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Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker



As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of our members. This season reminds us of the importance of community, friendship and service—the very values that make our Elks lodge such a special place.

Each year, I am humbled by the incredible dedication and spirit that our members bring to every project, event and act of charity. Whether it's volunteering your time to support veterans, helping organize fund raisers for our local youth, or simply lending a hand around the lodge, your efforts embody the true meaning of "Elks Care—Elks Share".

Our lodge thrives because of you—our members who give so generously of your time, talents and hearts. It's through your commitment that we continue to make a positive impact in our community, honoring our traditions while building a brighter

future for those we serve.

As we sit down to share a meal with our families and friends this Thanksgiving, may we also take pride in knowing that our lodge family is strong, compassionate and deeply connected. I am profoundly thankful to serve as your exalted ruler and to walk alongside such dedicated and caring individuals.

I wish you and your loved ones a warm, joyful and blessed Thanksgiving.

Esteemed Leading Knight Eli Morales



The Thanksgiving month is upon us, with cooler weather and a heart full of gratitude, inviting us to gather with loved ones, Elk brothers and sisters and give thanks for the blessings that surround us.

In my opinion, I believe that one of those blessings is the ability to volunteer with a sincere heart and without the expectation of something in return. Some see the art of volunteering as an obligation or duty to give back, but the true act of volunteering is more of a

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**FISH FRY
DINNER
November 7**



**DJ RONNIE
FUN NIGHT
November 14**



**TRIVIA
TOURNAMENT
November 15**



**MAGIC CASTLE
NIGHT
November 29**



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

self-connection that involves compassion, creativity and the willingness to put others' needs before your own. Being part of a volunteer group means knowing your role, contributing your strengths, and working together to achieve a shared goal.

As Elks, we have made it our mission to seek out the needs of our community; backpacks with school supplies, scholarships, donations to youth programs, helping the homeless, feeding our veterans and many other community needs. Yes, there are times we don't all agree but understanding that we are part of a bigger puzzle and that our individual help is a major part of the success of any project should be what unites us and drive us to a greater purpose.

The most meaningful reward isn't recognition, but in knowing you've made a difference, even when the recipient doesn't even know from whom the help came. These are rewards no plaque or award can equal. That is not to say volunteers shouldn't be appreciated, not at all. Everyone likes to feel valued. And at this time on behalf of our exalted ruler, our officers and all of our members, please accept a sincere thank you and gratitude for all that you do.

Your time, heart, and effort are truly appreciated. If you volunteer, do it because you believe in the cause, do it because someone out there needs you, and let the quiet satisfaction of knowing you made a difference be all the recognition you need.

For all of you that make our lodge thrive year after year in all of the charitable work that we do, I will give thanks and will count my blessing for being part of the "Best People on Earth", the Elks.

Finally, I invite you to join us on Tuesdays for our lodge meetings at 7:30 PM, a great chance to meet other Elks and be part of the direction of our lodge, hope to see you there.

Elkdom, Love it, Live it!

Esteemed Loyal Knight Brian Byrd



Welcome to our November ElkHorn.

I am happy that you are taking time to read this award-winning, monthly

magazine. However, there is nothing better than coming to the lodge and getting information first hand from our staff and officers.

Come to the meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM to get all the most current information about our lodge. Tuesday is also the day in the lounge where our chefs have cooked up some really good and authentic Mexican food...Tuesday's are a great day to spend at the lodge.

We have wrapped up a really busy month. A big thank you to everyone who attended, helped decorate, or worked on our "Nightmare on Elk Street" Halloween party. The band, food and service were awesome. Thank you!

There were so many great costumes at our annual Trunk or Treat. The kids looked great, as did many adults who opened up the back of their vehicles to hand out gifts and treats. Thank you to the DAP (drug awareness committee) for such a fun and memorable event that coincides with Red Ribbon Week.

The Olympics have wrapped up, and although not all of the events have been completed at the

time of this writing, it was a huge success. A big thank you goes to Sue McKee and all of our committee members. Our lodge was well represented. Get involved next year. It is a lot of fun. Trust me when I say that participation is all that is required. You do not have to be a great athlete to participate in any of the events. Come for the fun and to meet other Elks.

There are only two months left in 2025. This year has gone by so quickly. Luckily for all of us as members of the best Elk's lodges around, we have a boat load more activities and events to attend. Check out the calendar in the middle of this magazine, get your calendars out, and start making a plan to have fun! You can get tickets for most of our events online, or call the lodge and purchase tickets over the phone. Don't feel the FOMO (fear of missing out)! Call in early and get your tickets. Share the experience with others by inviting friends and family.

In closing out this month's column, don't be selfish. Our Elks lodge is only successful because of its great members. Invite others to join our organization and experience the joy of helping others, the happiness of working with our committees to benefit the communities we serve, and just have fun with other members at our lodge.

