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Car & Motorcycle Show**



**Sunday, August 3, 2025
Santa Ana Elks Lodge**

SAElks.com/carshow

Food / Beverages / Vendor Booths / DJ / Drawings / Band

Check in: 7:00 am / Show: 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Band in the Grand Ballroom 3:00 - 7:00 pm
Entry Fees: Automobiles \$35 / Motorcycles \$25
Discount for groups of ten or more vehicles
FREE for spectators / Proceeds benefit local Santa Ana charities
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**Santa Ana Elks Lodge 123rd
BIRTHDAY LUAU**



Saturday, August 9



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BRUNCH**



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

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MARIACHI FOLKLORE!**

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Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker



Elk family,
Can you believe
how quickly
the year is fly-
ing by? I hope
this first half of
2025 has been

treating you well.

This past month, I had the honor of attending Grand Lodge, and what an incredible experience it was! Being surrounded by over 6,000 fellow Elks from across the country was truly inspiring. The energy was contagious and I was immensely proud to represent the Santa Ana Lodge.

Thanks to the dedication and teamwork of our members, our lodge ranked in the top 10 nationally for the All American Lodge award! This is an incredible distinction that reflects our commitment to Elks programs and initiatives. I can't thank you enough for your continued support and service to our community through Elkdom. Be proud of what we've achieved—together.

As we head into the heart of summer, there's even more to be excited about. One highlight on the horizon is our lodge birthday cel-

ebration, we're turning 123 years strong! Join us on August 9 for a festive evening. Don your best Hawaiian attire and come ready to celebrate!

Esteemed Leading Knight Eli Morales

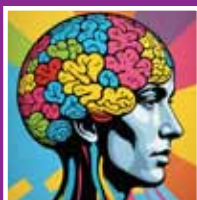


As we bid
farewell to July
and welcome
August, we also
enter an exciting
chapter of sum-
mer activities.

August holds a special significance for our lodge as we proudly mark our 123rd anniversary, a true reflection of the dedication, camaraderie and selfless service. The history of our lodge is rooted in the desire for social connection and unwavering commitment to support each other and those in need. The Santa Ana Elks extend our charitable efforts beyond our doors, actively engaging with our community and beyond. From providing scholarships to assisting veterans and responding to various needs, our lodge has consistently shown its dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of others. For 123 years, we have built a strong foundation based on the four princi-

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

TRIVIA
TOURNAMENT
August 2



DJ
RONNIE
August 15



JEROME
DEAN
August 16



LARRY FRESH
QUARTET
August 30



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

ples of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. May these virtues continue to guide the future of our lodge and each member who takes pride in being part of this remarkable community.

As we celebrate this anniversary, I encourage you to reflect on how our work has influenced the community and to consider the impact the lodge has had on your personal life. This celebration is an opportunity to honor the bonds of brotherhood and fellowship we've forged through shared experiences, by supporting each other, and lifelong friendships. It is with great honor and privilege that I invite each and every one of you to join us on August 9 for this special annual celebration. Your presence makes all of this possible. Together, we will acknowledge both our past and present achievements while looking forward to the promising future of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge and its incredible membership.

Please mark your calendars for August 9 and go online to make your reservations. Let's fill our lodge with the exceptional members of the Santa Ana Elks, truly the Best People On Earth. I look forward to seeing you all there for what promises to be an unforgettable night!

Elkdom—Love it, live it!

Esteemed Loyal Knight Brian Byrd



As we close out July, let me thank all of our great members and member volunteers who have put togeth-

er some spectacular events this past month.

We are moving into the last remaining months of summer and there is still plenty going on here at the lodge to keep every member and their family busy in August. Take a look at the event calendar in the middle of this *ElkHorn* and start planning your month.

