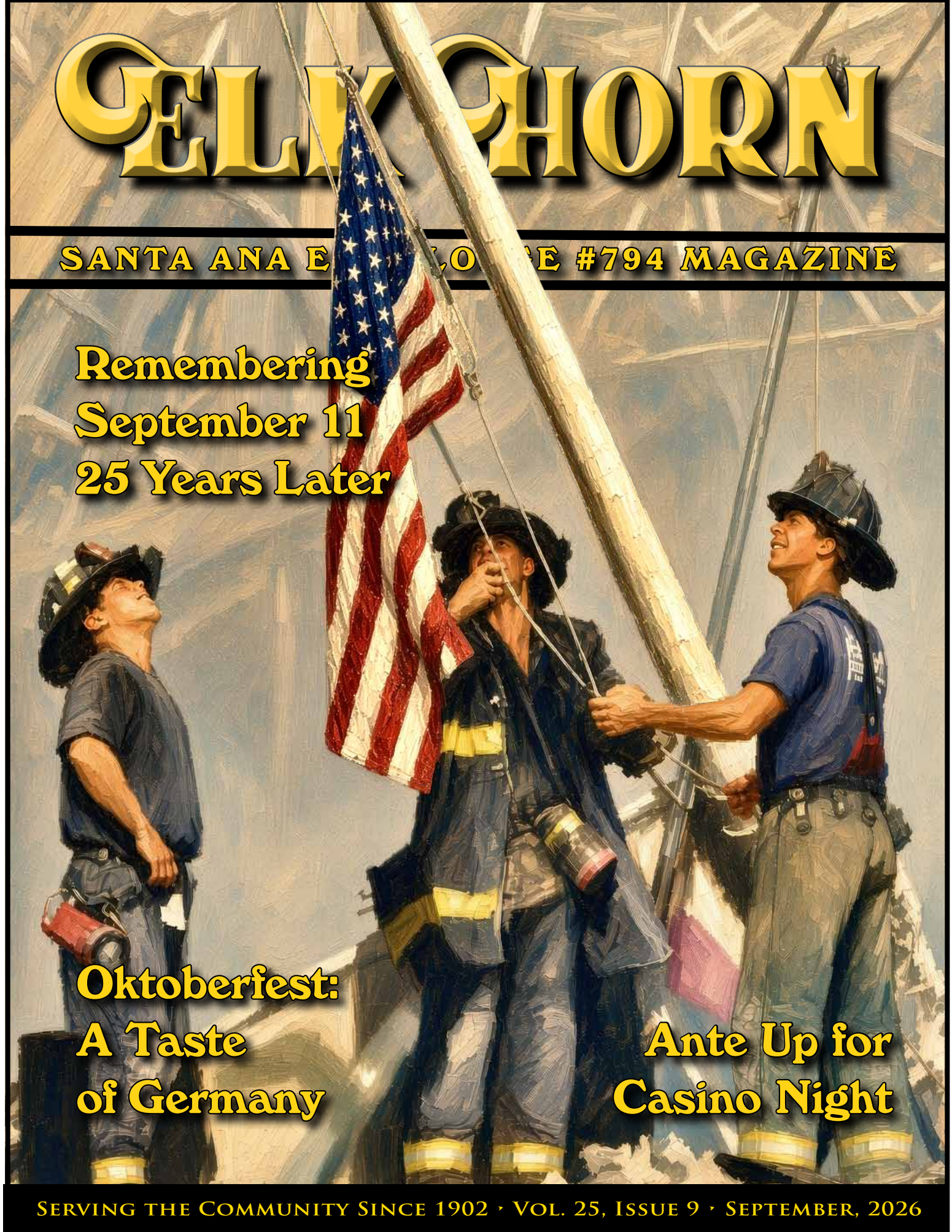


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25 Years Later**

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Exalted Ruler Eli Morales



This September marks 25 years since the September 11 attacks—a date that still sits heavy in our hearts. A quarter of a century has passed, but for so many of us, it still feels like yesterday.

There is a conversation I find myself having every year around this time: Do you remember what you were doing on 9/11?

I remember it like it was yesterday. My wife and I had just returned from a wonderful weekend in Ensenada. I was getting ready for work that morning with KTLA playing on the television in the background. It was my usual morning routine—I wasn't really paying attention. The television was more background noise than anything else.

Then I heard the reporter's voice.

Normally so composed, his voice suddenly broke through with, "Oh my God," followed by words that made it clear something unimaginable was

happening.

The second plane had just struck the World Trade Center. And somehow, in that instant, I knew: our country was under attack. I will never forget the feeling that washed over me.

The rest of that day, everything seemed to come to a halt. I remember calling to check on my daughter, my mom and my dad—as if the attack had happened right here in our own city, even though it was thousands of miles away. I imagine many of you have a story just like that. We all remember where we were, who we called, and the feeling of uncertainty that swept across our country.

On this solemn anniversary, we remember the thousands of innocent lives that were lost and the families whose lives were changed forever. We also remember the first responders who ran toward danger while others were running away.

And as Elks, we have another important responsibility: to remember and honor our veterans.

In the aftermath of September 11, our military men and women answered the call. They stood ready to defend our nation, our freedoms and every-

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

LINE
DANCING
September 3



FUN NIGHT WITH
DJ RONNIE
September 10



MUSICAL
BINGO
September 17



MAGIC CASTLE
NIGHT
September 19



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

thing that make this country so extraordinary. Many made the ultimate sacrifice and countless others carried the physical and emotional burdens of service long after they came home.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has made a promise that we will never forget: *“So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”*

Twenty-five years later, that promise means as much as ever. So on this anniversary, I ask you to take a moment to remember September 11—not only the tragedy of that day, but also the courage, sacrifice and unity that followed. Most importantly, let us honor our veterans, whose service and sacrifice continue to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day.

Welcome Home

Now, for something a little lighter. To all of our new members who have joined us recently, welcome home.

I mean that sincerely.

