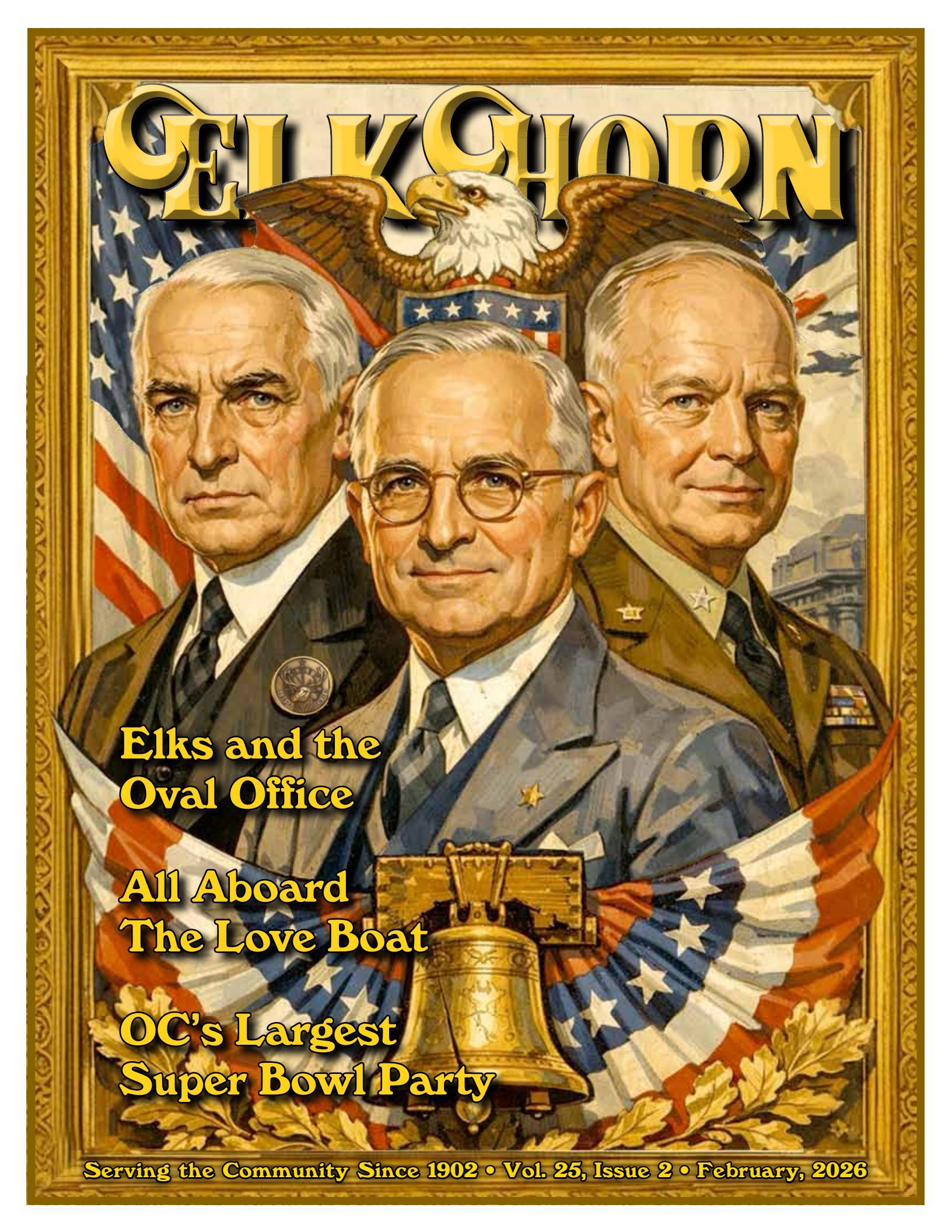


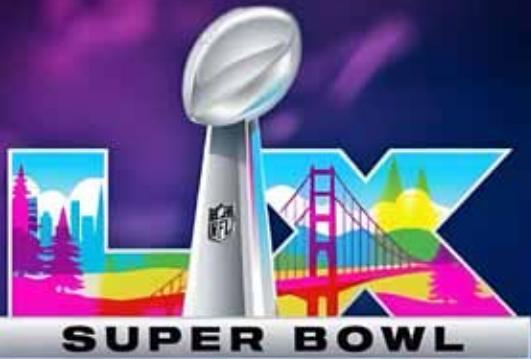
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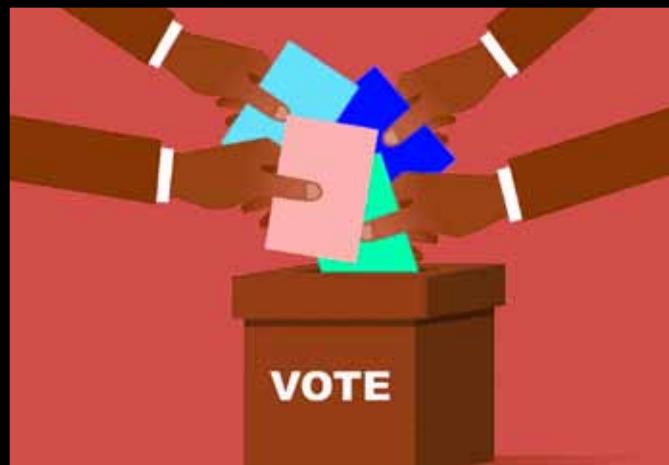
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**2ND NOMINATIONS**  
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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**



**The LOVE BOAT**

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**Jerome Dean and  
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DAY**

March 7

**Irish breakfast**  
**9:00 am - noon**

**Irish dinner & concert**  
**featuring sideways**  
**5:30 pm - 11:00 pm**



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## Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker



Ahoy, fellow Elks! As we sail into February, love is all around, on land and on sea! Our annual Valentine's Dance is just around the corner, and this year we're setting sail on a Love Boat-themed adventure. This annual event is brought to you in collaboration with the Emblem Club. Break out your captain's hats, nautical stripes and dancing shoes because we'll be cruising through an evening of great music by Jerome Dean and Yachty By Nature, great company, and plenty of laughter.

Tickets are available now—you can purchase them directly from our lodge website! We're excited to make it easier than ever to reserve your spot and support our lodge events. Just visit our main web page ([SAElks.com](http://SAElks.com)), choose the Valentine's Dance and secure your "boarding pass" online. It's quick, simple, and helps keep everything shipshape.

As we embrace this new year, we're also embracing new ideas—

and the website is just the beginning. Expect to see more online resources, updates, and ways to stay engaged with lodge activities. Whether it's signing up for dinners, or checking the calendar for upcoming events, our digital tools are here to help keep us all connected.

Let's make this February a time to celebrate friendship, community and the spirit of Elksdom. I hope to see everyone aboard for our Love Boat Valentine's Dance! Here's to smooth sailing and a fabulous 2026 filled with fellowship and charity.

