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**Santa Claus is
Coming to Town**

**Celebrating
Holidays at
the Lodge**

**The Gift of
Giving**

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A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS

Holiday Gala

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:00 - 11:00 PM / \$65

featuring The Festival of Trees
 Plated Holiday Meal
 Festive Silent Auction
 The Caroling Connection
 Dancing to DJ Ronnie Claus



Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 14
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 \$20 adults • \$10 Children
 (including tax & tip)
 Reservations at SAElks.com



FELIZ NAVIDAD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
FEATURING THE BAND SOTO
TICKETS \$55



New Year's Eve

2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wednesday, December 31

Dinner • Dancing • Revelry
 Tickets at SAElks.com



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Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker



As we step into the month of December, our hearts naturally turn to family, togetherness and the spirit of giving. This is a time when our lodge truly shines—when we reach beyond our walls to bring joy, comfort and kindness to others.

Let us take this season as an opportunity to reaffirm what it means to be an Elk. We share our blessings through service, compassion and generosity. Whether it's supporting a family in need, delivering gifts to veterans or simply taking time to visit with a fellow member, these small acts of love are what unite us and make our lodge a beacon of goodwill.

May we also remember that family takes many forms. Beyond our relatives, our Elks brothers and sisters are family too. Let's cherish the fellowship we enjoy together and continue to build lasting friendships grounded in care and respect.

As you celebrate the holidays

with your loved ones, take pride in knowing that your efforts throughout the year have made a difference. You've shared warmth, lifted spirits and reminded others that kindness never goes unnoticed.

As we move toward Christmas, I am looking forward to getting in the kitchen and cooking some holiday favorites. From my family to yours, may your season be filled with peace, joy and love. Let's carry this spirit of generosity into the new year ahead.

Esteemed Leading Knight Eli Morales



December is a great time to slow down for a moment to remember what this season, and being

an Elk, is really all about: family, charity and friendship.

Family means so much, and it comes in many forms. There is the one we are born into, and then there is the one we choose; like our Elks family. Our Lodge is full of people who care, support, and lift each other up, not just during the holidays, but all year

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**BINGO
BOOGIE
December 11**



**CAROLINA
SHRIMP BOIL
December 26**



**MAGIC CASTLE
NIGHT
December 27**



**EPICUREAN
CIGAR DINNER
December 30**



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

long. December always has a special kind of magic: the laughter, the smiles, the warmth, and even the quiet moments when we think of those who aren't with us anymore. This time of year also gives us a chance to look back on the past months. We can think about the moments we've shared, the challenges we've faced, the good we've done, and the friendships we've built. It's a reminder of how much we've accomplished together and how much we can make a difference in our community.

The Elks' spirit of charity is magnified during this season. Whether it's collecting donations, helping families in need, supporting veterans, or just lending a hand, every small act of kindness shows what Elksdom is all about. And of course, we take a moment to remember our absent members—those who have passed on but who are still very much with us in spirit. Their friendship, dedication, and the memories we shared continue to guide us. Thank you Santa Ana Elks, for when need and want came calling, you answered and made a difference, a big difference.

As we close out the year, I'm excited to invite everyone to our annual holiday gala on December 6, 2025. It's a fun night full of good food, music, laughter, and holiday cheer. It's the perfect way to celebrate together, and look ahead to the New Year.

I wish you and your loved ones the happiest of holidays and a joyous new year filled with love, laughter, and good times. I hope to see you all at the gala; it's going to be a night to remember! (Get your tickets early, this event sells out!)

Elksdom: Love it, Live it.

Esteemed Loyal Knight Brian Byrd



It has been quite a month here at the lodge. November was a time of giving thanks, spending time with family and friends, recognizing the sacrifices of our veterans, and much more. This month offers more opportunities to help out and remember those who are less fortunate. We have many seniors, veterans, children and families who need our help to make their holidays memorable. This is what Elks do—we help others. Let's all come together this month to help out as many people as we can. Be a part of the movement of charity.

There are only about 31 more days before we get to 2026. December is a very busy month for all of us with preparations for our family celebrations, visiting friends, looking after others less fortunate and everything else I may not have mentioned. The lodge is also very busy. I know if you have read this far into the *ElkHorn*, you'll most likely read further. The middle pages have a comprehensive calendar of all the things coming up.

Here are a few events that are definitely worth everyone's time. The Festival of Trees preview luncheon on the 5th, the holiday gala dinner and tree raffle on the 6th, Wreaths Across America on the 13th commemorating our fallen veterans, Feliz Navidad with the Band SOTO on the 20th, and, of course, our annual New Years Eve party. Get tickets online or in the lodge. Many of these events sell out, so it pays to get your tickets early. We

also have Magic Castle Night on the 27th where you can see award winning magicians performing prestidigitation right at your table.

As a reminder, we, as Elks, took a solemn and binding obligation during the initiation ritual. I think it is worth mentioning that that obligation should never be forgotten and should always be obeyed. As the loyal knight, I am very committed to maintaining the sanctity of this obligation. In the 2nd paragraph, it says, *"I will support the Constitution and obey the statutes, rules and regulations of this order and the by-laws of Santa Ana Lodge #794"*.

