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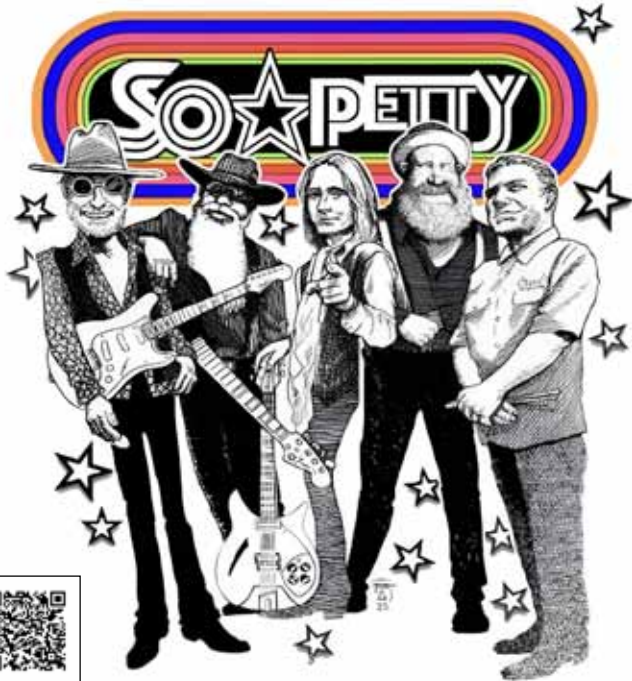
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Santa Ana Elks Lodge Magazine



**GOING FOR GOLD:
THE RICK ROSS
OLYMPIC GAMES**

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Friday, September 12, 2025
Doors open at 6:00 pm - Tickets at SAElks.com

It's the ultimate tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers! Rock out to songs like "Free Fallin'" and "American Girl" at this exciting musical evening that will take you back to the golden era of classic rock. The evening includes a BBQ buffet. Tickets are \$50 for Elks members and \$60 for non-Elks. This is an Open House event, so invite your friends and family. It's also a lodge building fundraiser.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 6-10 PM
SANTA ANA ELKS LODGE VEGAS BALLROOM

Salad Station • Short Rib Martinis • Teriyaki Chicken • Poached Salmon
Corn Dogs • Buffalo Wings • Beef Tacos • Stoli Flavored Martinis

Opportunity Drawings • Music by DJ Ronnie • 180 tickets available
\$30 Tickets available online at SAElks.com



Friday, September 20
\$40.00

Doors Open at 6:00 pm • Buffet 6:00 - 7:30 pm
• German Potato Salad • Purple Cabbage Salad
• Chicken Schnitzel • Cucumber Salad • Bratwurst
• Boiled Butter Potatoes • Sauerkraut
• Home-Made Apple Strudel a la Mode



German Beer
Specialty Drinks
Games • Dancing
Live Entertainment
Opportunity Drawings

Scholarship fundraiser • Tickets at SAElks.com



Some nights are meant to be indulged!

Fiesta del Humo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

EPICUREAN DINNER PAIRED WITH WINE, TEQUILA AND CIGARS

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SCALLOPS • ORTEGA CHILI SCALLOPED POTATOES • TRES LECHES CAKE

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Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker



Hello fellow Elks, I trust that this summer has treated you well. We have been blessed with a comfortable summer. Hopefully, you were able to join us for our lodge birthday activities and car show or participated in the backpack drive to prepare our students for a new school

year. As our Elk year continues, so does our commitment to our community. Very soon, student scholarships will be ramping up. Our charity committee is continuing to review support requests for organizations in our neighborhoods. And, dare I say it, the holiday season is right around the corner. If you are interested in participating or getting involved with any of these fun activities, reach out to one of the officers. We are happy to make a connection for you. Together we can make a bigger impact.

Esteemed Leading Knight Eli Morales



Dear Elks;
From the station of the leading knight, allow me to share the value of fellowship within the greatest of all virtues: charity. Fellowship is the spirit of connection and mutual support and a sense of belonging. As Elks, we come together in support of each other and share a common goal, creating a sense of belonging and community. Fellowship is not just about

being together, but about actually choosing to support each through friendship and camaraderie.

With that in mind, let us welcome September and all of the opportunities it provides for fun and fellowship. It's officially football season, and whether you're a fan of the NFL or college football, the Nest—our members' sports lounge—is the perfect place to gather with fellow members and cheer on your favorite team (Raiders). Let the friendly rivalries set the mood of the day while enjoying a cold drink and the warm company of friends and Elks. Remember to wear your team colors and show your spirit, but, most importantly,

Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**THE MANGO
BAND
September 5**



**JEROME
DEAN
September 6**



**5 STAR
BAND
September 19**



**MAGIC CASTLE
NIGHT
September 27**



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

don't miss the chance to make a new friend, even if they cheer for the opposing team.

