOD SERVICE HOURS: TUESDAYS 11 AM-7 PM; WEDNESDAYS—FRIDAYS 11 AM-8 PM, SATURDAYS 9 AM-8 PM; SUNDAYS 8:30 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 Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm	2 Italian Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	3 All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Country Line Dancing 6:30-9:30 pm 	4 Holiday Tree Preview Lunch 12:00 am -2:30 pm 	5 Breakfast 8:30 am to 11:00 am Holiday Gala 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm 
6 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Exceptional Children's Breakfast 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm	7 Labor Day Lodge Closed Monday Night Football 4:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	8 Lodge Memorial Program Taco Tuesday 	9 Italian Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	10 All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Charity -6:00 pm Thursday Football 5:15 pm DJ Ronnie 6:30-9:30 pm	11 Casual Weekend Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 	12 Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00 am Army/Navy Game Noon Broadway Theater Dinner 6:00 pm 
13 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - Noon Football - 9:00 am Brunch With Santa 10:00 am - 1:00 pm 	14 Lodge Closed MNF - 4:00 Bingo 6:15 pm 	15 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm Veterans CMTE 6:00 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm	16 Italian Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm MNF Committee 6:30 pm	17 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Thursday Football 5:15 pm Member Night Movie 6:30-9:30 pm	18 Casual Weekend Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 	19 Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00 am Wreaths Across America Feliz Navidad Dance 
20 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - Noon Football - 9:00 am Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm 	21 Lodge Closed Monday Night Football - 4:00 pm Bingo - 6:15 pm 	22 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm HC Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	23 Italian Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	24 Lodge Closed Tom & Jerry 1:00- 4:00 pm 	25 Happy Holidays 	26 Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00 am Casual Wknd Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 
27 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - Noon Football - 9:00 am Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm	28 Lodge Closed Monday Night Football - 4:00 pm Bingo - 6:15 pm 	29 No Lodge Meeting Taco Tuesday 	30 Italian Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	31 New Year's Eve Celebration 	Happy New Year! 	

Elks Backpack Project: An Amazing Village Making a Difference

by Linda Fernandez

On July 28, our incredible village came together for another tremendously successful backpack project! In just three hours, 152 dedicated volunteers worked side by side to fill 4,345 backpacks with the tools children need to start the school year ready to learn and succeed.

It takes an amazing village to accomplish something this extraordinary and I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the generosity, hard work and community spirit that make this project possible year after year.

A heart-felt thank you to everyone who contributed, including our members, members of other clubs and lodges, family and friends, local businesses, Monday Night Football, our charity committee and Emblem Club #530. Every donation, every helping hand, and every act of kindness made a difference. I simply cannot thank you enough.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide backpacks to an incredible network of organizations serving children and families throughout Santa Ana, Tustin and Irvine. These included the Salvation Army, The Hive, Big Brothers and Bit Sisters, TKO Boxing, SAUSD, Saddleback High School's Step Up

Program, Santa Ana PAL, United Way Title 1 Students, Sheepfold Families, Veterans families, the Mayor's Resource Fair, La Semilla, Teen Challenge and several local churches.

Think about that for a moment: 4,345 children started the school year with essential supplies and the opportunity to begin with confidence. Behind every backpack is a child, a family and a community that cares.

That is what makes this project so special. It is more than filling backpacks, It is about coming together, lifting up our neighbors,

and demonstrating what can happen when people unite around a common purpose.

To my Best People On Earth Village, I offer my deepest thanks. Your generosity, compassion and willingness to roll up your sleeves are what make this project

such a tremendous success. I am honored and humble to be part of a community that gives so much to others.

152 volunteers, 4,345 backpacks. One amazing village. And thousands of reasons to be proud.

God bless every one of you who played a part in this incredible undertaking. Thank you for proving, once again, that when we work together, we can accomplish extraordinary things.

Gobble 'til you Wobble at the Santa Ana Lodge

Forget the cooking, skip the dishes and leave the turkey carving to someone else! This Thanksgiving let the Santa Ana Elks Lodge do the heavy lifting while you concentrate on the important things in life: good food, good company and saving room for pie!

Join us on Thursday, November 26 from 11:00 am to 3:00 PM for a Thanksgiving feast that would make even the Pilgrims loosen their belts.

Our bountiful buffet features chilled oysters and smoked fish, harvest salad bar, tomato-basil soup, carved roasted turkey, spiral-cut ham with mango glaze, baked Boston cod, Chef's famous stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and candied sweet potatoes. And just when you think you couldn't possibly eat another bite, we'll tempt you with pumpkin, pecan and apple pies, and ice cream. Remember, calories don't count on Thanksgiving—that's what we're telling ourselves.