It goes on to say in the last paragraph, *"I will always protect our members, their good names, and their families..."* As humans, we may not always support or agree with the direction of the lodge, the committee's path, or how we distribute monies to the many charities we help. However, it is important to follow the oath that we took when we were initiated.

As a member, *"the Order of Elks likewise bestows upon you cherished rights and privileges which its whole power and authority will ensure and protect"*. We have a meeting every Tuesday at 7:30 PM where your voice can be heard. Don't miss your opportunity to be heard and vote on the many items that come to the floor.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Karla Vigil



As the year winds down and December unfolds, something magical stirs within us all. It's more than the

twinkle of lights or the rush of holi-

day cheer — it's a season that brings people together in the spirit of giving, gratitude, and love.

COMMUNITY — December reminds us that we are stronger together. Neighborhoods light up not just with decorations, but with connection. Local businesses, churches, and organizations open their doors to host drives, dinners, and celebrations that remind us how powerful community truly is. It's a time when familiar faces feel like family and strangers become friends through shared smiles, warm greetings, and acts of kindness.

CHARITY — This month calls us to look beyond ourselves. Whether it's donating toys to children, feeding families in need, or simply volunteering time, December brings out the heart of generosity. Every small gesture — a warm coat, a home-cooked meal, a kind word — becomes a reminder that compassion never goes out of season. The true spirit of December lies in giving back, in making someone's burden a little lighter and their heart a little fuller.

FAMILY — Amid the festivities, December is also a time to slow down and reconnect with the ones we love most. From laughter-filled dinners to quiet moments by the fire, family becomes the heart of the holiday season. It's about making memories, honoring traditions, and cherishing togetherness — not for the gifts we give, but for the love we share.

In the end, December brings a sense of reflection and renewal — a closing chapter that inspires hope for what's to come. As we come together in community, give through charity and celebrate with family, we are reminded that the warmth of this season isn't found in the weather, but in our hearts.

Wishing you the merriest of holidays and a happy New Year 2026!

General Manager John Moore



It's beginning to look like Christmas, and for those who are new members and have not experienced holidays at the lodge, you're in for a treat. Our volunteers go all out on the decorations, and there are many activities for the entire family. Please be sure to check out the calendar in this edition of the *ElkHorn* and go online for details. Please give me a call if you have any questions about any event—I will be more than happy to fill you in.

We are thrilled to make you aware of the two gifts we have, especially for you. The first gift is our Saturday Old School Complete Pancake Breakfast, \$10.00 for adults and complementary to all children twelve years old and under for the month of December. We encourage you to bring the entire family on Saturdays between 8:00 and noon. Our pancakes are worth the drive!

Our second gift is designed to not only save you money but also give you an opportunity to entertain your friends and family at our magnificent lodge. Each Friday and Saturday through the month of December (with the exception of December 6, the night of our Christmas Gala) we will feature a prix fixe, three-course dinner menu with options priced at \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$35.00. You can view the menu and all the delicious menu choices on page 19 and on our website, SAElks.com/menus. Each meal starts with a trip through the salad bar or a cup of lobster bisque. Then select your entrée. In my opin-

ion, the star of the show is the grand finale: our chef's Turtle Cheesecake. Someone asked me "what's Turtle Cheesecake?" Just imagine velvety cheesecake on top of Ghirardelli chocolate finished with a layer of caramel topping. Yum! Online reservations are highly encouraged, but last-minute walk-ins are always welcome.

On behalf of the fantastic team of employees who strive to happily serve you throughout the year, I want to wish all Elks members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!



It's Tom & Jerry Time at the Lodge

Every year on Christmas Eve, Elks gather in the McCalla Lounge for a traditional cup (or two) of Tom & Jerry, cookies and fellowship. Actually, it's eggnog. Real Tom & Jerry is served warm.

But there'll be plenty of warmth among the friends that gather before the Christmas Eve family festivities taking place later that evening. Although the lodge is technically closed on Christmas Eve, the doors will be open between 1:00 and 4:00 pm for this annual holiday get-together.

So come on down, join us for some festive sweets, and let's ring in the holiday together with a bit of traditional, liquid cheer.

Celebrate the Season: A month of Holiday Magic at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge is pulling out all the stops this December, rolling out a festive lineup of events designed to bring joy, community spirit, and holiday cheer to members, families and friends all month long. From lavish luncheons and sparkling galas to family-friendly fun and New Year's revelry, there's something merry waiting for everyone!