## Esteemed Leading Knight Eli Morales



Greetings, Fellow Elks; February always reminds me of a song that was very popular back in the day—well before my time, of course. It goes something like: "Love is in the air, everywhere I look around. Love is in the air, every sight and every sound." I'm sure many of you know it.

This time of year also reminds me that love is more than just a feeling—it is an action, it is a state of mind. Here in our lodge, that feeling

## Additional Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

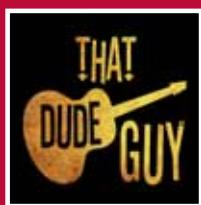
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NELSON  
February 21



MAGIC CASTLE  
NIGHT  
February 28



For the full calendar of events, go to [SAElks.com/calendar](http://SAElks.com/calendar)

and that action is exercised continuously by our members and volunteers through charity and brotherly love. Charity is one of the clearest expressions of love, and when our charitable efforts extend beyond our lodge and into our community, it truly becomes love in action.

Our actions support members of both our community and our lodge who may be struggling, reminding them that they are not alone. In December, through the dedication of our various committees, many families were able to enjoy food on their tables, presents for their children, and—most importantly—love from a group of strangers who answered the call. That includes you, the members of Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794.

One of our four cardinal virtues is brotherly love, and I can assure you that our lodge has an abundance of it. This was especially apparent during the holiday season. Seeing our members work together with smiles on their faces was, to me, the greatest holiday gift of all.

What I am about to share next is a true story, though the names will be omitted to protect the innocent. In January, I was fortunate to be invited to the union of two great Elks—at least in my opinion. As the brief ceremony unfolded, I couldn't help but notice the love that filled the room between these two wonderful people. In that very moment, I realized how lucky I was to be part of such a beautiful memory.