Speaking of excitement, Casino Night is back! This is one of our most popular events and you won't want to miss it. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 13 and try your luck at blackjack, roulette, and more. But the real payoff will be the laughter, shared stories, and unforgettable memories made with your fellow Elks. This night isn't just about the game, it's about gathering together to support our lodge and celebrate the bonds that make our Elks family so special. Our very own DJ Ronnie will be playing the perfect playlist and as we all get up and fill the dance floor, remember to save a dance for me—well... what I call dancing, anyhow. Our loyal knight Brian says my dance moves should come with a warning label. All I can say is, I try!

Finally, fellowship is at the heart of everything we do. Whether you're a lifelong member or new to the lodge, this month offers the perfect opportunity to reconnect, welcome new faces, and strengthen the sense of community that make our lodge so special, and keep it thriving.

Elkdom: love it, live it!

Esteemed Loyal Knight Brian Byrd



Welcome to September at the lodge. As we say goodbye to August and welcome the cooler days and longer nights of September, there's still plenty happening at the lodge to keep

your calendar full and your connections strong.

This month, we're excited to bring you two signature events: our Casino Night and the always-anticipated Oktoberfest celebration. These events are a great way to enjoy good times with great people, so don't wait—reserve your tickets today online at SAElks.com.

While we look ahead, it's also a great time to reflect on what brought you to the Elks. Was it the joy of giving back to your community? The camaraderie found among members? The chance to watch football with friends, enjoy delicious food and drinks, or attend outstanding events with family? Whatever your reason, being a part of the Elks is something truly special.

If you value your membership, consider sharing it. Sponsoring a new member is easy and rewarding. It only takes a moment and it helps strengthen our lodge and expand the impact we make together. Imagine the possibilities if each member invited just one friend or colleague to join!

A quick update for members: The MyElks app is no longer active or supported by Grand Lodge. But all the information regarding lodge events, news and updates can still be found at SAElks.com.

Lastly, don't forget that our weekly lodge meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Meeting typically last 45 minutes to an hour and are followed by snacks and drinks. Your presence matters—it's a simple yet meaningful way to take part in the decisions that shape our lodge's future.

Here's to a fun and fulfilling month ahead. We look forward to seeing you at the lodge. Have a fantastic September!

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Karla Vigil



Hello members,
As we send the kids back to school with new backpacks and fresh energy, it's hard to believe how quickly

summer has slipped away.

We've had an incredible run of events this past month! From the successful MNF car show, the elegant Emblem wine tasting, and the exciting lodge birthday celebration—which turned into a three-day event hosted by our Leading Knight Eli Morales—to the always-important DD visitations. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events memorable!

Looking ahead, September is packed with more fun and opportunities to get involved: In addition to Casino Night and Oktoberfest, there are the District Olympic Games starting Sunday, September 21. To all our athletic members, we're counting on you to bring home the medals! Let's represent Santa Ana proudly.

And coming up in October, we're planning a spooky good time: Trunk or Treat. I'll be hosting our annual monster mash for the kids here at the lodge and I need your help! We're looking for:

- Volunteers to help with our drug awareness booth
- Members to bring the best-decorated vehicles to hand out candy
- Anyone who's ready to create a magical Halloween experience for our little ghouls and goblins!

To get involved with our Trunk or Treat event, write me at pluto-cla4@gmail.com

Elk Strong. Community Strong.

General Manager John Moore



As school starts back up, I would like to congratulate our lodge secretary Linda Fernandez, her committee, Mayor

Valerie Amezcua, Chief of Staff Claudia Perez and all those that donated money and time to provide 4,500 students with new backpacks full of school supplies. What started 25 years ago with 23 backpacks has taken on a life of its own. Think about it—4,500 backpacks—that's a lot of happy kids! Thank you, Linda, this is truly amazing!

September's "Big Three" can't miss entertainment options begins on Friday, September 12 with our building fundraiser featuring a Tom Petty tribute band, then the leading knight Casino Night on Saturday, September 13 followed by our scholarship fundraiser Oktoberfest on Saturday September 20. It's a lodge favorite with authentic German food, drinks, and our favorite German band playing all the favorites.

Starting in October, we are expanding our entertainment options. We will still have our popular karaoke, but additionally we will have western line dancing, a tiki bar night with boat drinks and dancing and the exciting Bingo Boogie. Please check the online calendar at SAElks.com/calendar to see each month's lineup.

For those that missed the 3rd annual car show, be sure to circle the date for next year and if you have a classic car, sign it up. I can't imagine a more organized event. Thank you and a big high five to

co-chairs Ernie & Vince who were amazing along with secretary Rachel, PER Dan, PER Joe, Roy, Dee and the entire car show committee. Last but not least, thank you to our food and beverage team for putting on an outstanding event. Bravo!

Epicurean Cigar Dinner Returns

Some nights are meant to be indulged, and our Fiesta del Humo dinner on Tuesday, September 30 is one of them! It's a three-course epicurean feast paired with wine, Lalo tequila and cigars. The evening starts out with oysters, shrimp ceviche and hand-made taquitos with avocado salsa paired with Lalo hibiscus margaritas. Then it's on to the main course with steak Sano-ra, seared jumbo scallops, Ortega scalloped potatoes and street corn paired with Greenwich Washington state cabernet. The evening ends with delicious tres leches cake, Mexican coffee and cigars.