FESTIVAL OF TREES PREVIEW LUNCHEON

The festivities begin on Friday, December 5 with the Festival of Trees preview luncheon from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Guests will be the first to admire the lodge's spectacular holiday trees—each beautifully decorated and paired with gifts valued at up to \$1,000. Attendees can also purchase drawing tickets for a chance to take one of these dazzling trees home, with winners announced at the holiday gala the following evening (no need to be present to win). The luncheon's gourmet buffet features carved roasted New York steak with Béarnaise or creamed horseradish, baked Icelandic cod with lemon-caper butter, roasted turkey with all the fixings, hearty roasted vegetable pasta, mashed potatoes, green beans, and plenty of coffee and cookies to sweeten the afternoon.

A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY GALA

On Saturday, December 6, the lodge transforms into a winter wonderland for the annual Holiday Gala from 6:00 to 11:00 pm—one of the most anticipated events of the season. Guests will enjoy appe-

tizers and no-host cocktails while browsing the Festival of Trees, accompanied by the charming harmonies of the Caroling Connection. Afterwards, the celebration moves into the Grand Ballroom for a plated, three-course feast starting with crisp salad of candied nuts, cranberries, feta and pears. Dinner options include steak with shrimp, northern salmon with lemon butter, or red lentil pasta with roasted vegetables. A decadent holiday dessert closes out the meal before DJ Ronnie Claus takes over the dance floor, spinning your favorite holiday and party classics. A silent auction rounds out the night. Tickets are available online for \$65. With this event selling out each year, early reservations are a must!

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Families won't want to miss Brunch with Santa on Sunday, December 14, a beloved annual tradition that fills the lodge with laughter, crafts and plenty of holiday magic. Kids can meet Santa himself, snap photos and get creative with help from Santa's cheerful helpers. Adults can dig into an abundant buffet featuring fruit, salads, muffins, eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes in multiple flavors, menudo from Breze's kitchen, baked ham with cherry glaze, turkey with stuffing and more—all for just \$20. Children ages 5-12 enjoy their own kid-friendly buffet for \$10, complete with mac and cheese, chicken fingers, silver dollar pancakes and warm holiday drinks. It's a joyful memory-making morning for the whole family.

FELIZ NAVIDAD SOTO CONCERT

The celebration continues on Saturday, December 20 with Feliz Navidad, a holiday party with a distinct Latin flavor. This is a lively fundraiser for Casa Theresa generously sponsored by Lalo Tequila. Doors open at 6:00 pm with mariachis performing from 6:30 to 7:30, followed by the high-energy band SOTO taking the stage at 8:00 pm. A hearty buffet, served from 6:00 to 8:00 pm features a full soup and salad bar with albondigas soup, beef barbacoa, Sonora chicken, cheese enchiladas, beans, cilantro rice, chips and salsas, and chocolate churros. Late-night street tacos keep the party going, making this a spirited night of culture, cuisine and community support. Tickets are \$55.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Rounding out the month is our popular gourmet, epicurean cigar dinner on Tuesday, December 30 and the New Year's Eve party on December 31 when the Santa Ana Elks Lodge rings in the new year in grand style. Expect festive décor, lively music, delicious food and the warm camaraderie that makes the lodge feel like a real celebration!

With an entire month of celebrations, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge is truly the heart of the holidays. Whether you're indulging in a gourmet meal, dancing the night away, supporting a meaningful cause, or making memories with Santa, each event is crafted to bring joy to our community. Mark your calendars, gather your loved ones, and let the Lodge make your season bright! Tickets at SAElks.com.



By Dan Breece

Well, it's December and we all know what that means...Santa Claus will be coming to town! Specifically, he will be coming to our lodge on Sunday, December 7 for our exceptional children's breakfast and then again on Sunday, December 14 for our brunch with Santa. Yes, as busy as he is this time of year, he makes a special effort to visit our lodge twice!

There's a reason for that of course. We have a connection. Not like with the mafia in New York or Las Vegas, but with the North Pole. And no, there's no ring kissing or favors owed. Santa loves being here for the

kids and the smiles on the faces of parents and grandparents.

Our Santa only travels from as far as Lake Forest and is actually a member of our lodge. Which is why he's able to fit in those extra visits for us. He has also appeared for a few other lodges and friends upon request.

Our Santa has been donating his time for the kids and families going all the way back to 2002 when a co-worker asked if he would be Santa for her church. Six years later, he again agreed to appear at a work holiday party for Sharon Casares Breece. Rumor has it that although he didn't accept any money, he didn't turn down a meal and a drink or two.

It was about this time that PER Merl Bieker,



Miracle on 42nd Street - Two Santas at Macy's, but only ours has a real beard!

who was also our Santa, asked if he would be willing to help out as a second Santa at the Santa Ana Elks exceptional children's party. We used to have kids and families lined up outside and down the street waiting to see Santa. We set up two chairs with curtains separating them of course so no one would know there were two Santas.

Eventually, Merl retired and Paul G. Shelor III took over as Santa. A few years later, Paul moved back to Michigan and in true Elk form, the call for Santa was given and we got our guy. Our very own Santa is none other than PER Buck Kuhns. He is one of our trustees, volunteers at Bingo and is often around the lodge.