In the short time you’ve been part of our lodge family, you’ve already rolled up your sleeves and made a real difference. Whether you’ve helped set up for an event, lent a hand wherever you were needed, or simply brought your energy and enthusiasm through our doors, you have already made a substantial and heartfelt impact.

And that doesn’t go unnoticed. It certainly doesn’t go unappreciated.

As your exalted ruler, it fills me with pride to see members who are so new to our lodge already living out what it means

to be an Elk.

You are exactly the kind of members we hope to welcome—the kind who jump in, who care, and who show up.

I want you to know that we see you, we’re proud of you, and we will always be here to support you right back.

And if you haven’t yet gotten involved in the day-to-day life of our lodge, I want to personally invite you to dive in.

Come to a meeting. Join a committee. Ask questions. Bring a friend. Find something that interests you and give it a try. This lodge runs on fellowship, on neighbors helping neighbors, and on friends becoming family. That’s the heart of what we do here.

There is always room for one more set of hands, one more helping heart and one more warm smile.

The Elks Lodge has always been a place where we support one another, serve our community, and strive to become better versions of ourselves.

So come on in. Get involved. Get to know your fellow members. And together, let’s continue building something special.

As always, I am proud to serve as your exalted ruler, and I am even prouder of the lodge family we’ve built together. See you at the lodge

Esteemed Leading Knight Brian Byrd



August was certainly a busy month at the lodge. Our lodge birthday party

was a good old-fashioned, foot-stomping good time! It had been quite a while since we hosted a country-themed event, and judging by the smiles and laughter, everyone seemed to have a great time.

That same weekend, we followed it up with our annual car show. It was wonderful to see all the beautiful cars, visit with members and guests, and enjoy another great lodge gathering.

The Stud Auction

On October 3, the Garden Grove Lodge will host a special event called the “Stud Auction.” And no, it’s probably not what you think it is—or what I thought it was when I first heard the name!

This is the one and only fundraising event for the current leading knights of the Orange Coast District. The funds raised help support district events that the leading knights will participate in when they become exalted rulers. Space is limited to just 250 guests, so don’t wait! The evening will feature live and silent auctions, a wine wall, great food and drinks, and plenty of fun. Tickets are only \$30, and you can get yours directly from your leading knight—me!

Let’s Grow Our Lodge

As Elks, we can take great pride in the many charities and organizations we support through our time, talents, and donations. None of this would be possible without our phenomenal members. But we can always use more members.

More members mean more people on our committees, more volunteers for our programs, and more helping hands for the many good things we do. Remember that old

commercial: “And they told two friends, and they told two friends, and so on and so on...” I’d like to challenge each of us to sponsor one new Elk before the end of the year. Introduce someone to our lodge and let them experience the friendships, fellowship, and rewards that come with being an Elk—and, most importantly, the joy that comes from helping others.

All of your officers are always available if you have questions, concerns, ideas, or simply want to stop by and chat. Our contact information can be found in the back of this *ElkHorn* magazine.

Remember, we can only make our lodge better with your help, feedback, and support.

Esteemed Loyal Knight Karla Vigil



As summer comes to an end and our children head back to school, it’s hard to believe how quickly the summer months

have passed. A new school year brings fresh beginnings, new opportunities, and plenty of excitement for our families.

I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Santa Ana Elks backpacks program another great success! Our members came together to help fill backpacks with much-needed school supplies, helping local children start the school year prepared and ready to learn. This is what being an Elk is all about—Elks caring, serving, and giving back to our community. Thank you to every member who donated their time,

supplies, and helping hands.

We also had a fantastic time at musical Bingo with Michelle Bleeker! What a fun and successful evening it was. A special thank you to Michelle for bringing the entertainment and energy, and to everyone who came out and participated. Your support and enthusiasm helped make the night one to remember!

As we move through September, let us also pause and remember September 11. We honor and remember the lives lost, the families forever changed, and the brave first responders and heroes who showed incredible courage and selflessness. May we never forget.

And now, it’s time to look ahead because Halloween is coming! A big event coming up at the end of next month is the loyal knight’s Halloween party on October 31. Get your costumes ready, bring your friends, and come join us for a spooktacular evening of fun, fellowship, and celebration. Tickets are available now at SAElks.com!

Let’s continue supporting one another, supporting our lodge, and making a difference in our community. I look forward to seeing everyone at the lodge and celebrating another great month together.

Remember Tuesday meetings at 7:30 pm—Get your tickets for those HOT seats!

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Rachel Snell



Well hello Fall! Back to school shopping—check! Backpacks distributed—check! Fun in the sun coming to a close...well, maybe not for

us quite yet in southern California!

We saw quite a bit of joy, laughter and togetherness in the month of August. From celebrating the Santa Ana Elks Lodge’s 124th birthday, the family friendly Monday Night Football Car & Motorcycle Show, and raising money for the purple pig, our lodge exemplified Elkcellence!

This month, I thought I would highlight the power of music. While we know there are all sorts of music genres, music in general, has appeal power across all ages. There are even music therapy programs where trained health care workers use music to provide comfort to those in critical care, including children with special needs. Communities and families often come together with bands playing backyard parties, or cities hosting concerts in the park.

At our lodge, we bring Elkdom together through music in a variety of ways. We host events like the lodge birthday extravaganza that included live music for your listening and dancing pleasure. We bring in line dancing instructor extraordinaire Doug Houston for a boot-scootin’ good time. We have master spinners Ronnie Harrell and Majestic Mike who DJ the night away. We have musical Bingo and the smooth vocals of Jerome Dean. All in all, our lodge brings its members its own form of music therapy with something for everyone!

Remember the words of the lecturing knight charge: “As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto others, for we pass this way but once.” As someone who loves live music, someone who is friends with others who love live music, and has many friends who are musicians, I can tell you that there is truth in the healing power of music and being around others

who enjoy it too. Whether there is a special celebration, just another evening out, or a need to turn that frown upside down, check out the Fall calendar of events and join us for our activities.