I have been a member of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge for six years, and I will admit that I initially joined for the social aspect. That night, however, I realized I had found something far more important and meaningful. I found a group of people I am truly blessed to call family.

Take a moment this month to

recognize the love—the feeling and the action—that make our lodge, and all Elks, some of the best people on earth. You owe it to yourself to know that your efforts are actions that truly make a difference in someone's life. They certainly did in mine.

For that, I will forever be grateful to all of you—and to my wife, for joining me in this beautiful adventure of being an Elk. Love is in the air, indeed. Elkdom—Love it. Live it.

### Esteemed Loyal Knight Brian Byrd



It seems like just yesterday that we said good bye to 2025 and welcomed in 2026. And here we are already through the month of January. Although the year has just ended, the Elk year doesn't end until March 31 and we still have a lot of time to make an impact in our communities. I would like to remind all Elks that there is still time to go online to SAEElks.com/donate and register to give to the Purple Pig (CHEA Major Projects) and the ENF (Elks National Foundation). All donations made to either of these charities are tax deductible

Also there are still two more months in this Elk year to share our great Order and the best lodge in the Orange Coast District with friends and family. This is the opportunity to propose a new member before our Elk year comes to a close. We should all make an effort to propose at least one new member.

In the next week or two, you should start seeing a notice in the

mail to renew your membership. Please take some time when you receive that notice to renew. You can pay online, mail a check to the lodge or come in to the lodge and pay and enjoy your Elks family, great food and wonderful drinks while you're here.

I would like to remind you that in the center of the ElkHorn is a two-month calendar. We have, as always, many great events taking place. Make a plan to go online to get tickets early as some of the events will sell out quickly. We have put together excellent menus and entertainment, including the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, and St. Patrick's Day. Be a part of the party and don't experience FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out.)!

Your officers have started practicing for the orientation ritual competition, Thank you for all your support last year, and thank you in advance for your continued support as we move forward into our new responsibilities.

Please make some time to come to lodge meetings every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Come early to enjoy a meal and stay afterwards to converse with your officers, have a snack and a drink. Your participation helps us to know what is important to you as members.

Until next month, remember: It's great to be an Elk!

### Esteemed Lecturing Knight Karla Vigil



As we welcome the month of February, we step into a time of renewed focus, connection, and preparation for the exciting months ahead. February offers us an opportunity

to reflect on our accomplishments, strengthen our bonds as members, and continue building momentum for the year.

This month also marks an important step for our organization as we begin the nomination process for new officers for the upcoming 2026–2027 term. Leadership plays a vital role in our continued success, and I encourage all members to stay engaged, support one another, and consider how they can contribute to the future of our lodge.

I am truly honored to share that I will be receiving a nomination for esteemed loyal knight. As I enter my fourth year as an officer, I am deeply grateful for the encouragement, guidance, and unwavering support I have received throughout this journey. Serving alongside such dedicated members has been both a privilege and a rewarding experience.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me along the way. I look forward to what February brings and to continuing our work together with unity, purpose, and pride. If you do not see me at the lodge very much it is the time I hibernate and learn my ritual charge. We have begun our ritual practice and we as a team plan to take our Santa Ana Elks 794 Lodge to great heights and we hope we make you proud.

Please remember to check our website for great events coming up: Superbowl, Valentines Day Dance, That Dude Guy and so much more... this lodge is always popping with great events that our members are sure to love!

I would love to see you attend our Tuesday meetings as well so please join us each Tuesday at 7:30 and stay for the snack after and get to know us and other members! Brotherly love to you all!

## General Manager John Moore



It's February, and you know what that means: Valentine's Day. Exalted Ruler Mark Schauwecker and Emblem

President Sharon Breece have combined their talents to present a brilliant event on Saturday, February 14. The Love Boat-themed Valentine's Dinner Dance will feature music by Jerome Dean and the popular band, Yachty by Nature, highly regarded as the "best" yacht rock band anywhere. The Love Boat departs at 6:00 pm, so make your reservation soon! We have room for the first 250 at \$50.00 per person (tax and tip included) through February 8, then the price goes to \$60 through February 14, so be an early bird before we sell out. Tickets are available for purchase online or by calling the lodge..