He's hard to miss and it's easy to see why he plays Santa. No fake beard or mustache for him. He's all genuine! He looked so authentic that Macy's New York Santa requested to have his photo taken with him! Buck proudly points out that *that* Santa had a glued-on beard!

One year at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, he almost got a young lad tangled up in the parade when he saw Buck, dressed in red with his Santa hat on. The boy started yelling "Santa, Santa!" and started to run across Colorado Boulevard. Fortunately, his mom grabbed him before he collided with a parade float.

So Buck is as real as it gets, filling in for the real Santa from the North Pole. If you get a chance, bring the kids, grandkids, even the neighbors' kids and join him at our Brunch with Santa. The annual, festive event takes place on Sunday, December 14 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the lodge. There'll be two breakfast buffets, one for kids and another for adults. Santa will be joined by his elves who will be on hand to take photos and lead crafts and other holiday fun. Tickets are available online at SAElks.com.

If you have or know an exceptional child or family, let them know to contact the lodge to make a reservation for our exceptional children's holiday spectacular on Sunday, December 7. That event will feature our second Santa, Paul Pelasky. The event includes a brunch with Santa, DJ, gift bags, and a comfort bear for every child. Elks members are also encouraged to attend by purchasing tickets at SAElks.com.

For Buck, the role of Santa is more than putting on a costume. It's a heartfelt commitment to lifting spirits and strengthening community. Through every hand shake, smile and whispered wish, he brings comfort to families at this magical time of year and reminds us that generosity is a gift anyone can give.

Exceptional Children's Holiday Event

On Sunday, December 7, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge will host the Exceptional Children's Spectacular. We are fortunate that the Santa Ana Unified School District agreed to partner with us in this recognition and celebratory event featuring children from kindergarten through fifth grade. We are thankful to receive funding from our charity committee so that the special needs children, their parents, and their teachers may attend the event free of charge. We also have Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, Elf helpers, and holiday tunes mixed by Elk Member Jeff Hale! We are also thankful to our Emblem members who are busy at work hand crafting comfort bears for each child.

The Holiday Spectacular, which will be held in the Grand Ballroom from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, features a holiday give-back and recognition for children with special needs and teachers of special needs children.

On behalf of ER Mark Schauwecker and the officer corps, we would like to invite ALL members to attend this breakfast buffet in support of children with special needs. The cost for members is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children when purchased in advance at SAElks.com. The cost increases to \$20 for adults and \$8 for children if purchased the day of the event.

Your attendance in support of these truly exceptional children, their parents/caregivers, and their teachers, will not only reaffirm the Elk's support for our community, but also show the care and compassion Elks have for those with physical and mental challenges.

Giving the Gift of Hope: Why your Year-End Donations Matter

by Marc LaFont

As the holiday season arrives—a time of gratitude, generosity and community—the Elks renew their commitment to giving back. For more than 150 years, the Elks have stood as one of America's most generous fraternal organizations, supporting children, veterans, students and neighbors in need. And during the final month of the year, when charitable needs grow and resources stretch thin, year-end giving becomes more important than ever.

THE PURPLE PIG: SMALL CHANGE, BIG IMPACT

In California, nothing symbolizes Elks charity more than the beloved Purple Pig. Families drop spare coins into their piggy banks all year long, knowing every penny supports children with medical needs through the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project—"The Best People on Earth Helping the Best Kids on Earth."

Year-end giving helps close critical funding gaps for speech therapy, physical therapy, early intervention programs and adaptive equipment. What seems like small change adds up to life-changing support for families who rely on the Elks' unwavering commitment.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) is the backbone of the Order's charitable work, providing millions each year in grants, scholarships, veterans services, youth programs and community projects.

Year-end donations to ENF are especially vital because they determine the grant funding available to local lodges in the year ahead. 93% of all donations to the ENF go straight to charity! Whether it's helping veterans transition out of homelessness, supporting Scout troops, building community gardens or funding holiday food baskets, ENF dollars go directly back into strengthening the neighborhoods Elks call home.

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS ENSURING EVERY CHILD STARTS STRONG

Elks lodges across the country work year-round to support local youth, and one of our most treasured traditions here in Santa Ana is the Linda Fernandez

Backpack Project. During the back-to-school season, backpacks filled with notebooks, pencils and other essentials are distributed to children who might otherwise go without. Year-end giving helps replenish supplies, expand our outreach and ensure that more students begin school year with dignity, confidence and the tools they need to succeed.

SANTA ANA SCHOLARSHIPS INVESTING IN FUTURE LEADERS

One of the most meaningful ways that Elks give back is by investing in the next generation. Through Santa Ana Elks scholarships, we're helping high school seniors and others pursue college dreams that may otherwise be out of reach. Year-end contributions ensure that the lodge can offer even more scholarship support—empowering students who excel in academics, sports, leadership and community service.

WHY YOUR YEAR-END GIFT MATTERS

During the holidays, the spirit of generosity shines brightest. But for many families, veterans, students and children, need does not pause for a holiday.