“The passing moment is ours long enough to grasp the hand in friendship...” When you stop into the McCalla lounge or the Nest, please glance over the fantastic menus and specials that John Moore and our food service team have put together. A good time is even better if it is on a full stomach!

General Manager John Moore



The only good thing about summer ending is that football is about to begin!

For those who haven't experienced football season at the lodge, all I can tell you is this: football is king around here!

We have 32 TV monitors and movie-theater screens, all for one very important reason—to make sure you can watch the games, including those out-of-market matchups you won't find anywhere else.

And what's football without great food?

On Sundays, start your day with the Sunday express all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet. We also offer some breakfast favorites off the menu, including our house-made menudo, breakfast burritos, and steak & eggs.

Then we move into our all-day football tailgate menu, featuring all the game-day favorites you expect. And we finish off Sunday with Chuy's \$2.75 Street Taco Bar,

served from 3:00–6:30 PM.

If college football is more your thing, we've got you covered there, too. We have all the TV packages needed to bring you the biggest college games every Saturday. And don't forget about the Saturday express breakfast club: purchase seven breakfasts and your eighth breakfast is on the house!

Thursday night football gets the royal treatment with our \$23.95 prime rib English-cut, which includes a trip through the salad bar.

Then there's Monday Night Football. Our Monday night football committee puts on a great party every week, complete with a special menu prepared by the committee for under \$13, plus raffle prizes. It's a great way to start the week—and an even better way to make some new friends.

Mariachi Brunch

Make sure you mark your calendar for our can't-miss Mariachi Brunch on September 20 from 10:00 am–2:00 pm!

We'll have mariachis, folklorico dancers, great food and plenty of entertainment. And yes, football fans, we've got you covered! With six TVs, you won't have to miss the NFL action while enjoying the festivities. We have room for the first 225 guests, and members, their guests and potential new members who are all welcome.

This is also an open house, giving prospective members an opportunity to see what they've been missing. Take a tour of the lodge, enjoy the entertainment, meet our members and, if you like what you see, fill out a membership application and become part of the Santa Ana Elks family. We recommend booking early at SAElks.com because this event is typically a sellout.

And if you have a September birthday, why not turn it into a party? Invite your friends and family and celebrate with us! Large parties are welcome.

Stay Connected With Your Lodge

With everything happening at the lodge, there's always something going on. Be sure to check the calendar section of the *ElkHorn*, visit SAElks.com, and make sure you're receiving the weekly Elk Mail. If you're not receiving it, give us a call and we'll be happy to help you get signed up.

You'll also find event flyers displayed throughout the lobby, or you can always call the lodge if you have questions.

And believe me, time flies. November will be here before you know it! We already have some great events coming up, including our November dinner dance and steak fry, featuring DJ Ronnie playing ballroom favorites followed by one of the best Rock & Roll cover bands in Orange County, Sideways. This is sure to be another sellout!

Then we'll follow that up with our beautiful Thanksgiving buffet luncheon from 11:00 am–3:00 pm, which typically attracts around 400 hungry guests.

Everyone is happy on Thanksgiving—well, almost everyone. Everyone except Rudolfo.

You see, Rudolfo is our oyster shucker, and last year we went through 1,400 oysters! And judging by the way our members love their oysters, we're expecting to do it all over again this year.

So get ready for another great season at your Santa Ana Elks Lodge—football, food, fellowship, live entertainment and plenty of reasons to get together with friends. There's no better place to be!



We Will Never Forget Stories of Courage and Compassion

There are moments in history that forever unite generations. September 11, 2001, is one of those moments.

Twenty-five years later, Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 will honor the lives lost, the heroes who answered the call, and the enduring spirit of courage and compassion with a special 9/11 remembrance featuring two extraordinary speakers whose lives were forever changed by that day.

Captain Mike Donovan will share his firsthand account of courage, sacrifice, and survival. Responding immediately after the first plane struck the North Tower, Donovan raced into the heart of the disaster to help save lives. When the tower collapsed, he found himself covered in debris and left in darkness. Against incredible odds, he survived.

Donovan will take us inside his extraordinary experience, sharing what he witnessed, the people he encountered, and the courage and sacrifice he saw firsthand during one of the darkest days in American history.

Joining him will be Angie Karsashian, whose remarkable story demonstrates that the impact of September 11 reached far beyond New York City—and that one person can make an extraordinary difference.

Motivated by the tragedy and a desire to help, Angie sold the Tustin restaurant she had owned and operated for 22 years and traveled

to New York City. For two years, she personally prepared and served meals to 103 fire companies across all five boroughs, providing comfort and nourishment to firefighters working tirelessly in the aftermath of the attacks. Her extraordinary service earned her the prestigious FDNY Honorary Firefighter Medal.

Angie calls her experience “The Power of One”—the belief that a single person, motivated by compassion and a willingness to serve, can make a profound difference.

Together, Captain Donovan and Angie Karsashian offer two deeply connected perspectives on September 11: one from the front lines of the tragedy and the other from the extraordinary acts of compassion that followed. Their stories remind us of the courage, sacrifice, generosity, and humanity that emerged from one of America’s darkest days.

Join us for this special afternoon of remembrance and inspiration at Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 on Wednesday, September 9, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Online reservations at SAElks.com are highly recommended, as strong attendance is expected. The event is open to Elks and their invited guests.

Come hear two remarkable personal stories. Honor the heroes. Remember the fallen. Celebrate those who served—and those who continue to inspire us.

We Will Never Forget!



It's Football Frenzy

By Dan Breece

The wait is over! Football frenzy is officially here with our first game of the 2026-2027 season on Wednesday, September 9. Of course, the Nest will be full of life while we gather to watch a Super Bowl LX rematch between the Seattle Seahawks and the New England Patriots. This is only the third time in Super Bowl era history this has happened. The first was in 1970 with the Vikings and Chiefs squared off and then in 2016 with the Carolina Panthers taking on the Denver Broncos. So you don't want to miss out!