Adding a touch of elegance to the festivities, Dr. Ted Nicolson will delight us with live harp music from 11:30 to 2:30 PM. Fine wines will also be available for purchase to help make the occasion even more festive.

- Elks members and their guests are \$48.50 per adult
- Children ages 5 to 10 are \$20
- Children under 5 are free!
- General public: \$60 per adult and \$20 per child.

The event is open to the public and all prices include tax and tip, so there's no need to worry about the math when you're in a turkey-induced food coma! Make your reservations at SAElks.com.

**152 VOLUNTEERS
4,345 BACKPACKS
JUST 3 HOURS
COUNTLESS LIVES
IMPACTED!**

Exceptional Childrens Holiday Event Returns

by Sharon Breece

As officers of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, one of the most rewarding parts of our job is giving back to our community.

This year, we are proud to partner with the Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center (OCCTAC) for our annual exceptional children's holiday party, a special celebration for children with special needs and their families on Sunday, December from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

The children and one parent will enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet. They will then have the opportunity to decorate two Christmas trees which will be raffled off. We'll enjoy a musical performance by talented musicians from Cedar Tree Music and Performance, along with a small choir featuring older students from OCCTAC.

Of course, no holiday celebration would be complete without Santa! Each child will have the opportunity to visit Santa and choose a special toy from our toy table.

A heartfelt thank-you to the Monday Night Football committee for sponsoring the toys, and to Cathy Pouchie, Home Depot, and a friend of Jack Waldo for their generous contributions. Your support helps make this special day possible!

Santa Ana Elks Lodge members: If you have a child with special needs and would like to attend, please call me at 714-686-8066.

We are also looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. If you would like to be part of this wonderful day, please call me at the same number. Giving back is what being an Elk is all about.

Celebrating the Inaugural Officer Corps of Santa Ana Antlers #79

Honoring a New Era of Youth Leadership, Fellowship and Community Service



by Deanna Pelasky

The chartering of Santa Ana Antlers Lodge #794 marks an exciting and historic moment for youth engagement in our community. Proudly sponsored by the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794, the Antlers program provides a vibrant space where young individuals develop essential leadership skills, foster lasting friendships, and cultivate a deep commitment to civic responsibility. Through collaborative community service initiatives and active mentorship, the lodge empowers its members to become proactive, compassionate leaders for tomorrow.

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to President Claressa and her exceptional team of officers. As the lodge's very first leadership corps, these outstanding individuals have answered the call to guide Santa Ana Antlers #794 through its historic opening chapter. Officers include: 1st Vice President Maya, 2nd Vice President Noah, 3rd Vice President Jesse, Secretary Lauren, Treasurer Malana, Chaplain Dallas, Sergeant at Arms Mia, Guard Eddie, and Trustees Jaycion, Olivia

and Ryan.

Special congratulations are also in order for their outstanding 2nd place win at the Tustin Tiller Days parade, where the team demonstrated incredible perseverance and spirit while walking alongside the Santa Ana Elks in heat exceeding 100 degrees!

The dedication, energy, and vision demonstrated by this inaugural team has set a high benchmark for the future of the Antler lodge. Through planned charitable endeavors, leadership projects, and civic involvement—including planning their first donation to The Hive, participation in Trunk or Treat, and a family movie night for all Santa Ana Elk and Antler families. The officer corps is uniquely positioned to make a lasting, positive impact across Santa Ana and beyond. We celebrate their achievements, applaud their commitment to service, and wish President Claressa and her inaugural officer corps a tremendously rewarding and successful year of leadership.



Celebrating November Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Any Wednesday This Month

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 cheesecake in the McCalla Lounge any Wednesday this month between 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