Your year-end donation—whether to the Purple Pig, the Elks National Foundation, the backpack program or scholarships, helps the Elks continue their mission of charity, justice, and brotherly love all year long. And year-end charitable donations can often be deducted from your taxes, helping lower your taxable income before filing season if made by December 31. It's a meaningful way to support the cases you care about while also receiving a financial benefit.

Every dollar you give today becomes hope for tomorrow. Every act of kindness expands our impact. And together, as Elks, we make the world a better place—one child, one veteran, one community at a time.

Making a year-end donation has never been easier. Donations to both the Purple Pig and ENF may be made online at SAElks.com/donate. And the front desk in the lobby will gladly accept your checks for the backpack drive and scholarships.

This holiday season, give generously. Give proudly. Give like an Elk!

*To find out more about making
a year-end donation, go to
SAElks.com/donate*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Bingo 6:15 pm MNF 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm	2 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Night 	3 Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	4 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Line Dancing 6:30 - 9:30 pm 	5 Holiday Gala Preview Lunch 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 	6 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Holiday Gala 6:00-11:00 pm
7 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football - 9:00 am Exceptional Children's Breakfast 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm 	8 Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm MNF - 5:00 pm 	9 Memorial Service (open meeting) 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 Bingo Boogie 6:30-10 pm 	12 Holiday Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm 	13 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Wreaths Across America - 9:00 am Army/Navy Game Prix Fixe Menu
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21 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football - 9:00 am Pizza & Pitcher Sunday 1:00 - 6:30 pm	22 Lodge Closed Bingo - 6:15 pm MNF - 5:00 pm 	23 No Lodge Meeting Taco Tuesday	24 Lodge Closed Tom & Jerry 1:00-4:00 pm 	25 	26 \$20 Carolina Shrimp Boil 5:00 - 8:00 pm 	27 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Magic Castle Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm 
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January 2026

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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

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4 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Pizza & Pitcher Sunday 1:00 - 6:30 pm	5 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	6 Taco Tuesday PER Meeting 	7 Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Investigation 4:00 - 6:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	8 All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Charity Mtg 6:00 pm Line Dancing 6:00-9:00 pm 	9 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Tribute to Elvis ELVIS	10 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon NFL Wildcard Weekend 
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Santa Ana Elks Scholarship Deadlines are Fast Approaching

by Linda Barcelona

I can't believe it's the end of the year already! This is a busy time for everyone, but especially for our college-bound students! Not only are there college applications due, but scholarship applications are due as well. And it's a busy time for your scholarship committee! We're still reaching out to the schools and the students in our service area and even helping with their applications.

The Most Valuable Student applications were the first to be due in November. With this scholarship, the applicants have a chance to compete at the district, state and even national level of our Elks organization. Those applications go

directly to ENF and we will be notified by our district any day now how many applications we will have to judge this year. District judging for the Most Valuable Student will take place in the second week of January and will be hosted by our lodge.

The Bob McCalla Scholarship is a memorial legacy scholarship honoring Bob McCalla and his contributions to our lodge. The scholarship administrator for the family has very generously decided to increase the awards to a minimum of four \$2,500 college scholarships this year. In addition, they have decided to offer a \$2,500 scholarship dedicated to applicants pursuing a career in nursing! Ap-

plications for both are due on January 9, 2026.

New this year is another memorial scholarship, the Machado Family Scholarships, in memory of Bob Machado who was deeply involved in our community and the education of young people. There are two \$1,000 scholarships available to those enrolled in a four-year university program, and two \$500 scholarships available to those who will be enrolling in a two-year community college program. Applications for both are due January 26, 2026

The last scholarship I'd like to draw your attention to is the Opportunity Scholarship. Applications also are due on January 9, 2026. This scholarship is funded by one of our members and is designed to lend a hand to those students attending or planning to attend a community college program. Please note

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this scholarship has no age requirement or limit.

A complete list of the scholarships our 794 lodge offers is online at SAElks.com/scholarships along with QR codes and tabs that take you right to the applications. We also have paper copies of our scholarship grid available in the lodge lobby. And if you need a hard copy of an application, I'd be happy to print one and leave it at the lodge for you to pick up.

Now, this is where we need your help! Certainly, we all know someone who might need a little help with fulfilling their scholastic dreams. Take a look around you, that nice kid down the street, a young person at church or maybe the coworker who wants to level up to improve themselves. And don't forget your kids, grandchildren and stepchildren qualify for the 794 scholarship! I, for example,

am posting the list of scholarships at my work in the kitchen, where a couple of the young servers have expressed an interest in nursing!

Lastly, when making your year-end charitable contributions, please consider donating to our scholarship fund. Your donation may be tax deductible and will help kids right here in our own community. Make your checks out to Santa Ana Elks Lodge and be sure to mark "scholarships" in the memo line. Then either drop it off at the lodge or mail it to Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Elks Lane, Santa Ana, CA 92705

Thank you for all for your help and support for our committee throughout the year! We are all so blessed to be a part of this community and live in this great country! I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and all the best in the new year!