And remember, the BPOE (Best People on Earth) are ELKS!

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Karla Vigil



As the crisp autumn air settles in and the leaves paint the world in hues of gold and crim-

son, November invites us to pause and reflect on the blessings in our lives. It's a month that gently nudges us to embrace gratitude, celebrate connections, and give thanks for the big and small joys that shape our days. Whether it is through heartfelt conversations, acts of kindness, or quiet moments of reflection, November offers countless opportunities to cultivate a spirit of thankfulness and giving.

As Elks we must think charity and what a better month of November to begin our start for the various organizations close to our hearts.

The charity committee is hosting a food drive for the Sheepfold which helps domestic violence survivors by housing, clothing and feeding up to 25 woman and their children. Please consider dropping off a few canned items or dry items such as rice, pasta etc. You will see a drop box in the lobby for these items or feel free to give a gift card from a neighboring grocery store as they have a food pantry that is always in need. Please contact Ida Wade (saemblemrecordingsecretary@gmail.com) or Maria Paulin (mpaulin.wellness@icloud.com) for more information.

There are a lot of opportunities for giving in the months of November and December so please check our website (SAElks.com) for ways you can help make this a great holiday season for those less fortunate.

As this month has arrived, I find myself saddened that this will be my last ritual initiation for the 2025 year. I have enjoyed each month seeing how many new members experience the excitement of new membership in our lodge and seeing their growth. I encourage you to come to our Tuesday meetings to learn more about your lodge and get involved with a committee, meet the officers and other members.

You never know, maybe you can become a future officer or follow the path to becoming an exalted ruler. Weekly lodge meetings are Tuesdays at 7:30 pm upstairs in the lodge room (don't worry they are not as long as initiation).

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. Brotherly love to you all!

General Manager John Moore



Our goal for this year's Thanksgiving luncheon is to create a warm, family-style celebration filled with gratitude, great food and good company. Join us on Thursday, November 27 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm for a bountiful Thanksgiving buffet featuring all the traditional favorites you've come to love.

Now we're not sure if the Pilgrims had oysters at their first feast—but we sure do! We'll be serving about 800 freshly chilled oysters, along with an array of Thanksgiving classics.

Enjoy the football games on the big screens, the beautiful background music of harpist Ted Nicholas and—most importantly—give Mom the day off!

We have room for 500 guests and this event typically sells out quickly. Don't wait, reserve your spot online at SAEIks.com. We can accommodate any size group and we can't wait to celebrate the holiday with you!

We've reached a lot of positive feedback about our reduced prices and weekly specials—thank you! To make things easier, here's a

handy summary of your everyday lodge favorites.

DRINKS (Every Day)

House Wine by the Glass—\$4.00
Domestic Bottled Beer—\$3.75
Imported Bottled Beer—\$4.75
20 oz Domestic Draft—\$4.50
20 oz Imported Draft—\$5.00
IPA Drafts—\$6.00
Well Cocktails—\$5.00
Call Drinks—\$6.75

DINNING SPECIALS

Saturday: Eggs Benedict served from 9:00 am to noon—\$7.94

Friday: Fish & Chips all day—\$13.95

Thursday & Saturday: Lawry's Quality Prime Rib Dinner—\$22.50

Pizza Sunday after 3:00 pm: Fresh, hot pizza from our pizza oven—\$13-\$15. Pitchers of domestic beer, \$14/imported beer, \$16.

For additional specials and menus, visit our website at SAEIks.com/menus or check the lobby flyers. There's truly something for everyone—and if you haven't dined with us in a while, come back and see what's new!

If you have any questions about our upcoming December events, please call me at 714-547-7794 extension 70 and I'll be happy to fill you in.



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News & Events
may be found
online at
SAEIks.com/emblem**



GRATITUDE IN ACTION

GIVING THANKS THROUGH SERVICE

by Marc LaFont

As Thanksgiving approaches and autumn colors paint our days with gold, we're reminded of what it means to be truly grateful—not just in words, but in deeds. For members of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794, gratitude is more than a feeling: it's a call to serve.

In a season centered on giving thanks, Elks embody that spirit through acts of kindness, generosity and community service that uplifts others and honors the Elk's long-standing mission: to serve people and communities through benevolence, charity, and brotherly love.

For our lodge, Thanksgiving isn't just a holiday—it's a time of outreach. Each year, members come together to supply holiday meals for local families in need through our charity committee, ensuring no one in the community is left behind during the season of gratitude. Many recipients share stories of how much these gestures mean, but those who serve often say they receive the greater gift: the joy of giving back.

Thanksgiving also offers a special moment to remember and thank our veterans—a cornerstone of the Elks' mission. The Santa Ana lodge regularly hosts gatherings for local veterans, ensuring they feel honored and supported.