Here at MNF we will consider this our "soft opening", with the fun really starting the following Sunday, and then of course our opener for the season on Monday, September 14 with the Broncos and Chiefs tearing up some turf in Kansas City. That one is for sure the one you don't want to miss!

Wrapping up August, we had our annual car show on August 16.

We had over 150 cars, trucks, motorcycles and even a Schwinn bicycle registered! Hope you all had a chance to stop by and enjoy the awesome display of vehicles, food, music and fun! We had over 30 vendors signed up as well, a new record for us! The Mixx Band played after the car show and a great time was had by all 400+ attendees!

A big shout out to our MNF volunteers and our lodge staff for all the hard work that went into the car show. It takes a team effort from both to pull something like this off. So, if you attended, and see a volunteer or staff member that was there, tell them thanks!

Monday Night Football is back and so are we! Can't wait to see you at the Nest! As our grand exalted ruler's slogan says this year... Ready Elks? Let's Go...to the lodge for Monday night football, that is!

School's In Session!

by Sue McKee

Scholarship Chair

The school bells are ringing again! Students are busy learning and preparing for the future. If they are high school seniors, they should be starting their search for the future after high school, whether it be trade school, community college, or four-year college/university.

Now is the time to do the research on how to finance that future. Be sure to look at the chart providing all the scholarship opportunities offered by the Elks. Start early. The deadlines can creep up on you. There will be required essays, lists of activities, community service hours, and counselor reports.

It is also a good idea to think about reference letters from teachers, counselors, and community leaders. You as parents and grandparents can help support your children in all these endeavors. The first deadline is November 12 for the Most Valuable Student scholarship. Applications are available online at SAElks.com/scholarships.

A review of all the Elks scholarships will be presented Thursday, September 10, 6:00 p.m. at a special scholarship information night. Bring your students, grandchildren, neighbor kids so they can learn about the many scholarships available for trade school, community college, and college/university. Some require Elks affiliation but many do not. Helpful hints will also be given for the application process. Don't miss it! I hope to see you there!



Santa Ana Elks #794 SCHOLARSHIPS 2027-2028

(8/2/2026)

SCHOLARSHIP	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	AMOUNT	HOW MANY	DEADLINE	OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION
 MOST VALUABLE STUDENT	- High school senior - Pursuing 4-yr degree as full-time student at a U.S. college/university	\$1,000–\$7,500 renewable	500 nation-wide	11/12/26	6 students will receive awards locally, and be submitted to the District, State, & National levels: www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MNV.cfm
 LEGACY AWARD	- High school senior - Child or grandchild of an Elk in good standing for 2 years	\$1,000 per year for 4 years	22 for CA & HI	2/1/27	Applications available after 9/01/26 : www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/legacy.cfm
 EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANT	- Under 23 years old & unmarried - Full time (12 units) college - Child of a totally disabled or deceased Elk & financial need	Up to \$5,000 for 1 year, renewable	Varies	12/31/26	Applications available 5/1/2026 at: www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Eefgrants.cfm or email scholarship@elks.org or call (773)755-4732 for a copy
 CHEA VOCATIONAL GRANT	- CA or HI resident - Plan to pursue vocational tech course/training	\$500–\$2,000 renewable	58	12/31/26	No age restriction. No high school diploma required. www.chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships
 CHEA STUDENTS W/ DISABILITIES	- High school senior or high school graduate with a disability - CA or HI resident	\$1,000–\$2,000 renewable	20–30	3/15/27	Applications available 11/15/26 at: www.chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships
 SANTA ANA ELKS #794 SCHOLARSHIP	- Member or child or grandchild of S.A. Elks #794 member - Currently enrolled as Freshman or higher in accredited college	\$3,000 \$2,000	2 2	1/15/27	Application available at: https://www.saelks.com/scholarships
 BOB McCALLA SCHOLARSHIP	- High school senior, college student, or plan to enroll in 2-or 4-yr college or vocational school. - Live in Santa Ana, Tustin, or Irvine	\$2,500	4	1/8/27	Application available at: https://www.saelks.com/scholarships
 McCALLA NURSING SCHOLARSHIP	- Planning to seek an associate or bachelor degree in nursing - Live in Santa Ana, Tustin, or Irvine	\$2,500	1	1/8/27	Application available at: https://www.saelks.com/scholarships
 MNF ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP	- CIF Participant & high school senior in Santa Ana, Tustin, Irvine - Minimum 3.0 GPA	\$3,000 \$2,000 \$1,000	2 2 2	2/1/27	Application available at: https://www.saelks.com/scholarships
 BOB WOOLFORD SCHOLARSHIP (Community College students)	- High school senior to enroll in Community College or current Community College student - Santa Ana, Tustin, Irvine resident - Minimum 2.0 GPA	\$2,500	1	2/1/27	Application available at: https://www.saelks.com/scholarships
 MACHADO FAMILY 4-YR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP	- Currently enrolled full-time in accredited 4-year college program - Possess a GPA of 3.0 or higher - Orange County resident	\$1,000	2	1/15/27	Application available at: https://www.saelks.com/scholarships
 MACHADO 2-YR COMM COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP	- No age restriction! - Enrolled or will be enrolled in 2-yr community college program - Possess a GPA of 2.0 or higher	\$500	2	1/15/27	Application available at: https://www.saelks.com/scholarships



For questions, please contact Sue McKee, Scholarship Chair: suemckee@cox.net

Going for Olympic Gold



by Sue McKee

The time is almost here! Have you signed up to participate in this year's Rick Ross Elks Olympics? As you read this article, the deadline may have passed. It was August 31. If you are still interested

in participating, text Sue McKee (714-345-0414) ASAP to see if there are still open spots.

If you have signed up to participate, please continue to check the participant list in the lobby. It will show the participant's name, event, time, and place. If there are any discrepancies, please contact Sue. Plan to be at the event's location at least 30 minutes prior to the competition's start time.