Santa Ana Hoop Shoot Scores Big

The Santa Ana Lodge held its annual Hoop Shoot free throw contest on Wednesday, November 12 at Vista School in Santa Ana, giving boys and girls ages 8-13 a fun, free chance to show off their shooting skills. Young athletes competed in age divisions, each taking 25 free throws as families cheered them on. The Hoop Shoot—one of the Elks' nationwide youth programs—aims to build confidence, encourage healthy activity and celebrate good sportsmanship.

Winners now move on to the district level with the potential to keep moving toward state, regional and even national finals. Every young athlete left with a smile, proud of their effort and part of a long-standing Elks tradition that supports our local youth.

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Celebrating December Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, December 3

Every month, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge celebrates those members with birthdays that month. So, if your name is listed below, join us for a FREE pasta dinner and a slice of cake in the McCalla Lounge on Wednesday, December 3 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

12/1..... Monica Asbury	12/9..... Cynthia Edes	12/18..... Coliene Tallman
12/1..... Miranda Bernstein	12/9..... Patricia Medina	12/18..... Lauren Volder
12/1..... Anna Faris	12/9..... Linda Salas	12/18..... Kimberly Weber
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12/1..... Taren Weber	12/10..... Guillermo Rodarte	12/20..... Michelle Armenta
12/1..... Sarah Chamberlain	12/10..... Lynnette Verino	12/20..... Kanan Blake
12/2..... Celina Corley	12/10..... John White	12/20..... Greg Gardner
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12/2..... Karen Dickson	12/11..... Trent Barrow	12/21..... Christine Fredlov
12/2..... Hector Garnica	12/11..... Michael Lee	12/21..... Michael Mustafa
12/2..... Debra Gray	12/11..... Silvia Posada	12/21..... Glenn Raymond
12/2..... Andrew Hibbert	12/12..... William Geiger	12/21..... Jennifer Woods
12/2..... Richard Madrid	12/12..... Ronald Jensen	12/22..... William Dunlap
12/2..... Ignacio Salazar	12/12..... Kim Losey	12/22..... Michael Murrietta
12/2..... Adolfo Sierra	12/12..... Kristine Zarate	12/23..... Albert Cesena
12/2..... Tracy Smith	12/13..... Deya Barro	12/23..... Michael Licari
12/3..... Brian Berneking	12/13..... Miles Graff	12/23..... Patricia Machado, PhD
12/3..... Brian Escalera	12/13..... Debra Lovato	12/23..... Barbara Mozan
12/3..... Patricia Garcia	12/13..... Joseph Sepulveda	12/23..... Richard Sanchez
12/3..... Rodrigo Gonzalez	12/13..... Elissa Ungrodt	12/24..... Tricia Badraun
12/3..... Tina Kerr	12/14..... Alvaro Arias	12/24..... Dean Burbridge
12/3..... Michael Lumbard	12/14..... Ivan Gonzalez	12/24..... Rose Dennis
12/3..... Raymond Rangel	12/14..... John Hess	12/24..... Martin Gardner
12/4..... Antoinette Aguirre	12/14..... Phillip Markes	12/24..... Vicky Kuhn
12/4..... Henry Corona	12/14..... Mary Robbins	12/24..... Ben Munoz
12/4..... Michael Galvez	12/14..... Mary Stolo	12/24..... Patrick Remolacio
12/4..... Damian Moreno	12/15..... Jerry Arellano	12/25..... Ronald Channels II
12/4..... Karrie Nelsen	12/15..... Corina Cook	12/25..... Janis Foster
12/4..... Alfredo Pinero	12/15..... Dena Hocking	12/25..... Sheryl Franke
12/4..... Philip Rahn	12/15..... Alvin Shrader	12/25..... William Fratzke
12/4..... Raymond Ruiz	12/15..... Timothy Van Mechelen	12/25..... Hanna Haberede
12/4..... Daniel Sanchez	12/16..... Warren Condon	12/25..... Craig Lee
12/5..... Ruby Amezcua	12/16..... Abraham Galvan	12/25..... John Nielsen
12/5..... Ricardo Castro	12/16..... Sara Garske	12/26..... Ramiro Acevedo
12/5..... Enrique Escutia	12/16..... Paul Liles	12/26..... George Mendoza
12/5..... Teresa Saldivar	12/16..... Daniel Martin	12/26..... Manuel Perez
12/6..... Carol Hampton	12/16..... Mary Perez	12/26..... Rachelle Rios
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12/6..... Nathan Yeargin	12/17..... John Dean	12/27..... Celina Wright
12/7..... Zale Anderson	12/17..... Jessica Jones	12/28..... Gary Arisohn
12/7..... Stefanie Avila	12/17..... Yvonne Salazar	12/28..... David Bautista
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12/7..... Leticia Silva	12/18..... Larry Lewis, Sr.	12/29..... Judith Anderson
12/7..... Louisa Solis	12/18..... Michael Martinez	12/29..... Ronald Bottorff
12/7..... Michael Van Herpen	12/18..... Miguel Martinez	12/29..... Charles Lamar
12/8..... Gene Bodin	12/18..... Robert McIntosh II	12/29..... Maudie Romero
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		12/30..... Shannon McCoy
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Always Remember • Never Forget

by Kellie Miller

As we move into December, the national month of giving, it's important to pause and reflect on what giving truly means. For some, it's a deeply personal act. For others, it's something done with a team. For the veterans committee, it's both; personal and something we accomplish together. We've done a great deal so far and our commitment continues all throughout the year.