This act of service is rooted in one of the order's most enduring promises: *"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*

Through these efforts, gratitude extends beyond words—it becomes a living tribute to those who have given so much for others.

What makes our lodge so special is the way gratitude unites our members. From youth programs and scholarship support to volunteer projects and holiday events, the lodge is a hub of kindness and connection,

Every act of service—large or small—ripples outward strengthening the bonds that tie Santa Ana together. This Thanksgiving, members reflect not only on what they're thankful for, but on how they can continue to share those blessings with others.

While Thanksgiving highlights gratitude, Santa Ana Elks know that service is a year-round commitment. Whether it's collecting school supplies and backpacks, supporting veterans, donating blood or lending a helping hand in times of need, the lodge carries the spirit of Thanksgiving into every season.

As Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker often reminds us, *"service is how we show our gratitude. It's not just what we do at Thanksgiving—it's who we are every day."*

And there a number of ways you can show your gratitude through service.

- Donate needed items to help veterans at Hero's Landing. Items needed include laundry detergent, food gift cards, raffle prizes and quarters for laundry. Drop off donations at the front desk in the lobby.
- Donate Thanksgiving food items for residents of Sheepfold, a faith-based charity for abused and forsaken women with children. Donation bins are in the lobby.
- Sign up online at SAElks.com/blood to donate blood on November 17. A single donation can save up to three lives!
- Adopt a family and go shopping for holiday gifts for mothers and children at Sheepfold. The Adopt-A-Family tree is in the Lodge lobby.

This Thanksgiving the Santa Ana Elks Lodge invites all members and friends to reflect on their blessings and find ways to share them. Because when gratitude takes the form of service, everyone is enriched and the true meaning of Thanksgiving shines brighter than ever!

Give the Gift of Life this Holiday Season: Donate Blood



As the holiday season approaches, the spirit of giving takes on a deeper meaning. This year, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge is proud to partner with the American Red Cross for our holiday blood drive, happening Monday, November 17 from 10:00 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 a certificate worth 20% off any food purchase at the lodge and a pair of groovy Pac Man socks while supply lasts.

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 this holiday season brighter for those in need.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Date: Monday, November 17

Times: 10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Location: Santa Ana Elks Lodge

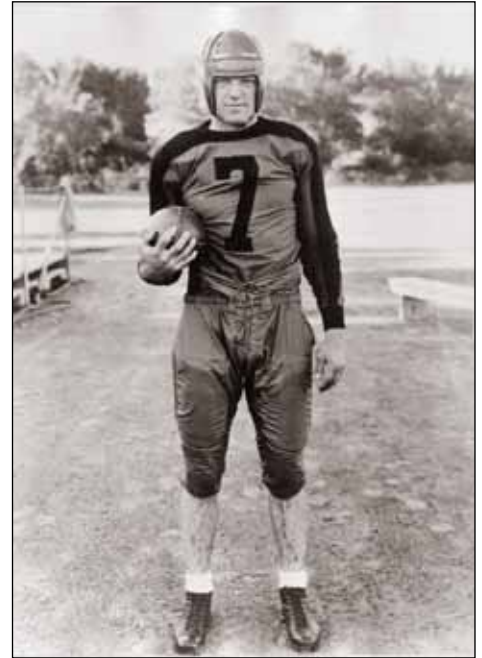
THANKSGIVING, FOOTBALL AND FELLOWSHIP

Thanksgiving and football are inseparable pieces of American tradition. While the holiday itself dates back to the Pilgrims and was declared a national holiday by Abraham Lincoln in 1863, football became part of the celebration soon after—first through college rivalries in the 1870s and community games hosted by civic groups like the Elks.

In the early 20th century, many local Elks chapters organized Thanksgiving Day football games as charity events, raising money for families in need and bringing towns together for a shared day of sport, service and community pride—they were about giving back, uniting neighbors and celebrating the spirit of the season.

The NFL carried that legacy forward in 1934 when the Detroit Lions hosted the first Thanksgiving Day game, a tradition that grew even stronger when the Dallas Cowboys joined the lineup in 1966. Today, Thanksgiving football is as familiar as turkey and pumpkin i.e.—a soundtrack of cheers, whistles, and commentary filling homes across the nation.

Here at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, family and friends will gather in the Nest to enjoy the day's games and the camaraderie that comes with them. Some members will arrive early when the Nest opens at 9:00 am for hearty \$10 breakfast burritos and menudo, while others will join



Future Hall of Famer Earl "Dutch" Clark with the Lions, who lost to the Bears 19-16 in the first NFL Thanksgiving game in 1934.

later after enjoying their traditional Thanksgiving feast in the ballroom.

Between touchdowns and time outs, laughter and storytelling flow freely—a reminder that Thanksgiving has always been about connection. Just as Monday Night Football transformed weekly games into national events, Thanksgiving football has become more than sport; it's a celebration of tradition, generosity and togetherness that perfectly captures the American spirit.