You do not have to be a participant in one of the competitions to be an active member representing Santa Ana Lodge #794. The opening ceremony is Sunday, September 20 at noon at the Garden Grove Lodge.

Join the parade as we march in as a group and watch the Olympic

torch being lit. I can already feel the excitement and thrills of the event. You can be a cheerleader for the various events! Pom poms will be provided!

Stand out from the other Lodges by purchasing a Santa Ana #794 gray T-shirt. Each shirt is only \$20! Shirt orders can be placed at www.ocelksgames.com. Be a part of the team. We need your support.

We are truly going for the gold! Be there! Wear your #794 t-shirt and show your pride! The schedule of events is listed below. Not all events are on the 20th, and not all are at Garden Grove. Please attend where and when you can! We hope to see you there!

OCElksGames.com



2026 ORANGE COUNTY ELKS SPORTS SCHEDULE					
DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	COST / FEE
AUGUST 22 - 24, 2026	FRI - SUN	Fishing at Newport Landing	—	Newport Landing	\$400 per person SOLD OUT!
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026	SATURDAY	Horseshoes	10:00 a.m.	Buena Park Lodge	—
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026	SUNDAY	Golf	8:00 a.m.	Willowick Municipal Golf Course	\$55
		Shuffleboard (PRE-LIMS)	11:00 a.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026	SATURDAY	Rifle and Pistol Shooting	6:45 a.m.	FT3 Range in Stanton	\$35 OR \$55 if rifle&pistol
		8-Ball Pool (PRE-LIMS)	10:00 a.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026	SUNDAY	8-Ball Pool (FINALS)	8:00 a.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
		Cornhole	9:00 a.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
		Opening Ceremony	NOON	Garden Grove Lodge	—
		Darts	12:30 p.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
		Shuffleboard (FINALS)	1:00 p.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
		Hoop Shoot	1:00 p.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
		Ladder Golf	1:00 p.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
		Phil Marquez Tray Races Singles	1:00 p.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
		Phil Marquez Tray Races Teams	1:00 p.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
		Ping Pong Singles	1:30 p.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
		Ping Pong Doubles	1:30 p.m.	Garden Grove Lodge	—
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026	SATURDAY	Bocce Ball	9:00 a.m.	Peppertree Park, Tustin	No additional fee
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026	SUNDAY	Chess	12:30 p.m.	Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley	—
OCTOBER 3, 2026	SATURDAY	Archery	10:00 a.m.	OC Archery, Mission Viejo	\$25
OCTOBER 10, 2026	SATURDAY	Bowling	Noon	Westminster Lanes	\$20 (\$3 shoe rental)
OCTOBER 11, 2026	SUNDAY	Pickle Ball Doubles	9:00 a.m.	Jordan Int. School, Garden Grove	\$10
OCTOBER 18, 2026	SUNDAY	Axe Throwing	11:00 a.m.	Huntington Beach	\$25
		Beverage Pong	2:00 p.m.	Huntington Beach Lodge	—
OCTOBER 25, 2026	SUNDAY	Closing Ceremonies	1:00 p.m.	HB Lodge	—



September: A Month to Remember, Honor and Never Forget

by Kellie Miller

September is more than another month on the calendar. For our military community, it is a month filled with memories, milestones, anniversaries and opportunities to honor the men and women who have worn the uniform.

Behind every military anniversary is a story. Behind every birthday is a person. And behind every name on a memorial is a family, a friend, a battle buddy, or a community that remembers. As we move through September, let us take a moment to remember not only the events of military history, but the people who made that history.

Remembering September 11

September 11 is a day that many of us will never forget. The attacks of September 11, 2001, changed our nation and changed the lives of countless military families. Many who were serving at the time would soon find themselves answering the call to deploy. Others would spend years supporting loved ones who served overseas.

We also remember the first responders and ordinary Americans who demonstrated extraordinary courage that day. For our veterans and military families, September 11 may bring back memories of where we were, what we were do-



ing, and how our lives changed afterward. We remember. We honor. And we will never forget.

Honoring Our POWs and MIAs

September also gives us an opportunity to recognize our prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action.

For many families, the words “You Are Not Forgotten” are deeply personal. There are families who have waited decades for answers. There are names that remain etched in memorials. And there are service members whose final resting places are still unknown.

On National POW/MIA Recognition Day (Friday, September 18), let us remember that their service did not disappear with time. Their stories remain part of our nation’s history, and their families remain part of our military family.

Remembering the Korean War

The anniversary of the Inchon landing on September 15, 1950, reminds us of the courage displayed by American and United Nations forces during the Korean War.

The Korean War generation is sometimes called the “Forgotten War” generation, but those who served—and the families who waited for them—have never forgotten. We owe these veterans our gratitude and our promise to keep their stories alive.

Happy Birthday Air Force!

September 18 is a special day for the Air Force family. On this day, the United States Air Force celebrates its 79th birthday, marking the historic day in 1947 when it officially became an independent branch of the U.S. military.

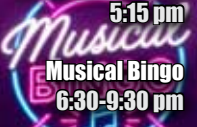
On this anniversary, we honor the men and women who served, those serving today, and the families who have supported them. Happy birthday to the United States Air Force!

To join the veterans committee or stay up to date on veterans events, come to our next meeting on Tuesday, November 15 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.