Early bird tickets for the event, an Elks scholarship fundraiser, are available now through September 16 for \$68 online at SAElks.com. On September 17, the price jumps to \$78 so don't delay! Both smokers and non-smokers are welcome.



Thursdays are New Starting October 2

Thursdays will feature a whole new entertainment line up in October starting with western line dancing on October 2, a Tiki Bar night on October 9 with dancing to Tropic Star, the popular Boogie Bingo on October 23 and karaoke on October 16 and 30. Check out the entire calendar at SAElks.com/calendar.



New Friday Night Menus at the Lodge

We learned a lot at the lodge birthday fish fry! We had so many "We should do this more often!" comments that we decided to make a change to our Friday night dinner options. Each Friday without a major Elks event, we will be offering our appetizer menu, a beef and seasonal fish feature and an affordable themed buffet. These range from a South-of-the-border fiesta buffet to an Italian steak night, Greek night the popular fish fry and even a Chinese night just to name a few.

We will have our slimmed-down dinner menu on Saturdays with our popular prime rib and of course Tina's favorite... free corkage (common sense rules apply). I, like many of you, are a last minute decision maker but reservations do help us in our food preparation. We look forward to your feedback!

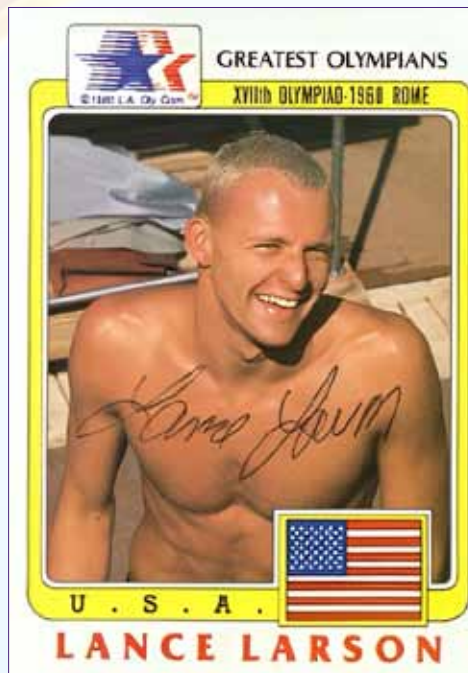
GOING FOR GOLD AT THE RICK ROSS ELKS OLYMPICS

by Sue McKee

The Rick Ross Elks Olympics began in September 2012 at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge. Originally called The Elks Olympics, the event was renamed to honor its founder Rick Ross, PER who served as Garden Grove's exalted ruler in 2012-2013.

During the summer of Rick's term, London hosted the summer Olympics where Michael Phelps won his 22nd Olympic medal. Inspired by the excitement, Rick envisioned the Elks Orange Coast District hosting its own games for friendly competition among lodges. Classic Olympic events were creatively re-imagined—the 100 meter dash became the tray races (now known as the Phil Marquez Tray Races) and the hoop shoot replaced basketball.

Over the years, participation has grown steadily, with members from all eight Orange Coast District lodges eagerly anticipating September's opening ceremonies at the Garden Grove Lodge. The event traditionally begins with a local high school marching band leading



in participants and fans, followed by a torch bearer. For many years, that honor belonged to Lance Larson, a longtime Garden Grove Elk who competed in the 100-meter freestyle at the 1960 Olympics in Rome. Though Larson's timers clocked him as the fastest, judges awarded the gold to Australian John Devitt—a controversial decision that later inspired the

development of the Olympic torch pad timing system. Until his passing, Lance proudly carried the Elks Olympic torch. His widow, Sherrie Larson, PER, now carries it in his honor.

Rick Ross has since moved back east to be closer to family, with Eric Skillman, PER and Paul Escobar now serving as co-chairs of the Olympics committee while keeping 'Rick updated on the event's progress.

In 2024, the games drew 380 participants and awarded 141 medals across multiple events. The games continue to expand recently adding pickleball, axe throwing and archery to its lineup—ensuring there's something for everyone.

The Time Is Almost Here for the Rick Ross Elks Olympics

by Sue McKee

Have you signed up for this year's Rick Ross Elks Olympics? As you read this, the August 31 deadline may have passed, but you should text Sue McKee at (714) 345-0414 ASAP to see if there are any open spots. Participant lists and payments are now being finalized for submission to the Elks Olympic committee.

If you've already signed up, please check the participant list in the lobby for your name event, time and location. If you spot any discrepancies, contact Sue immediately. On the event day, plan to arrive at your competition's location at least 30 minutes early.

You don't have to be a competitor to show your Santa Ana Elks Lodge pride! The opening ceremony is Sunday, September 21 at 12:00 noon at the Garden Grove Lodge. March in with your lodge during the parade, cheer on our athletes, and watch the Olympic torch being lit. Pompoms will be provided for our cheer squad.