11/1..... Kirsten Lenvik	11/9.....Shaun Takkinen	11/18.....Michael Medina
11/1.....Craig Meinhardt	11/10.....Lynn Bonas	11/18.....Damian Ochoa
11/2.....Gina Christopher	11/10.....Sharon Breece	11/18.....Ryan Thoreson
11/2.....Michael Ferguson	11/10.....Norman Katnik	11/18.....Orville Wright
11/2.....Gaynelle Joyce	11/10.....Cynthia Leo	11/19.....Harold Marshall
11/2.....Sarah Laflin	11/10.....Alex Martinez	11/19.....Jesse Richards
11/2.....Jose Rea	11/10.....Armando Pedroza	11/19.....David Scarbrough
11/2.....Gary Strachan	11/10.....Gilbert Rodarte	11/19.....Suzanne Sellars
11/3.....Leslyne Albertson	11/10.....Arland Udo	11/19.....Dehai Wang
11/3.....Hubert Bernat	11/11.....Patricia Huerta	11/19.....David Weiss
11/3.....Leopoldo Cendejas	11/11.....Sylvia Magdaleno	11/20.....Paul Arriola
11/3.....Scott Cooper	11/11.....Robert Rodriguez	11/20.....Julio Bonilla
11/3.....Miriam Lacey	11/11.....Sean Sato	11/20.....Lisa Darmousseh
11/3.....Daniel Lucas	11/11.....Randy Schafer	11/20.....Marcia Pina
11/3.....Vindetta Olds	11/11.....Steven Tundag	11/21.....Irene Garcia
11/3.....Michael Scott	11/12.....Dale Domokos	11/21.....Terry Hatter
11/3.....Lauren Steele	11/12.....Estela Elizondo	11/21.....Jared Mendez
11/4.....Lisa Fernandez	11/12.....Robert Harutunian	11/21.....Sandra Perez
11/4.....Charles Langlois	11/12.....Derek Kosloski	11/21.....Joseph Raszewski
11/4.....John Reichardt	11/12.....Lisa Ocampo	11/21.....Jill Spencer
11/4.....Sandra Vaca	11/12.....Marina Ovalles	11/21.....Oscar Torres
11/5.....Joseph Aguilera	11/12.....Esam Rostom	11/22.....Bertha Lopez
11/5.....Anthony Botticella	11/13.....Pauline Baalke	11/22.....Leticia Perchez
11/5.....Amy Lindquist	11/13.....Tammis Berkheimer	11/22.....Barry Foye
11/5.....Sam Marin	11/13.....James Boyd	11/23.....Gilbert Pino
11/5.....Brian Skeggs	11/13.....Bruce Coey	11/24.....James Stine
11/6.....Myriam Arango	11/13.....Mary Kay	11/24.....Sandra Vidana
11/6.....Mary Chappell	11/13.....Laura Noack	11/25.....Gregory Collins
11/6.....Ian Fountain	11/13.....Steven Walker	11/25.....Martin Gutierrez
11/6.....Michael Garcia	11/14.....Salvador Apodaca	11/25.....Susan Kay
11/6.....Vince Hungerford	11/14.....Emily Bledstein	11/25.....Linda Palsulich
11/6.....Michael Lucio	11/14.....Robert Hausner	11/25.....Jack Robinson
11/6.....Clifford Mapes	11/14.....Emerson Melton	11/26.....Teresa Cantu
11/6.....William Wyatt	11/14.....Sarah Peck	11/26.....Jonathan Juarez
11/7.....Jose Gonzalez	11/14.....John Ramirez	11/26.....Gregory Maciha
11/7.....Joseph Holbrook	11/14.....Luis Torres	11/26.....Craig Tucker
11/8.....Roy Ancira	11/15.....Anthony Gatlin	11/27.....Joy Arnold
11/8.....Tony Brock	11/15.....Greg Ochoa	11/27.....Katie Cisneros
11/8.....Juan Castillo	11/16.....Micheal Carter	11/27.....Roland Gallant
11/8.....Donald Clevenger	11/16.....Rosa Cuevas	11/27.....Lori Hastert
11/8.....Loree Clever	11/16.....Elizabeth Elmore	11/27.....Toni Newby
11/8.....Gary Czarnecki	11/16.....Donna Garza	11/27.....Juan Viramontes
11/8.....Patricia Kane	11/16.....Michael Mercer	11/28.....Arthur Alderete
11/8.....Vincent Lopez	11/16.....Sergio Ramirez	11/28.....Rita Armendariz
11/8.....Gloria Nava	11/16.....Marc Reardon	11/28.....Patty Arriola
11/8.....Javier Rivera	11/16.....David Thomas	11/28.....Eleazar Cisneros
11/8.....Anthony Severini	11/17.....Maxwell Bender	11/28.....Rebecca Grimes
11/8.....Gail Stone	11/17.....Robert Duda	11/28.....Laura Guzman
11/9.....Randy Branham	11/17.....Robert Probst	11/28.....Robert Helton
11/9.....Connie Davis-Foley	11/17.....Tracey Sciarra	11/28.....Trevor Taylor
11/9.....Vera Orosco	11/18.....Timothy Blount	11/28.....Rory Tompoles
11/9.....Bruce Smith	11/18.....Alfrado Hernandez	11/28.....Rudy Munoz
		11/29.....Eric Wolff
		11/30.....Christine Brown
		11/30.....Gregory Coombs
		11/30.....Jeffrey Fowler
		11/30.....Karen Iveson
		11/30.....Heather Monroe
		11/30.....Joe Moore
		11/30.....Timothy Stewart
		11/30.....Martha Veliz
		11/30.....Forrest West