So whether you're cheering for the Lions, Cowboys, or your favorite backyard team, remember that every play is part of a larger legacy—one rooted in gratitude, fellowship and community, the very same values that the Elks have championed for more than 150 years.

Veteran's Day

Honoring All Who Served

by Kellie Miller

Each year on November 11, Americans pause to honor the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day is a moment of gratitude and reflection—an opportunity to thank those who have defended freedom and democracy across generations.

Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I. The armistice that halted hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first Armistice Day, a day dedicated to honoring World War I veterans and celebrating peace.

In 1954, following World War II and the Korean War, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, himself an Elk, signed legislation changing the holiday's name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The shift broadened its purpose—to honor all U.S. veterans, past and present, from every branch of service. Since then, November 11 has remained a solemn national holiday dedicated to recognizing the courage, sacrifice and patriotism of America's veterans.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has a long and proud tradition of supporting America's veterans. Since its founding in 1868, the Elks have



President Eisenhower, an Elk, signs legislation renaming Veterans Day.

lived by the motto. *"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*

During World War I, Elks lodges across the nation raised funds and supplied medical equipment, ambulances and comfort items for troops overseas. The Elks built and operated a 700-bed hospital for war veterans in Boston—later donated to the federal government, becoming part of the foundation for today's Veterans Administration medical system.

That legacy of service continues today. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission oversees programs that reach out to veterans in need including:

- Welcome Home initiatives, which provide homeless veterans with furniture and supplies as they transition into permanent housing.
- Emergency assistance providing financial assistance to veterans who would otherwise be at risk of homelessness..
- Volunteer work at VA hospi-

tals, community centers and memorial events nationwide.

- Through the Voluntary Service program, Elks provide ongoing, monthly support to thousands of veterans in more than 350 VA medical centers, state veterans homes, transitional centers, rehabilitation clinics and other veterans facilities across the country.

Locally, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge veterans committee has;

- Assembled and donated new kitchen kits to veterans moving into new housing out of active duty or after living on the street.
- Donated to the Vietnam Memorial Fund and volunteered at the Wall That Heals—the replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Orange.
- Volunteered at multiple Stand Downs, supplying hundreds of veterans with a hot meal, clothing, hygiene items housing resources, benefits, dental care, prescription eyeglasses, haircuts, showers, etc.

Veterans Day is not only about remembrance—it's about appreciation. Across America, parades ceremonies and community events bring citizens together to express heartfelt thanks. Schools teach student about the cost of freedom, businesses offer tributes and organizations like the Elks remind us that service to others is the highest form of patriotism.

As we observe Veterans Day, let us remember that freedom is never free. It is earned, preserved and honored through the dedication of our nation's veterans—and through the ongoing efforts of communities who vow to never forget them.



Santa Ana Elks Veterans Day Program To Feature All American Boys Chorus



by Kellie Miller

As we head into November, the month of thankfulness (officially recognized as National Gratitude Month) it's a good time to sit and reflect on who and what we are thankful for. It's typically the time when most of us start thinking about donating, volunteering and helping out those in need.

For the veterans committee, we are doing that all year long and we are thankful that we're able to help so many in need. As Elk brothers and sisters, we believe in being involved and talking and listening to those whom we are helping. We personally hand out clothing, food, baby formula, diapers, gas cards, etc. We ask what is the need and then we fulfill it.

Besides Thanksgiving, this month also includes Veterans Day on November 11. Many of us wonder why is it always on November 11: It's the 11th hour of the 11th

month for on November 11, 1918, the guns fell silent across the trenches in World War I.

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day but renamed in 1954. It's a day to celebrate every man and woman who has stepped up to serve and fight for our freedoms and democracy.

We invite you to join the lodge on November 11 to celebrate Veterans Day, break bread with friends and family, enjoy live music by the All American Boys Chorus, and to take the time to fill our hearts with



Veterans committee members volunteer at a veterans stand down distributing needed supplies to veterans in need.

gratitude (not to mention it's a perfect time to thank a veteran!)

We can't forget that the Marine Corps' 250th birthday is on November 10 (Happy Birthday!) Please join the veterans committee in the Emerald room on that day during Monday night football where we'll celebrate and have birthday cake. (What's better than celebrating a service member while watching football and eating cake?)

As we celebrate this month of gratitude with our family and friends, please remember those in need. No matter what month it is, please give a helping hand.

NOVEMBER MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND BIRTHDAYS

- November 10—Marine Corps 250th birthday
- November 11—Veterans Day
- The month of November—National Veterans and Military Families Month

To join the committee or stay up to date on veterans events, come to our next meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 6 pm at the lodge (the 3rd Tuesday each month). To join our email list: send an email to veteransteam@elks794.org. View our page online at SAElks.com/veterans.