Stand out by wearing a Santa Ana 794 gold T-shirt—only \$20. Order yours at OCElksGames.com. Be part of the team. Show your pride, Support our lodge.

We're going for the gold! Wear your gold shirt, join the fun and make your presence felt. The full schedule of event is listed here—note that not all events are on the 21st and not all are at Garden Grove. Attend whenever and wherever you can. We can't wait to see you there!

Rick Ross Elks Olympics SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- Shuffleboard Prelims
9:00 am / Garden Grove
- Rifle Shooting
9:15 am / Iron Mike's Guns,
Yorba Linda

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Rim Fire Rifles & Pistol Shooting
6:30 am / FT3 Range, Stanton
- 8-Ball Prelims
10:00 am / Garden Grove

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 8-Ball Pool Finals
8:00 am / Garden Grove Lodge
- Cornhole
9:00 am / Garden Grove Lodge
- 501 Darts
10:00 am / Garden Grove Lodge
- OPENING CEREMONY
12:00 Noon / Garden Grove
- Hoop Shoot
1:00 pm / Garden Grove Lodge
- Horseshoes
1:00 pm / Garden Grove Lodge
- Ladder Golf
1:00 pm / Garden Grove Lodge
- Ping Pong Singles
1:00 pm / Garden Grove Lodge
- Ping Pong Doubles
1:00 pm / Garden Grove Lodge
- Shuffleboard Finals
1:00 pm / Garden Grove Lodge
- Phil Marquez Tray Races Singles
1:30 pm / Garden Grove Lodge
- Phil Marquez Tray Races Teams
1:30 pm / Garden Grove Lodge

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Golf (Shotgun)
8:00 am / Willowick Golf Course

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Chess
12:30 pm / Mission Viejo Lodge

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

- Bowling
12:00 noon / Westminster Lanes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

- Archery
10:00 am / OC Archery
25782 Obrero Drive, Mission Viejo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

- Pickle Ball Doubles
9:00 am / Jordan International
School, Garden Grove

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- Axe Throwing
9:00 am / Huntington Beach
Lodge
- Beverage Pong
12:00 Noon / HB Lodge

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- CLOSING CEREMONIES
1:00 pm / Huntington Beach
Lodge

For more information on the Rick Ross Elks Olympics, visit OCElksGames.com

School Bells Are Ringing! Time for Scholarships!

The 794 scholarship committee is presenting its annual program to help students and their families prepare for the scholarship application process. Not only will the available Elks scholarships be reviewed, but the actual materials needed to apply will be discussed. Come learn the mechanics of writing an essay, helpful hints for letters of recommendation, and the expectations of judging the applications. Several scholarships are now available for students who are already enrolled in college. Last year our local lodge gave \$61,000 to deserving students. Find out how your child/grandchild can earn one of these scholarships.

Mark your calendars! The date is Thursday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the lodge room. Bring your high school and college students. An information packet will be distributed at the meeting. Call the office (714-547-7794) or email: suemckee@cox.net to reserve a seat and a packet.



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

The 2025-2026 grand exalted ruler for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America is Bryan R. Klatt from the DeKalb, Illinois Lodge No. 765. Klatt will travel throughout America visiting lodges and sharing his message: "Be The Difference".

Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Exalted Ruler 2025-2026

Bryan Robert Klatt was born in DeKalb, Illinois on December 5 to Robert A. Klatt and Deonnalee (Bettner) Klatt. He is the eldest of two children, with a younger brother, Mark A. Klatt (Layne). Raised in DeKalb, Bryan graduated from DeKalb High School in 1977.

In 1982, he earned his bachelor's degree in industrial arts from Northern Illinois University where he served as a student equipment manager for the football team for five years, receiving a half-ride scholarship for the duration of his service.

After college, Bryan joined his father and brother at the former Kalla's Sheet Metal Inc. in DeKalb, working there for over 25 years—first as an employee, then as co-owner with his brother. He is a past chairman of the City of DeKalb HVAC Mechanical Board and a former member of the DeKalb Public Library



Board. A lifelong member of St. Mary Catholic Church in DeKalb, he is also a third degree knight of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 717 and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 586.

During his senior year of high school, Bryan met the former Susan Louise Ekstrom, whom he married in October 1983. Together they have three children: Gregory Robert, Andrew Jordan, and Lucas Richard (BreeAnne).

When his sons attended and played sports at DeKalb High School, Bryan found a way to support the teams while saving the school money by volunteering as the public address announcer—a role he held for more than 25 years. His voice became a familiar presence at football games, basketball games, wrestling meets, baseball and softball games, and other school events. He also announced for Northern Illinois University in baseball, softball, gymnastics, football and women's basketball. Over the years, Bryan has been an active volunteer in numerous school, civic and athletic activities throughout his community.

Bryan was initiated into DeKalb Lodge No 765 on November 12, 1985. He served on many committees before becoming exalted ruler in 1989-1990 and lodge secretary from 1998 to 2009. He is an honorary life member and continues to serve the lodge when needed to fulfill unexpired officer terms or committees.