We had our first soccer shoot in many years and it was a ton of fun for the participants and their families. Thank you to all the volunteers who kept score and helped keep the contest on track. I would like to say it was a *kick!*

I am going to ask every member to consider a few items that will enhance the atmosphere and your member experience here at the lodge. The first thing I would like you to do is to invite a friend or family member to join your lodge and become an Elk. Why? I have found that the people here at the lodge are truly amazing, I am sure many of you have also. This is a great way to share the friendly experiences you have had with others. Also, for me, I am proud of the work we do in the communities we serve. Volunteering is exceptionally rewarding and it becomes addictive. However, not every person who joins the Elks needs to volunteer. Just coming to the lodge and participating in the great food, drinks and in-house lodge activities helps the causes we support.

The second thing I would like to ask you to do is set aside some time on Tuesday nights to attend our weekly meetings. This is the opportunity for all members to help your officer corps make decisions for the lodge and its members. We also have some raffle prizes in our "good of the order" and you could be a winner.

The last thing I would like you to think about is donating to the ENF (Elks National Foundation) and the Purple Pig (CHEA major projects). You can get more information on both of these 100% tax deductible charitable arms of the Elks by downloading the MyElks app on your mobile device. After downloading the app, you can read and do your own research about both of these charities within Elkdom. I am sure you will find it a solid investment for your hard earned dollars. On this same app you can find the links to a secure website where you can make one time donations or recurring donations for both. These charities benefit our community directly and indirectly.

In closing, remember why you joined the Elks and help spread the word that *it's GREAT to be an ELK!*

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Karla Vigil



What an exciting July it's been! The tilers did an outstanding job with the family picnic and the 4th of July celebration—lets give

a big high five to Connie Foley-Davis, Jason Lazano, Andrew Matthews and everyone who stepped up to make it a success. Your teamwork and spirit truly made it a memorable event.

Let's also give a warm welcome back to Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker and those who attended the Grand Lodge convention. We're looking forward to hearing all about the inspiring ideas and plans they're bringing back to Santa Ana.

As we look ahead to August,

mark your calendars for some exciting events:

- The MNF Car & Motorcycle Show
- Our Lodge Luau Birthday Celebration (123 years strong!)
- A special wine tasting hosted by our Emblem Club
- And so much more (check out SAELks.com/calendar)

Also, don't miss out on the Rick Ross Olympic Games! If you're into ping-pong, shuffleboard, darts, or just love a bit of friendly competition, we want you involved. For information on signing up, go to SAELks.com/news.

As a proud member, I encourage you to take full advantage of everything our beautiful lodge has to offer. Come by, make new friends, enjoy a delicious meal and beverage and stick around for some great entertainment—you won't be disappointed.

Finally, join us for our Tuesday 7:30 pm lodge meetings to stay in the loop, meet your officers, and stay connected with what's happening in your lodge. I look forward to seeing you soon.

General Manager John Moore



As summer comes to a close, we decided to go out in style! As I read the calendar of upcoming events, I now understand why other lodges like to come to Santa Ana—the fun never stops!

This year we have decided to make the lodge birthday a three-day celebration starting on Friday, August 8 with a \$12.95 old-fashioned fish fry from 4:00 to 8:00 pm

featuring Orange County's most popular singing duet, Thelma and Louise playing from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Reservations are essential as this will sell out (SAELks.com).

Saturday, August 9 is the official birthday for the Santa Ana lodge. Come party with us at our annual luau hosted by our esteemed leading knight, the Big Kahuna Eli Morales. If you always wanted to learn the hula, now is your chance. The evening promises to be a night to remember with Polynesian dancers and a feast fit for a king and queen. Come dressed in your island attire.

On Sunday, August 10, we are finishing off the weekend with a \$35 mariachi brunch with folklorico dancers. We have room for the first 240. It's an open house, so encourage your potential new members to join the fun.