September

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

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

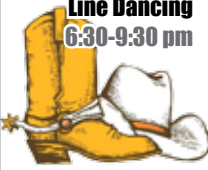
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6 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm 	7 Labor Day Lodge Closed 	8 Lodge Meeting Ballotting 7:30 pm HC Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday 	9 September 11 Remembrance 3:00 pm Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	10 All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Charity -6:00 pm Thursday Football 5:15 pm DJ Ronnie 6:30-9:30 pm	11 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm	12 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation - Noon 
13 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Salsa Dancing Lessons 1:00-3:00 pm 	14 Lodge Closed MNF - 4:00 Bingo 6:15 pm 	15 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm Veterans CMTE 6:00 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm	16 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm MNF Committee 6:30 pm	17 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Thursday Football 5:15 pm  Musical Bingo 6:30-9:30 pm	18 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm	19 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm
20 Mariachi Brunch 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Olympics Opening GG Lodge - Noon 	21 Lodge Closed MondayNight Football 4:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	22 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm HC Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	23 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	24 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Member Appreciation Night 4:30-8:00 p  Football - 5:15 pm	25 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm New Member Cocktail Party 6:00 pm 	26 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 
27 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Quartermania 11:00 am 	28 Lodge Closed MNF - 4:00 pm Bingo - 6:15 pm 	29 Cigar Smokers Dinner 	30 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 ★ WILL BE ADDED TO ALL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS ★ — THIS FEE DOES NOT APPLY TO DEBIT CARD OR CASH PAYMENTS. — A 3% FEE		

October

LODGE HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS 11 AM-10 PM; FRIDAYS 11 AM-11 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*

*Lodge and food service hours are subject to change at the discretion of staff.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elks Care - Elks Share				1 All American Menu 4:30-8 pm Line Dancing 6:30-9:30 pm 	2 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Oktoberfest 6:00 - 10:00 pm 	Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 
4 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Pizza & Pitchers 1:00 - 6:30 pm 	5 Lodge closed MNF - 4:00 pm Bingo - 6:15 pm 	6 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm Taco Tuesday PER Meeting 	7 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 Fun Night with DJ Ronnie 6:30-9:30 pm	9 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm REVERSE DRAWING	10 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm
11 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Pizza & Pitchers Sunday 1:00 - 6:30 pm	12 Lodge closed Communications Noon Bingo - 6:15 pm MNF - 4:00 pm 	13 Lodge Meeting Balloting - 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	14 Pasta Night MNF Meeting 6:30PM Trivia Night TRIVIA NIGHT	15 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Football - 5:15 pm Emblem - 6:30 pm Musical Bingo 6:30-10:00 pm	16 Italian Night 5:00-10:00 pm 	17 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation Noon Prix Fixe Menu 4:30 - 8:00 pm
18 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Pizza & Pitchers Sunday 1:00 - 6:30 pm	19 Lodge closed MNF - 4:00 pm Bingo - 6:15 pm 	20 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm Taco Tuesday	21 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	22 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Football - 5:15 pm Open House Concert on the Screen 6:30 - 9:30 pm	23 Prix Fixe Menu 	24 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Magic Castle Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm 
25 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Pizza & Pitcher 1:00 - 6:30 pm Line Dancing Lessons 6:00 - 9:00 pm	26 Lodge closed MNF - 4:00 pm Bingo - 6:15 pm 	27 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	28 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	29 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Football - 5:15 pm Salsa Dancing Lessons 6:30-10:00 pm	30 Prix Fixe Menu 4:30-8:00 pm 	31 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Halloween Party 6:00 - 11:00 pm 

Celebrating September Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Any Wednesday This Month

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

9/1 Marianne Brown	9/11 John Bicking	9/19 Charlotte Waggoner
9/1 Albert Darmousseh	9/11 James Covington III	9/20 Lawrie Dorsz
9/1 Daniel Marquez	9/11 E Adriene Meehan	9/20 Michelle Kato
9/1 Richard Menze	9/11 Maged Youssef	9/20 Jaqueline Moss
9/2 Tony Bacolot	9/12 Ana Broussard	9/20 Cesar Rodriguez
9/2 Helen Gomez	9/12 Ronald Gorrie	9/20 James Yates
9/2 Jeannette Granados	9/12 Robert McElney	9/21 Ronald Kuskie
9/2 Albert Tesillo	9/12 Joshua Sarinas	9/21 Alfred Melendez
9/3 Greg Bender	9/12 Andy Sowa	9/21 Victor Ramirez
9/3 Phil Jimenez	9/13 Annette Austin	9/21 Denise Segovia
9/3 Michael Lopez	9/13 Ronald Herbel	9/22 Jay Goetz
9/3 E Paolinetti	9/13 Richard Lyons	9/22 Timothy Toepel
9/4 Micheal Ash	9/13 Johnny Nielsen	9/23 Maria Bell
9/4 Joseph McClintock	9/13 Thomas Pokladowski	9/23 Denise Clepper
9/4 Randall Perez	9/13 Jorge Robledo	9/23 Eric Ruelas
9/5 David Aarchus	9/13 Alexandra Sams	9/23 Jonathan Sullivan
9/5 Pamela Bethke	9/14 Andrew Katz	9/23 Robert Velasco
9/5 Carey Novits	9/14 Pamela Kuznik	9/23 Renae Wilkinson
9/5 David Rivera	9/14 Daniel Salcedo	9/24 Therese Curley-Hogue
9/6 Valerie Amezcua	9/15 Art Flores	9/24 Bernie Dennis
9/6 Gloria Chavez	9/15 Janet Kardashian	9/24 Tyrond Duplantier
9/6 Priscilla Ramirez	9/16 Scott Feltenberg	9/24 Jason Lozano
9/7 Jonathan Abelove	9/16 Rosemarie Kyger	9/25 Alexis Camarillo
9/7 Arturo Cepeda	9/17 Bryan Crain	9/25 Marc LaFont
9/7 Claudia Perez	9/17 Cindy Darmstadt	9/26 Karen Amsler
9/7 Maurice Sanchez	9/17 Carmen DeAnda	9/26 Olivia Beltz
9/8 Kevin Drozd	9/17 Samuel Gonzalez	9/26 John Boston
9/8 Gregory Plotnik	9/17 John Ibarra	9/26 Carmen Cardenas
9/8 Kasey Rivera	9/17 Irma Macias	9/26 Henrietta Herrera
9/8 Andrew Young	9/17 Dennis Rivelli	9/26 Curtis Rach
9/9 Mario Cuevas	9/17 Mark Welch	9/27 Rachel Camacho
9/9 Andrew Montoya	9/18 Javier Alvarado	9/27 Danny Granados
9/9 Dan Romero	9/18 Cindy Brunner	9/27 Ronald Kato
9/9 Laura Walker	9/18 Meredith Castro	9/27 Douglas Kirschke
9/10 Joseph Chiles	9/18 Robert Garrett	9/27 Troy Leonard
9/10 William Feuerborn	9/18 Carmen Hunt	9/27 Damian Williams
9/10 Hans Habereder	9/18 Lance Hyde	9/28 Irene Garza
9/10 Robert Hernandez	9/18 Gabriel Kahn	9/28 Daniel Montoya
9/10 Douglas Moran	9/18 George Salapski	9/28 Art Ramirez
9/10 Patricia Raburn	9/19 David Laneaux	9/28 Carol Vohs
9/10 Steven Spencer	9/19 George Prescott	9/28 Brian Yeandle
		9/29 Brad Barnette
		9/29 Nick Covarrubias
		9/29 Veronica Rojas
		9/29 Savvas Roubanis
		9/30 Christopher Buenteo
		9/30 Kim Knupp
		9/30 Evan Phillips
		9/30 Holman Cook