In just the past few months, we've supported several efforts to help veterans and their families. We donated to Strong Families Strong Children to assist veterans and their children, contributed to Bikes4Marines&Navy

so every child at Camp Pendleton receives a bike and helmet for the holidays, and helped purchase and distribute Thanksgiving meals through VA Vets, SFSC, American Legion posts and other local Elks lodges. We also delivered 76 turkey breasts to Patriots and Paws.

Donations matter, but so does time. That's why we not only give, but we also show up—listening to veterans, hearing what they're going through and offering support. That is what led us to launch the Veterans Coffee Talk in October.

Our mission with Veterans Coffee Talk is to create a safe, welcoming environment where veterans can connect with fellow service members, share their stories and find understanding among peers. Through open dialogue and mutual support, we strive to promote healing, build community and ensure that every veteran has access to the resources they need to improve their well-being and quality of life.



WREATHS
across
AMERICA

December also brings Wreaths Across America, when wreaths are laid on veterans' graves across the United States and at American cemeteries worldwide. It's a simple way to say "Thank you! We have not forgotten you." We support Santa Ana Cemetery where more than 1,000 veterans are buried. This year's event is on December 13 and we'd love to have you join us. We'll meet at the cemetery at 9:00 am for a short ceremony with wreath placement immediately following. You can sponsor a wreath for \$17 and/or volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony by using the QR code at the end of this column or at SAEIks.com. Don't forget to click the "invite" button to invite your friends and family to join you.

That same afternoon, the Army-Navy game will take place in the McCalla Lounge with raffles and lunch. Veterans eat free.

On December 14 we'll host SFSC, the Vet Center and partner organization for their holiday party. There will be Santa, toys from Toys for Tots, games and music. Many families struggle this time of year and if we can help, we will.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts to help veterans. Support comes in many forms—donations kind words, volunteering—and every act matters. We all need a helping hand at some point in our lives. Let's continue helping one another, even if it's one person, one veteran, one child at a time.




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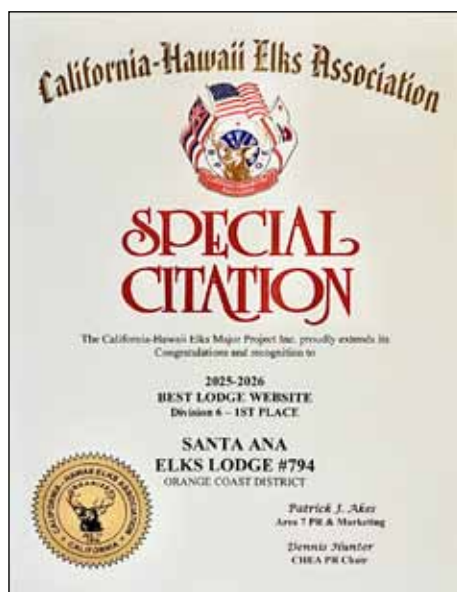
We've done it again! Not only did your lodge take home the #1 best newsletter award, we just earned a special citation for best web site among all California and Hawaii lodges with over 1,500 members.

If you haven't visited the web site recently, now's the time. First of all, it's snowing! Yes, the web site is fully decked out for the holidays.

Also, did you know that as an Elk you have access to exclusive discounts on travel, insurance, senior benefits and more? It's all online.

Want to make a dinner reservations or purchase tickets to the New Years party? Do so online. Ready to make a year-end donation to the purple pig? Online. Curious about the chef's special prix fixe menu? Also online!

There's a lot waiting for you at SAElks.com—committee news, day by day calendar, menus, events and more. With so much just a click away, the award-winning Santa Ana Elks website is your front door to everything happening at the lodge. Stop by, explore and stay connected all year long!



Purple Pig Reflections: The Season of Blessings

by Michele Joyce

Our November Purple Pig event was truly unforgettable. To everyone who came out, donated, volunteered, or simply showed their support—thank you. Your generosity and spirit made the night a success and reminded us what it means to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

With the holidays just ahead, it's a time to cherish the joy of being with friends and family, sharing laughter, love and gratitude. And remember—your Elks family is part of that circle, too.

Through the Purple Pig, we continue to change lives for California children with special needs, one heartfelt gift at a time. As we close out the year, let's carry that same spirit of kindness, faith and giving into the new one. Because blessings aren't measured by their size—they're measured by the hearts that give them.