I have received a lot of positive comments on our Father's Day Elvis event; but a few folks told me they missed the traditional Father's Day magic show. Good news! We will be having a monthly Magic Castle night starting on Saturday, August 23. For those enjoying dinner, a world class magician will be performing illusions at each table and at the bar so that everyone gets a close-up show. If you can't make it on the 23rd, don't worry, you can catch his next performance the following month. The dates of all performances will be listed online at SAELks.com.

The parking lot redo is complete. You may have noticed some stalls are reserved for our great neighbors the Orange County Credit Union. I ask that you honor these reserved stalls Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. After 4:00 pm and anytime on the weekend they were kind enough to allow our members and guests to use them.

MNF Countdown to Kickoff — Only 53 Days to Go!

by Dan Breece

As of this writing, it's just 53 days until the NFL season begins—but good news: by the time you read this, we'll be even closer!

It's been a busy and fun summer for the Monday night football crew, and for the first time ever, we added a couple of off-season adventures to the mix. On July 12, we hit the open water for an ocean fishing outing and on July 19, we packed a few buses for a day trip to Harrah's Casino in San Diego—complete with shopping, games and a lot of laughs. Huge thanks to everyone who came along and supported these events. You helped make MNF history!

The 2025 season opens with a bang on Thursday, September 4 with the Dallas Cowboys visiting the reigning Super Bowl champions, the Philadelphia Eagles. The action continues the next night, Friday, September 5, when the Los Angeles Chargers host last year's runner-up, the Kansas City Chiefs (sorry Chiefs fans.)

Sunday, September 7 brings a full day of games and then, of course, the main event: our first Monday Night 'Football gathering at the Nest on September 8. We'll have every game all season long and we can't wait to welcome you back to the best football watch party around.

While we've been enjoying the summer, the MNF committee also stayed committed to supporting the lodge and our community. This season, we proudly contributed to:

- The Backpack Project
- La Semillita after-school program
- The HIVE after-school program

- Santa Ana Pony League Baseball
- Several local high school athletic programs.

Thank you for making these contributions possible through your participation and support.

We hear rumor that our exalted ruler, who knows his way around a kitchen, may be making a guest chef appearance this season. You didn't hear it from us—but you definitely won't want to miss those nights!

Keep your eyes peeled for flyers and announcements. We've got some fun surprised in the works for the 2025 NFL season.

Until then, we hope you're enjoy your summer and we'll see you back in the Nest soon.

Surf and Turf for Scholarships

by Linda Barcelona

Exactly what is the Surf & Turf, Sip and Stogies epicurean dinner at the Elks lodge on July 29, you may have been wondering? It is a gathering of Elks and guests to raise funds for our Elks scholarships.

Held on the 5th Tuesday of the month, when the lodge meetings are dark, this event is hosted by our friend Tim Rush for us to enjoy a fine meal, delicious select wines, perhaps a cigar and excellent company on our California Patio. Tim on occasion brings some of his own eclectic collection to auction off all for the benefit of scholarships. You never know what treasures will be available.

This is an event like no other at the lodge! The chef has pulled out all the stops for this event with delicious appetizers in the Emerald Room followed by an amazing three-course, steak & lobster extravaganza with

exquisite wine pairings. Come and join us for an enjoyable Elks evening for a good cause. Tickets are available online at SAElks.com

I want to thank Tim Rush for his continued commitment and support of the scholarship committee and for continuing to host the event. Further, I would like to thank all the committee members and lodge members who continue to support our committee in raising funds for scholarships. Without your support, we would not have been able to award a record number and dollar amount of scholarships this past year.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming scholarship events:

- The Surf & Turf, Sips & Stogies dinner, July 29, 6:00 pm
- Oktoberfest, September 20, 6:00 pm
- Scholarship Information Night, September 25, 5:30 pm
- Annual Fundraising Dance, March 28, 2026

Our next scholarship committee meeting will be Saturday, July 19 at 9:30 am in the lodge conference room. Join us if you are interested in finding out more about us!