Have You Heard The Buzz?

by Eli Morales

Have you heard the buzz around the lodge lately? We've kicked off a brand-new game called Elks Lucky Seat, and let me tell you, it has quickly become a favorite among our members!

Here's how it works: When you arrive for the Tuesday night lodge meeting, you'll have the opportunity to purchase up to four seats. Every seat in the lodge room has a number, and if you purchase a seat, you'll have a chance to win a share of the pot.

The lucky seat winner receives 65% of the pot, while the other winning seats receive 50%. Not a bad deal!

Of course, there's a little more to it than that, so come to a meeting and learn all the rules and guidelines.

We've already crowned our very first Lucky Seat winner—and after only five weeks, that winner had 640 reasons to come to the meetings!

Lucky Seat is quickly becoming one of those moments everyone looks forward to. There's something special about that little bit of anticipation as the seat number is called. It adds a spark of fun and friendly suspense right in the middle of our meeting.

It's simple, it's exciting, and it's a great reason not to miss a meeting. If you haven't experienced it yet, come find out what all the excitement is about.

Grab a seat, cross your fingers, and you just might be our next Lucky Seat winner! Sales begin at 6:30 pm and end promptly at 7:15 pm so we don't interrupt the start of our meeting.



More Than Just a Game

As fun as Lucky Seat is, let's remember what our meetings are really all about. Yes, we love a little friendly fun, but our gatherings are so much more. They're a time to come together, fellowship with one another, take part in lodge business, and help decide the direction our lodge is heading.

Every voice matters. Every vote matters. Our meetings are also where you get to see your generosity in action. From decisions that determine how we support our community to checks being presented to the causes we care about, you get to see where your donations are going and the difference they are making.

And speaking of making a difference, we're thrilled to see our membership growing! We've had more new members coming through our doors, and we couldn't be happier to welcome them into our Elks family. You'll recognize our newest members by their red lanyards.

When you see one, please make a point of stopping by, introducing yourself and helping them feel right at home. A warm welcome goes a long way toward making our lodge feel like a second family.

So come for the fellowship, stay for the fun, and get involved in the business of your lodge. Let's keep building a lodge we're all proud to call home.

Las Vegas Comes to the Santa Ana Lodge

Get ready to roll the dice, shuffle the cards and experience a little Las Vegas right here at the lodge! Viva Las Vegas Casino Night returns to the Santa Ana Elks Lodge Saturday, September 12 for an evening of casino excitement, great food, music and fun.

The casino floor will feature all the classic favorites, including Blackjack, Craps, Poker, Roulette and more. Whether you're a seasoned card player or just want to try your luck, there will be plenty of opportunities to join in the action. And, of course, there will be prizes for those who come out ahead!

When you're ready for a break from the tables, enjoy the grab-and-go menu and keep the evening going with music by DJ Ronnie.

Looking for a place to relax? Head out to the Cigar Patio and chill with friends. Bring your own cigars and enjoy the evening under the stars. And for those looking to add a little Vegas flair to the night, Stoli flavored martinis are just \$8.00.

A Night of Fun for a Great Cause

Casino Night is a leading knight fundraiser, so your ticket does more than provide an entertaining evening—it helps support the programs and activities of our lodge's leading knight.

Early Bird Tickets are just \$35, inclusive of tax and tip, through September 9. After September 9, tickets are \$45. Tickets are available online at SAElks.com.

So bring your lucky streak and join us for an unforgettable night of Viva Las Vegas Casino Night at the lodge! Place your bets. Try your luck. Win some prizes. And most importantly—have a great time!

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Get ready to add a little south-of-the-border flavor to your Sunday with an exciting buffet brunch filled with delicious food, lively mariachi music and colorful folklorico performances. It's our Mariachi Brunch on September 20 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm! This special Open House event is the perfect way to spend time with family and friends while experiencing the fun, food and hospitality of the lodge.

Come hungry and enjoy a delicious buffet featuring an array of Mexican-inspired favorites and brunch classics. And because it's an open house, you don't have to be an Elk to join the celebration, making this a perfect opportunity to introduce your friends, neighbors and family to the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.

Take advantage of the discounted early bird pricing at SAEks.com! Through September 13, early bird tickets are \$28 for member, \$38 for non-members and \$15 for children 12 and under. Beginning Monday, September 14, regular ticket prices will be \$33 for Elks, \$43 for non-members and \$18 for children 12 and under.

So gather your family, invite your friends and make plans for a morning filled with great food, mariachi music, folklorico dancing and plenty of fun!