For the Illinois Elks Association, Bryan served as:

- North Central District Vice President (1992-1993)
- State Chaplain (1993-1994)
- Third, Second and First State Vice President (1994-1997)
- State President (1997-1998)
- Chairman Advisory Committee (2000-2001)
- Chairman, Convention Committee (2002-2004)
- Co-Chair, Leading Knight/Officer Training Seminars (1998-2008)
- Co-Chair, LouGER Committee of then-endorsed candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler F. Louis Sulsberger (2006-2008)
- District Leader/Sponsor for the Northwest District No 2680 (since 1999)

At the national level, Bryan served the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as district deputy grand exalted ruler (1994-1995) as a member (2001-2008) and chairman (2005-2007) of the Grand Lodge membership committee and grand secretary from July 2008 through July 2025

On July 2, 2025, In Kansas City, Missouri, Bryan was installed as the grand exalted ruler for 2025-2026. He and Susan are humbled, thankful and honored to serve as ambassadors of the order, visiting Elks communities across America and promoting their theme: *Be The Difference*.



Oktoberfest to support Student Scholarships

by Linda Barcelona

Can you believe how fast the summer went? While the kids were enjoying their summer, our Elks scholarship committee was hard at work getting our scholarships updated, promoting our scholarships and planning our next fundraising event!

I know it feels like the dog days of summer, but fall is nearly upon us and I hope you will be joining us for the Santa Ana Elks 3rd annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 20! The event will feature a wonderful German menu, entertainment by the amazing Da Stuben Buben and professional German dancers—you'll feel like you have traveled to Bavaria! There'll be fun entertainment, dancing, contests, an opportunity drawing, German beer and of course the chicken dance—you won't want to miss this event!

Our corporate sponsor, Aptiva Care Management, and our own Exalted Ruler, Mark Schauwecker covered the expenses, so all proceeds go directly into supporting our scholarship fund. Tickets are only \$40 and are available now online at SAElks.com. You'll want to purchase your tickets early as seating is limited and this event will certainly sell out.

Football is Finally Here at the Lodge!

by Dan Breece

It's September, so you know what that means! Football is back baby! I've talked to a lot of you, so I know how hungry we've all been as the clock wound down to opening day for the 2025-2026 season. The wait is over, and the hungry will be fed!

The opener is on Thursday, September the 4 with the Cowboys visiting the defending champs, the Philadelphia Eagles. In a new approach this year, there will be a Friday night game, with the Chiefs playing the Chargers in Sao Paulo Brazil. Then of course we start the full course menu on Sunday with every game on a TV some place here at the lodge. Sunday finishes the day with the Ravens and Bills squaring off in the 5:20 p.m. game. So, no matter who your favorite team is, it will be available. The earlier you get here the better if you want to have a chance to get the best seat, so don't hesitate!

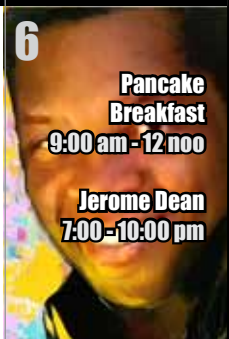
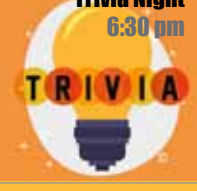
Monday, September 8 will be our official MNF kick-off with the Vikings and the Bears in their first divisional game of the season. We will have our usual fun, food and fellowship with the doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Once again, we will be serving up a delicious meal each week. Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker has agreed to join us to cook a meal or two for us this year too! ER Mark loves to cook so we're looking forward to what he has in store for us.

The committee has been anxiously waiting to get going again as much as you have been wanting football back! We look forward to seeing you and enjoying football again every Monday night!

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY Lodge closed 	2 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Night	3 Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm Investigation 3:30-6:30 pm	4 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karoake 7:15-10:00 pm	5 Fish Fry 4:30-8:00 pm Mango Band 7:00 - 10:00 pm CoEd Bunco 6:00 pm	6 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Jerome Dean 7:00-10:00 pm 
7 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football - 9:00 am 	8 Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm MNF - 4:00 pm 	9 Lodge Meeting Balloting 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 Karoake 6:00-10 pm 	12 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm So Petty Concert 	13 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation - Noon Casino Night 
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 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Karoake 7:15-10:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm	19 Texas BBQ 4:30-8:00 pm Five Star Band 7:00 - 10:00 pm 	20 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Oktoberfest 
21 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football - 9:00 am Opening of Olympic Games 	22 Lodge Closed Bingo - 6:15 pm MNF - 4:00 pm 	23 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm Special Buffet HC Meeting	24 Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	25 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Scholarship Information Night 6:00 pm Karoake 7:15-10:00 pm	26 Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm	27 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Magic Castle Night 7:00 - 10:00 pm 
28 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Football - 9:00 am 	29 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm MNF 4:00 pm	30 No Lodge Mtg Taco Night Cigar & Wine Dinner 6:00 pm 	31 Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm			