Going for Olympic Gold



by Sue McKee

It's time to sign up to participate in the Rick Ross Elks Olympics (RREO). There are some changes in the sign-up process this year. Instead of a variety of clipboards with sign-up sheets in the lobby, there will be

special days and evenings to sign up. Members of the #794 RREO committee will be there to guide you in finding the events right for you.

August 1 is kick-off day! Be among the first to pay and sign up. Members of the RREO committee will be in the lobby to assist during the hours of noon–3:00 pm and 5:00–8:00 pm. Cash payments will be required when you sign up for an event. There is a \$15 donation to participate. Some off-site events require an additional fee. Lists of events with date, time, price, and location are in the kiosks on the table in the lobby. We will try our best to keep everything updated.

Additional sign-up days will be throughout August. We are arranging some sign-up/practice days on the following Sundays from 1:00–3:00 pm: August 17, August 24 and August 31. Some of the events will be set up for practice on the patio: cornhole, ping pong, ladder golf, tray races, beverage pong, etc. Those will be Sunday game days!

Our goal is to have everyone signed up by August 31. The actual main day of the competition is Sunday, September 21 at Garden Grove. All participant lists and money will have to be submitted in early September.

This year I am fortunate to have a committee help me with promoting and organizing #794's attempts to go for the gold. This committee consists of Sherry Dustin, Henri Herrera, Eli Morales, and Brian Bryd. We look forward to helping you sign up and receiving your cash payments. At the time of writing this article, information about T-shirts is not yet available. Updated information will always be available at our weekly meetings, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and our website. Hope to see you soon! No skill is necessary – just the desire to have fun and meet other Elks!

CELEBRATING 123 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD AND SERVICE

THE STORY OF THE SANTA ANA ELKS

by Marc LaFont

On a quiet stretch of Elk Lane in Santa Ana, nestled in a tidy industrial complex, sits a building that houses more than just a meeting space—it holds over a century of community tradition, charitable giving and brotherhood. This is the home of the Santa Ana Elks, a beacon of civic spirit that has helped shape the heart of Orange County since its founding in 1902.

This month, the lodge will celebrate its 123rd birthday with a whole weekend of festivities. The festivities begin on Friday, August 8 with an old fashioned fish fry with entertainment by the musical duo of Thelma and Louise. Then on Saturday, August 9, it's the traditional lodge birthday luau with Polynesian dancers, island buffet and tropical libations. The birthday luau is a annual ritual that goes back to the 1970s and the lodge on the old Elk



Lane across from the Santa Ana Zoo. On Sunday, August 10, the lodge will hold a special Mariachi Brunch with folklórico dancers, musicians and traditional south-of-the-border buffet. Information on all of these events is available at SAElks.com.

Origins in the Orange Groves

The Elks, a national fraternal order officially known as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE), found fertile ground in Santa Ana at the turn of the 20th century. It was a time when the city's dusty streets were lined with orange groves and horse-drawn buggies. Amid this budding community, local leader W.L. Tubbs gathered a group of like-minded men to charter Lodge #794, emphasizing the Elks' timeless values of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

Their early home, a modest lot on Sycamore Street, quickly became a hub of social life and philanthropy. In 1910, after acquiring an additional 25 feet of land in which to expand, the lodge members marked the ground-breaking of their new building with pomp and pageantry. Dressed in ceremonial garb, they paraded down the street with shovels in hand—an unforgettable scene that captured both the spirit and ambition of the fledgling lodge.

Building a Community Brick by Brick

By 1911, the new lodge was completed, earning praise from the Santa Ana Register as a “marvel of beauty” and a symbol of civic pride. But the lodge wasn’t just a beautiful building, it was a bustling center for everything from charity drives to cultural events.

Through the roaring ‘20s and the trials of the Great Depression, the lodge not only survived, it thrived. Life memberships and fundraising allowed members to install finishing touches like handcrafted interiors and, at one point, even considered a pipe organ. But their mission was always greater than aesthetics; it was about service.