November

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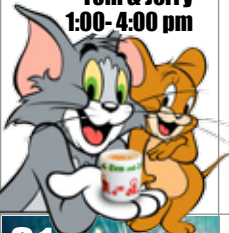
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS - FRIDAYS 9 AM-4 PM, OFFICE CLOSED SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON Thursday, November 27 						1 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon
2 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Football 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Pizza & Pitcher Sunday 3:00 - 6:30 pm	3 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm Football 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm 	4 Trustees Meeting 4:00 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	6 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Wesern Line Dancing 6:30-9:30 pm 	7 Regular Menu Dinner Specials 4:30-8:00 pm	8 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Jerome Dean 7:00 -10:00 pm Emblem Fashion Show 10:30 am
9 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Football 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Pizza & Pitcher Sunday 3:00 - 6:30 pm	10 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm Football 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm 	11 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm Taco Tuesday House Committee 5:00 pm	12 Pasta Night MNF Meeting 6:30PM Trivia Night TRIVIA NIGHT	13 Charity Cmte 6:pm All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm KARAOKE Night	14 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Fun Night with DJ Ronnie 6:30 -10:30 pm	15 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12 Noon Trivia Tournament of Champions 6:00 - 9:00 pm
16 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Football 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Pizza & Pitchers 3:00 - 6:30 pm 	17 Lodge closed Red Cross Blood Drive 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Bingo - 6:15 pm Football 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm	18 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm	19 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm Pasta 	20 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Bingo Boogie 6:30 pm	21 Appetizer Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Purple Pig Fundraiser Dance & BBQ 5:30- 10:00 PM 	22 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Prime Rib Free Corkage Disco Rebirth 7:00 - 10:00 pm 
23 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football 10am-8pm 30 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football 10am-8pm	24 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm Football 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm 	25 House Meeting 5:00 pm Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm 	26 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm TRIVIA NIGHT	27 Thanksgiving Luncheon 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 	28 Lodge Closed 	29 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Magic Castle Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm 

December

LODGE HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS 11 AM-10 PM; FRIDAYS 11 AM-6 PM, SATURDAYS 11 AM-1 AM, SUNDAYS 9 AM-7 PM

FOOD SERVICE HOURS: TUESDAYS 11 AM-7 PM; WEDNESDAYS—FRIDAYS 11 AM-8 PM, SATURDAYS 9 AM-8 PM; SUNDAYS 9 AM-6 PM

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7 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football - 9:00 am Exceptional Children's Breakfast 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Pizza & Pitchers 3:00 am - 6:30 pm	8 Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm MNF - 5:00 pm 	9 Memorial Service (open meeting) 7:30 pm HC Meeting 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 6Bingo Boogie 6:30-10 pm 	12 Fish Fry 4:30-8:00 pm 	13 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Wreaths Across America - 9:00 am Orientation - Noon Jerome Dean Holiday Special 7:00 - 10:00 pm
14 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football - 9:00 am Brunch With Santa 10:00 am - 1:00 pm 	15 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm MNF 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm	16 Lodge Mtg 7:30 pm Taco Night Veterans CMTE 6:00 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm	17 Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	18 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Karaoke 6:30-10:00 pm	19 Baked Potato Bar 4:30-8:00 pm Guy Nelson 7:00 - 10:00 pm	20 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Feliz Navidad with SOTO 6:30 - 9:30 pm 
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28 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football - 9:00 am Pizza & Pitchers 3:00 - 6:30 pm 	29 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm MNF 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm	30 No Lodge Mtg Taco Night Cigar & Wine Dinner 6:00 pm 	31 New Years Eve Celebration 			

Exceptional Childrens Holiday Event Returns

by Rachel Snell

We're thrilled to announce the return of the Exceptional Children's Holiday Spectacular on Sunday, December 7 in the lodge ballroom from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This heart-warming event celebrates children ages five to ten in the Santa Ana Unified School District's special education program—students who benefit from academic, behavioral and social-emotional support designed to enhance success.

Hosted by the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, this special morning offers an opportunity to honor not only these exceptional children but also the dedicated teachers, parents and caregivers who support them. Guests will enjoy a hot breakfast buffet featuring scrambled eggs, bacon, O'Brien potatoes, milk, orange juice and hot chocolate.

Santa Claus himself will make a festive appearance while members dance along to holiday tunes provided by Elk member Jeff Hale. The Emblem Club, led by President Sharon Casares-Breece, will gift each child a handmade comfort bear while volunteers and committee members award raffle prizes and cheerful gift bags.

Lodge members are encouraged to attend for \$15 per person. Donations of classroom supplies, toys, or raffle prizes are greatly appreciated—you can view the gift list online at SAElks.com/calendar. Those wishing to volunteer or contribute may contact Rachel Snell at (512) 694-1019.