SAElks.com/purplepig



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/25..... 1846

INCREASES

Initiated	151
Affiliated	19
Reinstated	8
Subtotal	178

DECREASES

Dropped	8
Transferred Out	14
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	13
Expelled	0
Subtotal	35
Calculated Membership Total	1989
CLMS Active Members.....	1989
Average Age	63.60
Gain/Loss	143

DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	0
One Year	176
Over One Year	0
Total	176
Lapsation Rate.....	9.53%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting	3
Ready for investigation	7
Ready for balloting	0
Ready for orientation	35
Ready for Initiation	5
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement	3
Other	0
Total	53

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members	74
Honorary Life Members	2
Total	76
Life Percentage	4.12%



by Sue McKee

The Orange Coast District Elks Olympic Games wrapped up another exciting season, running from August 24 through October 19—and Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 made us proud every step of the way.

This year marked the first time Santa Ana #794 was represented in every single event, with an impressive 53 members participating. Many tried their sport for the very first time, bringing great energy and enthusiasm to the competition.

OPENING CEREMONY

The festivities kicked off on Sunday, September 21 at the Garden Grove lodge with the parade of lodges. Santa Ana stood out in sharp gold T-shirts and matching gold pom-poms as members marched behind their banner. The day was filled with spirited contests in ladder golf, ping pong, hoop shoot and tray races—fun for participants and spectators alike.

Competitions were held across the district, including:

- Shooting Sports: *September 13 & 20*
- Shuffleboard Prelims: *September 14 - Finals on September 21 at Garden Grove*
- 8-Ball Pool Prelims: *September 29 - Finals on September 21*
- Golf: *September 23 at Willowick Golf Course*

- Bocce Ball: *Peppertree Park in Tustin*
- Chess: *Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley Lodge*
- Axe Throwing & Beverage Pong: *Huntington Beach Lodge*
- Bowling: *Westminster Lanes*
- Archery: *New this year and Lodge #794 earned a medal!*
- Pickleball: *Three Santa Ana teams competed*

It was a packed two months and Santa Ana #794 was repeatedly complimented for its sportsmanship and, above all, the fun our members brought to every event

CLOSING CEREMONY & MEDAL COUNT

At the closing ceremonies on October 26 at the Huntington Beach Lodge, Santa Ana proudly brought home 23 medals:

BRONZE (10)

- Ping Pong Doubles
Brian Byrd, George Will
- Horseshoes
Sammy Amaya
Dan Breece
- Ladder Golf
Janine Fountain
Bradley Hutchins
- Tray Races Singles
Cindy Campitelli
- Axe Throwing Singles
Duc Nguyen
- Axe Throwing Teams
Dug Nguyen
Bradley Hutchins

SILVER (11)

- Rifle
Paige Fountain
- Rifle Team
Ian Fountain, Jr.
Ian Fountain, Sr.
Paige Fountain
- Tray Races Team
Cindy Campitelli
Sherry Dustin
Sonia Mexia
Chrissy Morales
- Bocce Ball
Joe Baltes
Mike Fiore
- Archery
Eric Zamorea

GOLD (2)

- Golf
John Rodriguez
Andrew Solis

Total Medals: 23

While Garden Grove claimed the team trophy this year, Santa Ana #794 is well on its way to becoming a strong contender in 2026—with your help!

LOOKING AHEAD

The competition was a tremendous success, and in my opinion, there were no losers. Everyone who stepped onto the field, court or course was a winner simply by participating.

Let's keep the momentum going. Encourage your fellow members to join in, try something new, and start practicing now—2026 will be here before we know it.

As your lodge Olympic chair, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who participated and a special appreciation to the committee members who made it all possible: Brian Byrd, Sherry Dustin, Henri Herrera and Eli Morales.

This lodge truly does have the Best People on Earth!

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First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

House Committee Meeting

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

Charity Committee Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month, 2:00 pm

Monday Night Football Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 pm

Communications Meeting

2nd Monday of the month at noon

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HOLIDAY PRIX FIXE MENU

Every Friday and Saturday in December
4:30 - 8:00 pm

Three Course Menu

Includes salad bar or lobster bisque soup, entrée and dessert

OPTION 1 - \$20

Mrs. Claus Pot Roast

*Pork tender top round of beef,
gravy, and loaded mashed potatoes*

Chicken Piccata

*Tender chicken breast with a lemon-
caper sauce, wild rice and vegetables*

Roasted Turkey Dinner

*Stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy,
candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce*

OPTION 2 - \$25

English Cut Prime Rib

*Creamed spinach and mashed potatoes
au jus, creamed horseradish*

Poached Fresh Salmon

*Honey and soy glaze, wild rice
and garlic green beans*

OPTION 3 - \$35

Bone-in Ribeye

*Your choice of peppercorn or Béarnaise
sauce, baked potato and vegetables*

Chilean Sea Bass

*Delivered fresh, finished with lemon
caper sauce and choice of two sides*

Rack of Lamb

*Mint jelly or mango chutney,
herb-roasted potatoes and vegetables*

Dessert

Espresso chocolate chip ice cream,



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