The Golden Year and A Grand Rebirth

The Elks celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1952, honoring six of the original charter members who had lived to see the lodge’s evolution. But they weren’t content with looking back. In the early 1960s, the members undertook an ambitious project: a brand-new \$1 million facility on eight acres of land.

Completed in 1961, the mod-



ern building boasted a grand ballroom, reading rooms, a cocktail lounge and a lodge room that seated nearly 400. The structure wasn’t just state-of-the-art, it was a statement. The Santa An Elks were here to stay—and grow.

Tradition Meets Today

Now in their second century, the

Santa Ana Elks continue to adapt while remaining grounded in their mission. In 2019, they celebrated the opening of a new lodge facility at their current location on Lyon Street, now named Elk Lane, with the same enthusiasm that marked their early days. Local leaders like Congressman Lou Correa joined in the celebration which honored both



Lodge members prepare to celebrate the lodge's 68th birthday at a traditional luau in 1970.

the lodge's past and its commitment to the future.

That commitment is most visible in their extensive charitable programs. In 2024 alone, Lodge #794 awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships, supported veterans outreach programs, hosted drug awareness education and raised funds for children with disabilities through their support of the Purple Pig, a signature California/Hawaii Elks project that's raised over \$140 million statewide since 1950.

A Living Legacy

Beyond the numbers and events, the Santa Ana Elks are storytellers of community—carrying forward a living legacy. You'll find members mentoring youth at The Hive after school program, visiting the Tustin Veterans Outpost, organizing food drives, blood donations and honoring first responders.

Their work has not gone unnoticed. The lodge has earned the prestigious All-American Lodge

in Division 4, a recognition of excellence in community service among Elks lodges nationwide. This year, the lodge was ranked in the top ten nationally for All-American Lodge.

Why It Matters

At a time when community connection can feel distant or fractured, the Elks stand as a reminder of what's possible when people come together with a shared purpose. The Santa Ana Elks Lodge isn't just a chapter in a history book—it's a living, breathing force for good, woven into the cultural and civic fabric of Orange County.

As we celebrate our 123rd birthday this month, the members of Lodge #794 continue to serve with the same resolve that brought us together in 1902, to be "Elks—serving others, not for praise, but for purpose."

Tickets for the lodge's 123rd birthday celebration are available online at SAElks.com.

Lodge to hold Three-day Birthday Celebration



Your lodge is turning 123 years young and we're celebrating the only way we know how—big, bold and with plenty of food!

The party kicks off Friday, August 8 with a classic fish fry. Think beer-battered cod with house-made tartar sauce, plus the lodge's famous meatloaf and strawberry shortcake for dessert, all for just \$12.95! And if your taste buds aren't dancing, you will be, thanks to the rockin' tunes of Thelma and Louise.

On Saturday, it's time to grab your leis and go full aloha. The annual birthday luau features a Polynesian floor show and a tropical buffet bursting with island flavor. At \$35, it's a mini getaway without leaving town!

Then come hungry on Sunday for a festive Mariachi Brunch. It's an open house so bring your friends and introduce them to the Elks community. \$30 for Elks, \$35 for non-Elks and \$10 for kids.

Three days. Three parties, one incredible legacy. Now that's a birthday worth celebrating! *Get your tickets NOW at SAElks.com.*