Please join us as we share the true spirit of the holidays—joy, generosity and community!

Season of Giving: Two Holiday Drives Brighten Local Lives



by Ida Wade

The holidays are a time for gratitude, generosity and community—and our charity committee is once again leading the way with two wonderful opportunities to give back this season.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Thanksgiving food drive is officially underway! A cheerfully decorated collection box is located in the lodge lobby, ready to be filled with non-perishable food items to help women and children at the The Sheepfold enjoy a warm holiday meal.

Members are encouraged to donate items such as:

- Boxes of stuffing
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Pumpkin pie filling
- Cranberry sauce
- Cake or cookie mixes
- Canned fruits and vegetables

Donations will be accepted through Saturday, November 15 at 6:00 pm. Every contribution helps make Thanksgiving brighter for a family in need.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY ANGEL TREE

Starting Saturday, November 1, the Adopt-A-Family Angel Tree returns to the lodge! Be an angel this holiday season by selecting a tag from the pink holiday tree in the lobby. Each tag represents a mother or child currently residing at The Sheepfold, a faith-based charity that provides shelter, safety and hope to women and children escaping homelessness or abuse. Here's how you can participate:

1. Take a tag from the pink Angel tree.
2. Shop for a new, unwrapped gift listed on your tag.
3. Do not write on the gift.
4. Return your unwrapped gift by Thursday, December 4 to the Santa Ana Elks Lodge collection box in the front lobby.

If your gift includes a specific size (for example shoes) please attach the original receipt so the charity can exchange it if needed.

Your generosity ensures that the women and children at The Sheepfold experience the joy and warmth of a true Christmas morning.

Since opening its doors in October 1979, The Sheepfold has provided refuge and new beginnings for thousands of families in crisis. Together, we can help continue their mission of compassion and hope.

Questions? Call or text Ida Wade at 714-269-4515 or Maria Paulin at 714-804-7993. Thanks for making wishes come true this holiday season.

Scholarship News: SA Elks Offer New Scholarships for 2025/2026

by Linda Barcelona

Oh, my goodness, we are fully into Fall, Thanksgiving is on the horizon and the rest of the holidays are in sight after that!

This time of the year is a busy time for everyone but especially for scholarship applicants and the scholarship committee. We had a successful scholarship information night in September. We've been reaching out to the schools in our service area of Santa Ana, Tustin and Irvine, giving them the information on our available scholarships and this month we'll be expecting our first applications of the season.

The Most Valuable Student applications are the first to be due on November 12, 2025! With this scholarship, applicants have a chance to compete at the district, state and even national level of our Elks organization. We have had several students in the past receive larger district and state awards and one who was one of 20 in the nation to receive a national award!

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. Applications for both are due on January 9, 2026.

New this year is another memorial scholarship, the Machado Family Scholarship, 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 16, 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.

Below is complete list of the scholarships our 794 lodge offers complete with the QR codes to take you right to the online applications. Applications and information is also available online at SAElks.com/scholarships. Thanks to Marc LaFont and Wendy Bacerra, we've taken our scholarship access and information to the next level and entered the digital era! We also have paper copies of our scholarship grid available in the lodge lobby. And if you need a paper copy of an application, I'd be happy to leave it at the lodge for you to pick up.

Please pass along our information to anyone that can use it. Several of our scholarships have no age requirement and would be great for adults continuing their education.

Most Valuable Student	High school senior pursuing a 4 year degree as a full time student (12 units) in a US college or university	\$1,000 - \$7,500 <i>Renewable</i>	500 nation-wide	11/25/25	Six students receive awards locally and are submitted to district state and national levels. Applications at www.saelks.org/scholarships/mvs.cfm	
CHEA Vocational Grant	California or Hawaii resident planning to pursue vocational tech course training.	\$500-\$2,000 <i>Renewable</i>	58	12/31/25	No age restriction. No high school diploma required. chea-elks.org/youth/activities/scholarships	
CHEA Students w/ Disabilities	High school senior or high school graduate with a disability who is a California or Hawaii resident.	\$1,000-\$2,000 <i>Renewable</i>	20-30	3/15/25	Applications available online at chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships	
Bob McCalla Scholarship	High school senior, college student or planning to enroll in college (2 or 4-year) or vocational school who is a Santa Ana, Tustin or Irvine resident.	\$2,500	4	1/9/26	Applications available online at saelks.com/scholarships	
McCalla Nursing Scholarship	Santa Ana, Tustin or Irvine resident planning on seeking an associate or bachelor's degree in nursing.	\$2,500	1	1/9/26	Applications available online at saelks.com/scholarships	
Athletic Scholarship	Santa Ana, Tustin or Irvine resident, high school senior enrolling in community college or community college student with a minimum 3.0 GPA.	\$2,000 \$1,000	1 1	2/1/28	Application available online at saelks.com/scholarships	
Opportunity Scholarship	High school senior to enroll in community college or current community college student residing in OC with 2.0 GPA or higher.	\$2,000	1	1/9/26	Application available online at saelks.com/scholarships	
Machado Family Scholarship	OC resident currently enrolled full-time in accredited 4-year college program with 3.0 GPA or higher.	\$1,000	2	1/16/26	Applications available on at saelks.com/scholarships	
Machado Community College	High school senior who is a child or grandchild of an Elk in good standing for two years with SAT or ACT test.	\$500	2	1/16/26	Applications available on at saelks.com/scholarships	
Santa Ana Elks #794 Scholarship	Member, child/grandchild of SA Elks member currently enrolled as freshman or higher in accredited college	\$5,000 \$2,000	3 5	1/16/26	Applications available on at saelks.com/scholarships	
Legacy Award	High school senior, child/grandchild of Elk in good standing for 2 years	\$1,000 per year for 4 years	22 for CA& HI	2/2/26	Applications available soon	
Emergency Educational Grant	Under age 23, unmarried, 12+ units college, child of totally disabled or deceased Elk in financial need	Up to \$5,000 for 1 year renewable	Varies	12/31/25	Applications available by emailing scholarship@Elks.org or calling 773-755-4732	