October

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WE ARE THE 			1 Birthday Club Pasta Night Investigation 3:30 pm 	2 All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Western Line Dancing 6:00-10:00 pm 	3 Fiesta Buffet 4:30-8:00 pm Michael Sylvestri 7:00 - 10:00 pm	4 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Prime Rib Night 4:30 - 8:00 pm
5 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Football 10:00 am - 8:00 pm 	6 Lodge closed Bingo - 6:15 pm Monday Night Football 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm 	7 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	8 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm	9 All American Menu Tiki Bar Night 4:30-8:00 pm 	10 Steak Night 4:30-8:00 pm DJ Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 pm 	11 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12:00 Noon
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Car & Cycle Show Impresses Again



by Dan Breece

The MNF committee hit another home run hosting their third annual car & motorcycle show. The committee was organized and ready for this year's almost double attendance and 134 cars & six motorcycles! The show received rave reviews from all who attended.

Co-chairs Ernie Segala and Vince Lopez, along with all of the committee members, gave every-

one who attended something to remember. A wonderful opening ceremony kicked off the show with the American Legion Tustin Post 227 color guard presenting our flag and Alexandra Castle performing the national anthem.

There were 18 vendors set up around the show, inside and out with a variety of things to choose from. John Moore and the staff provided food and great service throughout the day starting with breakfast burritos and finishing with street tacos. After the awards ceremony at 2:00 p.m., there was a short break before the band, The Mixx, took the stage in the ballroom. They played from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., keeping the dance floor jumping.

There were 24 categories, including our very own Exalted Ruler Award, chosen by our very own Mark Schauwecker. DJ Ron-

nie Harrell kept everyone outside entertained during the morning and afternoon until handing it off to the band.

The weather was perfect; the cars were impressive and the few hundred who attended went home with a smile on their face. It was a great family orientated event. If you didn't make it this year, make sure you do next year. It's become a day to come out and relax with some friends at the lodge, see some unique and beautiful cars of all kinds and be entertained. A huge shout out and thank you to the MNF crew for another job well done!



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Emblem Club News And Events

by Connie Foley

As summer draws to a close and students head back to school, the Emblem Club is already looking ahead to the holidays with a full calendar of activities, project and community service efforts.

This year, Emblem president Sharon Casares Breece has chosen a heartfelt initiative as her special project—comfort bears. These cuddly companions are designed to bring comfort, security and companionship to those in need.

The bears will be distributed to care homes for Alzheimer's patients, children's centers and cancer treatment facilities. Club members are hard at work making 300 bears, each costing an estimated \$7-\$9

to produce. Community support is greatly appreciated and donations will help bring this project to life.

You can donate by making out checks payable to Emblem #530 and include "Comfort Bear Project" in the memo line.

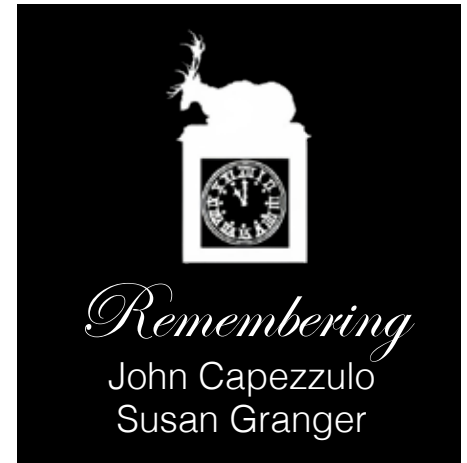
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **QUARTERMANIA** — Veterans Fundraiser - September 14, RSVP to Evelyn Godinez at 714-240-8001
- **SEES CANDY SALES** - Starts October 15 - Stop by the Emblem table in the McCalla Lounge to place your order.
- **VETERANS UNDERWEAR DRIVE** - Starts October 16 - Details to be announced soon.
- **ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE** - October 19 - Admission \$5 at the door.
- **HOLIDAY PIE SALE** - Begins November 1 - Watch for more

details in the coming weeks.

- **FASHION SHOW** - November 8 - RSVP to Evelyn Godinez at 714-240-8001 or write Evelyn-Godinez1131@gmail.com to reserve your seat.

With service, creativity and community spirit, the Emblem Club continues to make a difference— one event, one project and one bear at a time.