August

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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elks Care - Elks Share						1 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm 
						2 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Trivia Tournament of Champions 6:20 pm 
3 Car Show 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 	4 Cancer Resource Fair 6:00 - 8:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm 	5 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	6 Investigation 3:30 - 6:30 pm Birthdays/Pasta 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	7 Regular Menu All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm 	8 Lodge Birthday Fish Fry 4:30-8:00 pm Thelma & Louise 7:00 pm 	9 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Wine Tasting 1:00 - 4:00 pm Lodge Birthday Luau 
10 Mariachi Brunch 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 	11 Bingo 6:15 pm 	12 Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Purple Pig Day Taco Tuesday 	13 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm MNF Mtg - 6:30 pm 	14 Regular Menu All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	15 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm DJ Ronnie Boogie Nights 7:00 pm 	16 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation - Noon Jerome Dean 7:00 - 10:00 pm
17 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	18 Charity Cmte 2:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	19 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm Taco Tuesday 	20 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	21 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	22 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Chicago Concert 6:00 - 10:00 pm 	23 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Magic Castle Night 6:00 - 8:00pm 
24 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	25 Bingo 6:15 pm	26 Lodge Meeting DD Visit 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Special Buffet	27 Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	28 Regular Menu All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 6:00-10:00 pm	29 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm	30 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Larry Fresch 7:00-10:00 pm 
31 Sunday Get Together the Grumps 2:00 - 5:00 pm						

September

LODGE HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS 11 AM-10 PM; FRIDAYS 11 AM-6 AM, SATURDAYS 11 AM-1 AM, SUNDAYS 9 AM-6 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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14 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football - 9:00 am Quartermania - 11:00 am 	15 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm Charity Committee 2:00 pm MNF - 4:00 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 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Karoake 7:15-10:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm	19 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Five Star Band 7:00 - 10:00 pm 	20 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Oktoberfest 
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by Kellie Miller

Happy August! We hope that everybody has had a wonderful summer so far. The veterans committee has been busy working on new ways to honor and support our veterans. We're excited about a veteran coffee talk that we'll be having at the lodge. This will be a time where veterans can come together with their peers, meet a new friend, learn something new and have a safe place to talk.

As suicide rates go up, we want to do what we can to provide resources and community. This will be a monthly event and we're close

to setting the dates. As soon as we have this pinned down, we'll make sure to let everyone know. We're also working on a thank you dinner for veterans, a luncheon for women veterans and a veteran resource fair.

This month we started working on our third annual stand down. This has been a successful event that involves all the eight Elks lodges of the south coast district to help homeless or unhoused veterans with resources, food, dental care, wound care, clothing, housing and over 30 other resources. Our goal is to not only help someone for the day, but also set them up for a successful fu-

ture. As we get closer, we'll ask for clothing donations. If you've been involved before, you know what a special, heartwarming day it is. If you haven't, please get involved. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 28.

In the month of August we have many military holidays and a birthday. August 4 is dedicated as National Coast Guard Day. On this day in 1790, the U.S. Coast Guard was founded as the Revenue Marine by then-secretary of the treasury, Alexander Hamilton.

August 7 is Purple Heart Day. The Purple Heart was first created on August 7, 1782 by the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, General George Washington. Then known as the Badge of Military Merit, it was awarded to three revolutionary soldiers in 1783. The Purple Heart is a military decoration awarded to service members who



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have been wounded or killed by enemy action while serving in the military. It is a symbol of courage and sacrifice.

National Airborne Day is recognized every year on August 16. In 2002, President George W. Bush created the holiday commemorating the first official Army parachute jump on that day in 1940. The history of airborne forces began after World War I when Brigadier General William Mitchell first conceived the idea of parachuting troops into combat. During World War II, airborne tactics were critical to the success of important missions including the D-Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. Airborne tactics remain a vital role in military combat missions today.

August 29 marks the birthday of the Marine Corps Reserve. Their mission is to augment and reinforce active marine forces in time of war,

national emergency or contingency operations to provide personnel and operational tempo relief for the active forces in peacetime and to serve the community. It was established when Congress passed the Naval Appropriations Act in 1916.

We salute all veterans and active-duty service members for their courage, sacrifice and service. If you're interested in support our efforts, please consider joining the veterans committee. Email us at veteransteam@elks794.org. We'd love to have you at our next meeting on Tuesday, August 19 at 6:00 pm at the lodge.