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New Candidates for Membership

CANDIDATE	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER
Amber Kristen Badalian	Teacher	Nicole Rostom
Angelica Giles	Retired Teacher	Irene Jones
Antonio Montanez	Shop Supervisor	Sharon Breece
Armen Petros Badalian	Technician	Nicole Rostom
Celia Moss	Document Technician	Daniel R. Lucas
Chloe McIntyre	Retired	Certificate of Release from GG
Christine Bruderlin	Bio Medical Compliance Director	Brian Gillespie
Crystal Jocelyn Muniz	A R Supervisor	Jose Luis Muniz
David Main	Commander OC Sheriff	Richard Sanchez
Desiree Flores	Property Manager	Susan Navarrete
Eddie Hunter	Project Manager Construction	Eddie Garcia
Edward Frierson III	Computer Security Analyst	Edward Frierson
Erik Muniz	Construction Superintendent	Jose Luis Muniz
Gary Williams	CEO	Reinstate
Joel M. Hernandez	Retired	Robert Chavez
John Joseph Conti	Sales/Marketing/Loans	Robert Porter
Leonardo De La Riva	Project Manager/Plumber	Baltazar De La Riva
Linda Rodriguez	Retired	Reinstate
Lucy P. Hernandez	Health Program Supervisor	Linda Perez
Marie Annette Scarlett	Cash Poster	Carlos Ruiz
Monty Linton	Self-employed	Reinstate
Nancy Meng	Retired	Michael Lopez
Ramona Spencer	Retired	Steven Spencer
Randall Gay Miller	Retired	Darrell Gilbert
Robert J. Meza	Union Ironworker	Alfredo Santos
Rogelio Ortega	Amazon Maintenance Tech	Eli Morales
Samar Johar	Retired	Roslyn Peggins
Stephen Bedolla	Retired	Ed Sudario
Veronica Ortega	Office Manager	Eli Morales
Wade R. Smith III	Interim CFO	Dolores Aguilar



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Looking For A Good Time?

By Dan Breece

Looking for a good time? If so, there is an easy solution! That's right! The Nest! Join the rest of the football fanatics in The Nest on any given Sunday, Monday or Thursday. You don't have to be huge football fan, just a member who wants to hang out with old friends and make new ones!

Remember, we're a social group! The only way to get to know your fellow members is to show up and there's no funner (yes, I typed that on purpose) time than during football season. Ok, there might be some others throughout the year, but football days are some of the best! Worst case scenario, you'll help support the MNF committee to continue supporting all those we connect with in our community—the neediest of the needy!

Speaking of which, recently we approved donations to the following organizations: the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society; Hands Together, a center for children from low-income families; Tustin Police Foundation to support

their community outreach efforts; Crime Survivors, who are there to help crime victims recover, and we helped out right here at home by supporting Leading Knight Brian Byrd on his casino night fundraiser with a sponsorship. Thank you to all who have supported Monday Night Football, for helping us support others!

A few people to thank individually are Larry and Sandy Hausner, Tony and Patty Brock, Henri Herrera and Sheri Dustin and Dan and Sharon Breece for being meal sponsors on Monday nights. These kind donations help offset the cost of our meals and increase the amount we raise to give away later! We would also like to thank Sal and Linda Apodaca for donating three wonderful gift baskets to get our season started off right! Gift basket donations are 100% profit in our fundraising, so thank you so much!

If anyone would be interested in sponsoring a meal or donating a gift basket reach out to us at 794mnfhchairman@gmail.com or Dan Breece at 949-510-8820.



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/26.1923

INCREASES

Initiated	121
Affiliated	9
Reinstated	3
Subtotal	133

DECREASES

Dropped	19
Transferred Out	5
Absolute Dimit	1
Deaths	6
Expelled	0
Subtotal	31
Calculated Membership Total	2025
CLMS Active Members	2027
Average Age	64.23
Gain/Loss	102

DELINQUENCY

Six Months	0
One Year	168
Over One Year	0
Total	168
Lapsation Rate	8.74%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting ...	2
Ready for investigation	2
Ready for balloting	31
Ready for orientation	12
Ready for Initiation	3
Ready for Affiliation	1
Ready for Reinstatement	0
Other	0
Total	51

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members	71
Honorary Life Members	2
Total	73
Life Percentage	3.80%

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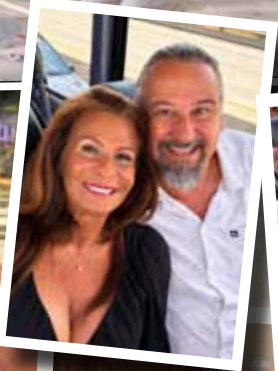
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