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Kenneth Rosiles	IT Tech	Reinstate
Lydia Waters.....	Retired RN	Clay Cotton
Lynn Ann Fisher	Retired Teacher	Gordon Braun
Lynne Gibson	Physician	Sharon Casares
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Celebrating November Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, November 5

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, November 5 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

11/1..... James Lassiter	11/9..... Randy Branham	11/16..... David Thomas
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11/1..... Craig Meinhardt	11/9..... Eddy Juarez	11/17..... Robert Duda
11/1..... Robert Stolo	11/9..... Gabriel Moreno	11/17..... Tracey Sciarra
11/2..... Gina Christopher	11/9..... Vera Orosco	11/18..... Timothy Blount
11/2..... Michael Ferguson	11/9..... Bruce Smith	11/18..... Alfrado Hernandez
11/2..... Gaynelle Joyce	11/9..... Shaun Takkinen	11/18..... Damian Ochoa
11/2..... Sarah Laflin	11/9..... Franklin Wilson	11/18..... George Salata
11/2..... Jose Rea	11/10..... Sharon Casares	11/18..... Robert Simurda
11/2..... Gary Strachan	11/10..... Norman Katnik	11/18..... Orville Wright
11/3..... Leslyne Albertson	11/10..... Cynthia Leo	11/19..... Harold Marshall
11/3..... Hubert Bernat	11/10..... Alex Martinez	11/19..... Jesse Richards
11/3..... Leopoldo Cendejas	11/10..... Armando Pedroza	11/19..... David Scarbrough
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11/3..... Daniel Lucas	11/10..... Arland Udo	11/19..... David Weiss
11/3..... Vindetta Olds	11/11..... Annette Galindo	11/19..... Paul Arriola
11/3..... Michael Scott	11/11..... Antonio Gonzalez	11/19..... Julio Bonilla
11/3..... Lauren Steele	11/11..... Patricia Huerta	11/20..... Lisa Darmousseh
11/4..... Mitchellene Channels	11/11..... Sylvia Magdaleno	11/20..... Marcia Pina
11/4..... Lisa Fernandez	11/11..... Robert Rodriguez	11/20..... Robert Ross
11/4..... Robert Peters	11/11..... Sean Sato	11/21..... Jared Mendez
11/4..... John Reichard	11/11..... Randy Schafer	11/21..... Sandra Perez
11/4..... Sandra Vaca	11/11..... Steven Tundag	11/21..... Joseph Raszewski
11/5..... Joseph Aguilera	11/12..... Rebecca Bennett	11/21..... William Rubenacker
11/5..... Anthony Botticella	11/12..... Dale Domokos	11/21..... Jill Spencer
11/5..... Amy Lindquist	11/12..... Estela Elizondo	11/21..... Oscar Torres
11/5..... Sam Marin	11/12..... Robert Harutunian	11/22..... Bertha Lopez
11/5..... Brian Skeggs	11/12..... Derek Kosloski	11/23..... Barry Foye
11/5..... Gabriel Valencia	11/12..... Benjamin Melendez	11/23..... Gilbert Pino
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11/6..... Martin Felix	11/12..... Marina Ovalles	11/24..... Sandra Vidana
11/6..... Ian Fountain	11/12..... Esam Rostom	11/25..... Gregory Collins
11/6..... Michael Garcia	11/13..... Pauline Baalke	11/25..... Martin Gutierrez
11/6..... Vince Hungerford	11/13..... Tammis Berkheimer	11/25..... Susan Kay
11/6..... Lawrence Kerwin	11/13..... James Boy	11/25..... Linda Palsulich
11/6..... Clifford Mapes	11/13..... Bruce Coey	11/25..... Jack Robinson
11/6..... Jilly Toll	11/13..... Mary Kay	11/26..... Teresa Cantu
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		11/29..... Eric Wolff
		11/30..... Gregory Coombs
		11/30..... Jeffrey Fowler
		11/30..... Michael Gaines
		11/30..... Dean Karels
		11/30..... Heather Monroe
		11/30..... Joe Moore
		11/30..... Timothy Stewart
		11/30..... Martha Veliz
		11/30..... Forrest West