Remembering
Carmen Freeman
Alejandra Saldivar
Isidro Piñeda

Lodge Holds Soccer Shoot Competition

by Brian Byrd

After a few years away, the Santa Ana Elks Soccer Shoot made a winning return during our 4th of July family picnic and it was a blast! Kids ages 8 to 14 joined in the fun, competing for the coveted grand prize. Congratulations go to our overall winner, Christian Garcia, age 10, with a total score of 15 points!

We'd like to extend a big thank you to Jeri Hand (SA Elks member) and John Owens (regional commissioner, Tustin AYSO Region 96) for their invaluable support in helping make this event a success. Events like this bring us closer to our goal of becoming the #1 All American Lodge. Next up, the National Hoop Shoot later this year—stay tuned!

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David Estrada.....	Shop Owner/Upholstery	Reinstate
David Ibarra.....	Bus Driver & School employee.....	Carol Zuccherro
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Marcus Isiah Harrell.....	Sales Representative	Ronnie Harrell
Marina Liz Ovalles	Military-Active	Gary Strahan
Mark Hurrell.....	Psychotherapist	Maricela Love-Gomez
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Celebrating August Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, August 6

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, August 6 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

8/1.....Rodney Foster	8/11.....Teresa Garcia	8/19.....Karen Santaniello
8/1.....Barclay Greene	8/11.....Luz Maria Gonzalez	8/19.....Clarisa Santos
8/1.....Felix Lopez	8/11.....David Laughray	8/19.....Alex Soto
8/1.....Jill Parra	8/11.....Diane Morales	8/20.....Ricardo Banuelos
8/2.....Bryan Lamanna	8/11.....Thomas Oropeza	8/20.....Robert Escalante
8/2.....Raquel Lomeli	8/11.....Kimberly Marie Stalons	8/20.....Vincent Gonzales
8/2.....Priscilla Luckenbach	8/11.....Lynnette Thoreson	8/20.....Kathy Jumper
8/2.....Victor Lycett	8/11.....John Jack Waldo	8/20.....Edwin Villanueva
8/2.....Linda Mellor	8/12.....Rodolfo Barajas	8/21.....Richard Maxson
8/2.....Maria Paulin	8/12.....Allen Bisbee	8/21.....Mark McLoughlin
8/3.....Dolores Aguilar	8/12.....Viki Lycksell	8/21.....Sheri Lynn Nerland
8/3.....Bob Burggraf	8/12.....Art Pedroza	8/22.....Kimberly Craik
8/3.....Christopher Dickson	8/13.....Stevan Bailey	8/22.....Betsy Davis
8/3.....Valerie Fisher	8/13.....Steve Inman	8/22.....Matthew Hudack
8/3.....Carole Lipinski	8/13.....Maria Luna	8/22.....Paul Kohn
8/3.....Kathryn Morrison	8/13.....Edmund Lutes	8/22.....Gerardo Mata
8/3.....Danny Rodriguez	8/13.....Pamla Manazer	8/22.....Catherine Zikakis
8/4.....Phillip Bacerra	8/13.....Michele Mercado	8/23.....Martha Cocking
8/4.....James Hessen	8/13.....Ronald Muccino	8/23.....Gordon Fitzel
8/4.....Betty Moran	8/13.....John Palacio	8/23.....Rick La Bare
8/4.....Tommy Stewart	8/13.....Edward Shubin	8/23.....Shannon O'Connor
8/4.....Joan Zimmerman	8/13.....Myrna Tapia	8/23.....Filiberto Salinas
8/5.....Araceli Amezola	8/13.....Liyo Yamamoto	8/24.....Bryan Aksel
8/5.....Phillip Combest	8/14.....Robert Alayra	8/24.....Bridgette Anderson
8/5.....Manuel Escamilla	8/14.....Don Baca	8/24.....Benito Chavez
8/5.....Damien McBride	8/14.....Kristin Chahbazian	8/24.....Jocelyne Eubank
8/5.....Donna Peery	8/14.....Joyceanne Fairshter	8/24.....William Fisher
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8/6.....Myron Douglas King	8/14.....Eric Higuchi	8/24.....Richard Ruedas
8/6.....Yolanda Gutierrez-Lilly	8/14.....Michael Munoz	8/25.....Marsha Villareal
8/6.....Marcus Madrid	8/14.....Gabriel Rubalcava	8/25.....Robert Zaitz
8/6.....Kimberly Magdaleno	8/15.....Kevin Finn	8/26.....Jose Sanchez
8/6.....Leon Raya	8/15.....Rochelle Maynard	8/26.....Samuel White
8/6.....Pearl Raya	8/15.....Gloria Meister	8/27.....Yolanda Castillo
8/6.....Fermin Rodriguez	8/15.....Barbara Swancoat	8/27.....Sandra Cullum
8/6.....Dolores Vargas	8/15.....Monica Westphaln	8/27.....John Hayes
8/7.....Deborah Acuna	8/16.....Claudia Alba	8/27.....Kent Pellegrino
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Purple Pig Update