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New Candidates for Membership

CANDIDATE	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER
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Claire Jackson	Operations Manager	Rory Tompoles
Deborah H. Bueche	Retired	Raymond Bueche
E. Adriene Meehan	Retired Interior Designer	Robert Meehan
Ellen Jean Richards	Retired	Phillip J. Sullivan
Eva Rojo	Sr. Client Relations	Teresa Jimenez
Gilbert Rodarte	Barber	Reinstate
James J. Cogley	Electrical Contractor	Phillip J. Sullivan
John Armenta	Maintenance	John Kachirsky
Joseph Harrison	Retired	Sandra Marquez
Julie Elder	Bookkeeper	George Will
Kenneth E. Maxfield	Project Manager	Transfer from Fullerton
Laurita Domasin	Retired	Silvia Nash
Martin Gutierrez	Police Officer	John Kachirsky
Michael Lewis Henry	Retired SAUSD Teacher	Phillip J. Sullivan
Michael W. Ramsey	Personal Trainer	Karin Marquez
Miriam Lacey	Professor Emeritus	Elizabeth Hallett
Omar Magana	Business Owner	Joseph Rodriguez
Pamela Kuznik	Former DJ	Jenna Bodholdt
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Celebrating September Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, September 3

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

9/1..... Marianne Brown	9/10..... Douglas Moran	9/19..... Manuel Enrique Rodriguez
9/1..... Albert Darmousseh	9/10..... Guy Edward Parrent	9/19..... Charlotte Waggoner
9/1..... Daniel Marquez	9/10..... Patricia Lynn Raburn	9/20..... Joseph Cave
9/1..... Richard Menze	9/10..... Steven Spencer	9/20..... Lawrie Ann Dorsz
9/2..... Tony Bacolot	9/11..... John W Bicking	9/20..... Michelle Kato
9/2..... Helen Gomez	9/11..... James Covington III	9/20..... Jaqueline Moss
9/2..... Jeannette Granados	9/11..... Edmund D Hayes	9/20..... Cesar Rodriguez
9/2..... Karen Reese	9/11..... Jaime Medina	9/20..... Marc Thompson
9/2..... Albert Tesillo	9/11..... Maged M Youssef	9/20..... James Ryan Yates
9/3..... Greg Bender	9/12..... Ana Broussard	9/21..... Ronald P Kuskie
9/3..... Phil Jimenez	9/12..... Ronald Gorrie	9/21..... Beatriz Negrete
9/3..... Michael Paul Lopez	9/12..... Robert McElney	9/21..... Victor Ramirez
9/3..... E. Jim Paolinetti	9/12..... Joshua Sarinas	9/21..... Denise Segovia
9/3..... Jason Rivera	9/12..... Andy Sowa	9/21..... Holman Dale Cook
9/4..... Micheal Claude Ash	9/13..... Annette Austin	9/22..... Jay Goetz
9/4..... Joseph McClintock	9/13..... Ronald Louis Herbel	9/22..... Joese Gloria Hernandez
9/4..... James Perez	9/13..... Richard Lyons	9/22..... H. Gil Kveen, Jr
9/4..... Randall Perez	9/13..... Johnny Nielsen	9/22..... Joy Ridout
9/5..... David Aarchus	9/13..... Thomas Pokladowski	9/22..... Francisco Leonardo Rios
9/5..... Pamela Sue Bethke	9/13..... Jorge Robledo	9/23..... Maria Bell
9/5..... Gabriel Cordova	9/13..... Alexandra Sams	9/23..... Denise Clepper
9/5..... Ronald Dodge II	9/14..... Andrew Katz	9/23..... Eric Ruelas
9/5..... Ada Frey	9/14..... Lorraine Peralta	9/23..... Alan Schlappy
9/5..... Carey Novits	9/14..... Andre Roberson	9/23..... Jonathan Sullivan
9/5..... David Rivera	9/14..... Daniel Salcedo	9/23..... Robert Velasco
9/6..... Valerie Amezcua	9/15..... Art Flores	9/23..... Renae Wilkinson
9/6..... Gloria Chavez	9/15..... Janet Kardashian	9/24..... Amy Daugherty
9/6..... Priscilla Ramirez	9/16..... Scott Feltenberg	9/24..... Bernie Dennis
9/7..... Jonathan Abelove	9/16..... Cesar Garcia	9/24..... Nicholas Duda
9/7..... Art Barcelona	9/16..... Rosemarie Kyger	9/24..... Tyrond Duplantier
9/7..... Arturo Cepeda	9/16..... Craig Whaley	9/24..... Jason Michael Lozano
9/7..... Maurice Sanchez	9/16..... Bryan Crain	9/24..... Nicolasa Ramirez
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9/8..... Faamoana Faletoi	9/17..... Carmen DeAnda	9/25..... Linda Rodriguez
9/8..... Robert Giasolli	9/17..... Samuel Gonzalez	9/26..... Karen Amsler
9/8..... Efren Perales	9/17..... John Ibarra	9/26..... Olivia Beltz
9/8..... Gregory Leo Plotnik	9/17..... Elbert Joe Lynch, Jr.	9/26..... John Boston
9/8..... Kasey Rose Rivera	9/17..... Irma Macias	9/26..... Carmen Cardenas
9/8..... Andrew Young	9/17..... Dennis Rivelli	9/26..... Alfred Corfield
9/9..... John David Acuna	9/18..... Fabiola Baez	9/26..... Ruben Hernandez
9/9..... Mario A Cuevas	9/18..... Cindy Lue Brunner	9/26..... Henrietta Viola Herrera
9/9..... Andrew R Montoya	9/18..... Meredith Castro	9/26..... Curtis Rach
9/9..... Dan S Romero	9/18..... Robert Garrett	9/27..... Rachel Camacho
9/9..... Laura Katnik- Walker	9/18..... Lance Hyde	9/27..... Danny Granados
9/10..... Joseph Chiles	9/18..... George Salapski	9/27..... Ronald Raymond Kato
9/10..... William E Feuerborn	9/19..... David Laneaux	9/27..... Troy Leonard
9/10..... Oswaldo Forero	9/19..... Janis Paulson	9/27..... Robert McLelland
9/10..... Hans Habereder	9/19..... Mark Paulson	9/27..... Jody O'Donnell
9/10..... Margaret Marquez	9/19..... George Prescott	9/27..... Damian Williams
		9/28..... Irene Garza
		9/28..... Art Ramirez
		9/28..... Carol Vohs
		9/28..... Brian Roe Yeandle
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The evening's menu is as tempting as a winning jackpot. Guests will savor creative delights like short rib martinis, teriyaki chicken, poached salmon, buffalo wings, beef taquitos, corn dogs and a fresh salad bar. And because every Vegas-worthy night needs a signature sip, there will be flavored martinis made with Stolichka vodka—perfect for toasting your big wins.