Purple Pig Races Return to Lodge Friday, November 21

by Michele Joyce

What an amazing evening we had on October 4 at our Purple Pig Game Night! It was a wonderful time filled with laughter, great company and generous hearts—all coming together to raise money for this special cause. Both children and adults enjoyed an evening of fun and friendship while supporting the Elks' mission to help children with disabilities through the Purple Pig (CHEA Major Project).

The Purple Pig races were a big hit keeping everyone cheering and smiling throughout the night! Our basket raffles and 50/50 drawing were just as exciting, thanks to the incredible support from our members and friends who donated and



participated. Your kindness made this event truly special.

I'm also thrilled to share that our lodge now proudly displays a new banner featuring our special theme child, Will. Stop by and check it out. And don't forget to bringing your Purple Piggy Banks. You can exchange them at the front desk for a brand-new one to keep the giving going.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped, donated and volunteered—your efforts made this evening a true success. It was a blessed night filled with laughter, generosity and community spirit.

But we're not done yet. Mark your calendars for November 21 when we'll be doing it all over again with a BBQ dinner, live band, basket raffles, 50/50 drawing and another exciting pig race.

We're always looking for new volunteers, so please don't be shy—come join the fun and be part of something meaningful. I'd love to meet you.



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It Takes a Village: Backpack Drive Wrap-up

by Linda Fernandez

It's that time of year again, when we give thanks for all our blessings—and what a blessing our amazing village has been!

This year's Backpack Project was another tremendous success, but as always, it took a village to make it happen. We received generous donations from our members, members of other lodges, family and friends, local businesses, Monday Night Football and the Emblem Club #530. To every one contributed—thank you! I can't express enough gratitude for your support.

A special thank-you goes out to all who came into the lodge to help stuff the backpacks. Over 100 volunteers unpacked supplies from the shipping pallets, set up assembly lines, assembled and reboxed 4,545 backpacks in just four and a half hours! You are truly an amazing village!

Because of your efforts, 4,545 children started this school year with tools needed to succeed. It is both an honor and humbling experience to help so many young students—this is what brings pride to everything we do.

This year we were able to provide backpacks to:

- The Salvation Army
- Miracles for Kids
- The HIVE (after school program)
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- TKO Boxing (after school program)
- Saddleback High School Step-Up Program
- Santa Ana PAL (Police Athletic League)
- United Way (Title One)

- The Sheepfold
- Families of veterans

We were able to assist so many wonderful programs helping communities across Irvine, Tustin and Santa Ana—and none of it would be possible without our incredible Best People On Earth village!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all you do God bless you.

Losers List



At every Tuesday lodge meeting we pull three member names at random for a cash prize. If you're at the meeting, you're a winner! If not, you lose that money, it rolls over and the pot increases by \$5. Don't be a loser. Be a winner and attend Tuesday lodge meetings!

SEPTEMBER 9 - \$60

*Julie Good, Judith Brandalise
Dalleen Mungia*

SEPTEMBER 16 - \$65

*Patrick Rafferty, Martin Felix
Brad Maurer*

SEPTEMBER 23 - \$70

*Albert Tesillo, Marcos Flores
JoAnna Eldridge*

Remembering

Donald Heath
Joseph Cave
Al Tabor



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

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

INCREASES

Initiated.....	136
Affiliated.....	16
Reinstated.....	6
Subtotal.....	158

DECREASES

Dropped.....	8
Transferred Out.....	14
Absolute Dimit.....	0
Deaths.....	12
Expelled.....	0
Subtotal.....	34

Calculated Membership Total..... 1970

CLMS Active Members..... 1970

Average Age..... 63.55

Gain/Loss..... 124

DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	0
One Year.....	184
Over One Year.....	0
Total.....	184
Lapsation Rate.....	9.97%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting.....	2
Ready for investigation.....	9
Ready for balloting.....	0
Ready for orientation.....	16
Ready for Initiation.....	19
Ready for Affiliation.....	3
Ready for Reinstatement.....	3
Other.....	0
Total.....	52

LIFE MEMBERS

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

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First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

House Committee Meeting

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

Charity Committee Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month, 2:00 pm

Travel Club Meeting

1st Friday of the Month, 1:30 pm

Nomads Meeting

4th Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm

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