by Michele Joyce

Our 4th of July family picnic was a fantastic success—thank you to everyone who came out and helped make it such a fun and festive celebration. A heartfelt shout out goes to our incredible tilers for their dedication and behind-the-scenes work. Your support keeps our events running smoothly and our community strong.

This year marked a special addition: our first-ever opportunity raffle benefiting the Purple Pig, and we're thrilled to say it was a hit! Your generosity helped raise funds for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, which provides life-changing care to children with disabilities—helping them walk, talk, see and play.

I'm currently working on a brand-new Purple Pig banner which will represent our mission, inspire others and help spread awareness around the lodge.

Remember, every coin, every raffle ticket, every act of kindness, they all add up and they all matter. Thank you for supporting the Purple Pig and helping build a brighter future, one child at a time. (SAElks.com/purplepig)



The Magic Castle comes to the Lodge



Get ready for a night of wonder, laughter and jaw-dropping magic as John George, master magician and award-winning entertainer, brings his unforgettable wizardry to the lodge on Saturday, August 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

If you're a member of Hollywood's exclusive Magic Castle, you've likely seen him in action. You may also recognize him from his appearances opening for Jay Leno on the Tonight Show or performing on Comedy Central. He's performed for Meryl Streep, Sir Paul McCarthy, Francis Ford Coppola, Drew Barrymore and John Moore. Now you can experience his magic up close and personal, right here at home in the McCalla Lounge!

John will be performing close-up magic at each table with slight of hand and mind-blowing illusions. Best of all—admission is free! Join us for dinner, drinks and an unforgettable night—but be sure to reserve your spot online at SAEIks.com before they disappear... like magic!



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/25 1845

INCREASES

Initiated	58
Affiliated	7
Reinstated	0
Subtotal	65

DECREASES

Dropped	5
Transferred Out	12
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	3
Expelled	0
Subtotal	20
Calculated Membership Total	1891
CLMS Active Members.....	1891
Average Age	63.51
Gain/Loss	45

DELINQUENCY

Six Months	0
One Year	258
Over One Year	0
Total	258
Lapsation Rate.....	13.98%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting	11
Ready for investigation	33
Ready for balloting	0
Ready for orientation	17
Ready for Initiation	8
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement	3
Other	0
Total	729

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members	76
Honorary Life Members	2
Total	78
Life Percentage	4.23%

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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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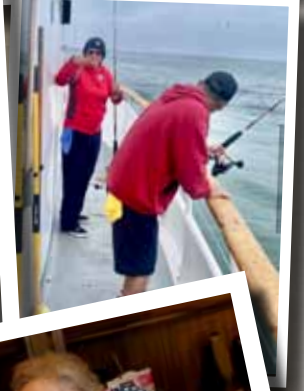
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