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Jessica Chandler	Manager	John Barna
Joseph Hernandez, PDDGER.....	Termite Control	Transfer from Whittier
Joseph Kelly	Retired.....	Charles Steen
Juan Lomeli	Police Officer.....	John Moore
Karen Iveson	Private Investigator	Kellie Miller
Kimberly Menninger.....	Orange County Superior Court Judge.....	Curtis Rach
Leticia Verduzco	Retired.....	Jeannette Granados
Lumir Cerny	Retired.....	Roger H. Shortall
Molly Nicholson-Medjdoup	Government	Martin Gardner
Natasha Aretz.....	Wellness Manager	Jill Wallace
Paula Perez	Retired.....	Bertha Lopez
Phillip Ruan	Retired.....	John Moore
Steven Bruce Lebeau	Police Officer.....	Timothy Rush
Tara Tisopulos.....	Deputy Director	Peter Di Marco
Timothy Ohno	Retired.....	Randolph Ducosin
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Timothy F. Jaeger- Grand Exalted Ruler

Timothy Francis Jaeger was born in Pierre, South Dakota and grew up in Geddes, South Dakota where he attended elementary, junior and high schools all in one building. Tim attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1980 and a master of professional accountancy in 1982.

For more than forty years, Tim has worked in the finance profession as a CPA and in various industries performing permanent and interim executive roles. Tim serves on corporate boards as an independent director. He is the president of CXO Consulting Group and a director at BPM LLP in the CFO advisory practice.

Tim's journey with the Elks began when he was initiated into the Sioux Falls, DSD Lodge No 262 in 1985. After moving to California, Tim transferred to Petaluma, CA Lodge No 901, serving in several roles including exalted ruler in 2007-2008. He served as an appointed advisor to Napa, CA Lodge No 832 from 2011-2013 and ultimately transferred there.

He began his tenure with the



California-Hawaii Elks Association in 2010-2011 by serving as vice president. He has served on several district committees and was the CHEA drug awareness chair from 2011-2013. He served on the CHEA board of trustees from 2014-2017 and as the CHEA first vice president in 2018-2019. Tim then acted as CHEA president from 2019-2021. He has served as the CHEA Northwest District leader since 2020 and served as a board member of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc..

from 2022 until 2025.

On the Grand Lodge level, Tim was district deputy grand exalted ruler in 2013-2014. He served as an assistant director of the Elks National Drug Awareness Program from 2014 through 2021. Tim acted as a member of the board of grand trustees from 2021 until 2025, including serving as chairman during his final year.

Tim has received several accolades in Elksdom. He was named an honorary life member by the Napa Lodge and was named Elk of the Year and Officer of the Year by the Petaluma Lodge. He was recognized by the CHEA Elks Luncheon Club as the 2023 recipient of the Roses for the Living Award.

Tim met the love of his life, Sandy, in 1981, and they married in 1984. They have three children: Ben, his wife Whitney and their two children, Logan and Conner, who live in Moraga, California; Brittany, her husband Tyler and their two children, Jameson and Trace, who live in Tapa, Florida; and Lizzie, a proud Napa Lodge member, her husband Bob, a proud Walnut Creek Lodge member, and their two children, Reese and Avery, who live in Walnut

Creek, California.

Tim is a member of the Knights of Columbus and a past member of the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce. He coached teams in Little League baseball and Boys & Girls Club basketball. He was a Casa Grande High School basketball program fundraising chair, a Casa Grande High School Boosters Club member, and a St. James Catholic Church fundraising and "giving tree" vice chair. Tim founded the Northbay Chapter of Parrot Heads in Paradise in 2013.

Sandy's love for children led to a 25-year elementary school teaching career, including 10 year as an administrator working with the California Beginning Teacher Program.

Tim and Sandy are honored and humbled to be chased as the ambassadors to represent our great Order as the grand exalted ruler and first lady of Elksdom. They are excited for the opportunity to promote the Elks while visiting communities throughout America, sharing the theme "Ready Elks—Let's Go".

Light Up The Night at the Lodge Cigar Dinner

There's something special about an evening spent with good friends, great food and a fine cigar. On Tuesday, September 29, the lodge invites members and guests to settle in for an unforgettable Cigar Dinner, an evening designed for both cigar aficionados and anyone who simply enjoys a great night out.

The evening begins with a social hour at 6:00 pm, giving everyone plenty of time to relax, mingle and enjoy a welcome martini before dinner service begins at 7:00 pm.

Bring your own favorite cigars, or purchase cigars on site and discover something new. And don't worry if cigars aren't your thing—smokers and nonsmokers are both welcome.

A Dinner Worth Savoring

The evening's menu is a feast from beginning to end. Start with Stoli oyster shots, an antipasto tray and pot stickers, followed by a refreshing Shrimp Louie Salad and a traditional breadbasket.

The main course is an aged center-cut Cajun rib eye, paired with Mark West Pinot Noir, Lyonnaise potatoes and fried cauliflower with cheese sauce. For those who prefer seafood, grilled swordfish will be served as the non-meat entrée.

Save room for dessert: red velvet cake, followed by an Irish Coffee to cap off the evening.

Good friends. Good food. Great cigars. Whether you are a longtime cigar enthusiast or simply looking for a memorable evening at the lodge, Cigar Dinner promises the perfect combination of food, fellowship and relaxation.

Early Bird Tickets are \$75 through September 22 and \$85 afterwards. This event is open to the public and will be the last cigar dinner of the year! So don't miss out on this memorial dining experience. Get your tickets now at SAElks.com.

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Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/26 1923

INCREASES

Initiated	48
Affiliated	5
Reinstated	0
Subtotal	53

DECREASES

Dropped	12
Transferred Out	1
Absolute Dimit	1
Deaths	2
Expelled	0
Subtotal	16

Calculated Membership Total 1960

CLMS Active Members..... 1960

Average Age 64.14

Gain/Loss 37

DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	0
One Year	257
Over One Year	0
Total	257
Lapsation Rate.....	13.36%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting	5
Ready for investigation	31
Ready for balloting	1
Ready for orientation	8
Ready for Initiation.....	2
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement.....	0
Other.....	0
Total	47

LIFE MEMBERS

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

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