While you try your luck at the tables, DJ Ronnie will keep the dance floor alive with a winning mix of music. Whether you're rolling dice or rolling out your best moves, the soundtrack will keep the energy high all night long.

Feeling lucky! The night will also feature exciting opportunity drawings for fabulous prizes. But take note—just like a hot streak at

the tables, tickets are limited. Only 180 tickets are available and they're expected to go fast at \$30 each.

So grab your tickets at SAElks.com and join the fun—because when Casino Night says Viva Las Vegas, it's a sure thing!

Tom Petty Tribute Band Rocks Lodge



We should all be *Free Fallin'* towards getting tickets for So Petty - The Tom Petty Tribute at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, Friday, September 12. It might feel like you're *Runnin' Down a Dream*, but once the band kicks into gear, you'll know it's really a dream come true.

From unforgettable hits like *Last Dance with Mary Jane*, *American Girl* and *I Won't Back Down*, lead vocalist Sean Amato channels the spirit of Tom Petty with uncanny precision. Backed by a stellar band, he captures the beloved singer's sound, stage presence and style, making the performance feel like the real thing.

The doors open at 6:00 and the evening includes a BBQ buffet. The event is open to Elks and non-Elks alike at SAElks.com (\$50 for Elks and \$60 for non-Elks) but tickets are limited. So if you looking for a fun evening of reminiscing with Tom Petty's greatest hits, this is one tribute show you won't want to miss!



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/25 1845

INCREASES

Initiated	86
Affiliated	10
Reinstated	2
Subtotal	98

DECREASES

Dropped	6
Transferred Out	14
Absolute Dinit	0
Deaths	7
Expelled	0
Subtotal	27
Calculated Membership Total	1917
CLMS Active Members.....	1917
Average Age	63.53
Gain/Loss	71

DELINQUENCY

Six Months	0
One Year	222
Over One Year	0
Total	222
Lapsation Rate.....	12.03%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting	2
Ready for investigation	9
Ready for balloting	28
Ready for orientation	19
Ready for Initiation	5
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement	3
Other	0
Total	66

LIFE MEMBERS

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

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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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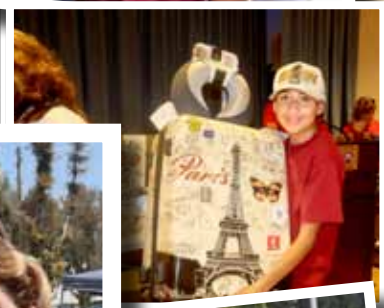
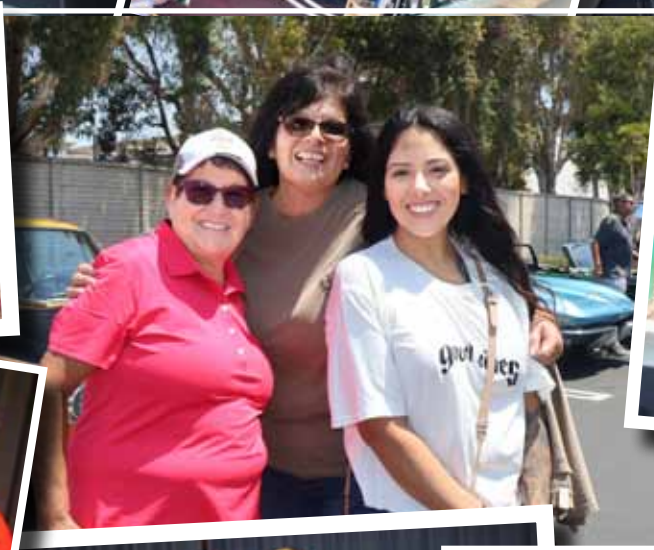
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