Speaking of bands on Sunday, February 15 from 2:00-6:00 pm we are throwing our After-Football Season & Super Bowl "Thank You Party" for all who supported the football season all year. Every member is invited to come, especially if you love to dance. There is no admission price. All we ask is that you have a great time. The chef has planned a great \$10.00 BBQ. Come and join us for a great BBQ, beer, drink specials and dance to the awesome music provided by the popular dance band SIDEWAYS. We are holding this event in our ballroom which means we have room for the first 250. So, gather your group

and let us know you're coming, you do not want to miss this one.

We love the fact our members use the lodge to entertain. However if you need assistance with booking and event planning, please call our banquet sales team, Ana or Stacey; they will help with all the details to make your event "one to remember". If it's a more casual event and you just want to enjoy the McCalla Lounge, keep in mind a member can bring a total of 20 guests but for staffing purposes, we need advance notice. So please call the lodge to make a group reservation. If you just show up, we will do our best to accommodate you but by having advance notice we will add additional staff. Remember more than 20 constitutes an event and there will be an additional labor charge. This will allow a dedicated server to provide you with exceptional service. We get asked all the time "can I bring in a celebration cake or dessert." The answer is yes! This is the one exception to the health department & lodge rule of no outside food allowed. For those new members who may not be aware; to comply with the OC Health Department, no outside food including snacks, sunflower seeds etc. can be brought in or consumed. A simple way to think about it is if you can chew it, sip it and swallow it, you can't bring it in. We have great menus with an array of choices to choose from, and if there is something you would like to see on the menu, send me a note and we will try to accommodate your request.

**BUNCO!**  
**February 27**  
Tickets Available at the Lodge



# PRESIDENTS' DAY

## ELKS AND THE OVAL OFFICE

### Leadership Service and the Fraternal Ideal

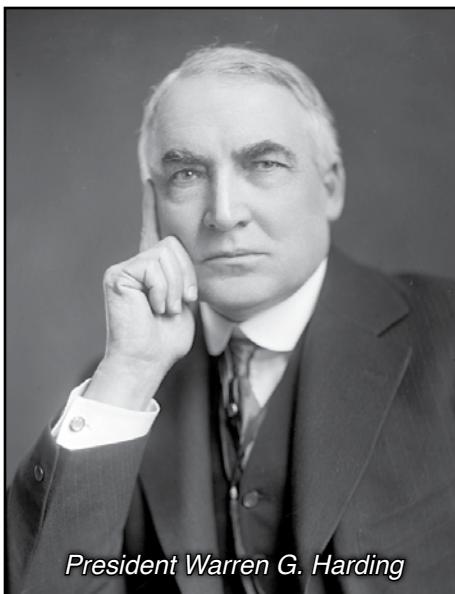
President's Day invites Americans to reflect not only on those who have held the nation's highest office, but on the values that define true leadership. For members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the holiday resonates in a particular way. The ideals of fraternity, service and devotion to country—long practiced in Elks lodges—are the same principles that have guided some of the nation's most respected presidents.

The holiday now known as Presidents' Day began as a tribute to George Washington, whose birthday, February 22, was widely observed in the decades following his death in 1799. Early celebrations included public speeches, parades and civic gatherings that honored Washington, not only as the nation's first president, but as a model of selfless leadership and republican virtue.

In 1879, Washington's Birthday became

a federal holiday, initially applying to the District of Columbia, and by 1955 it was extended nationwide—the first federal holiday to honor an individual American citizen. For nearly a century, the observance remained tied to Washington's actual birth date.

Change came with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968, which took effect in 1971 and moved the celebration to the third Monday of February. Although Congress never officially renamed the holiday, popular usage gradually expanded its meaning to honor not only Washington, but all who have served as President of the United States, with particular recognition given to Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday falls on February 12. Today, Presidents' Day stands as both a commemoration of individual leaders and a broader reflection on the responsibilities of the office itself.



*President Warren G. Harding*



*President Harry S. Truman*



*President Dwight D. Eisenhower*

**“One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.” —John F. Kennedy**

### **WARREN G. HARDING** **29th President of the United States**

Warren G. Harding is the only U.S. President known to have been an active member of the Elks prior to assuming office. Initiated into Marion Lodge No. 32 in Ohio, Harding believed deeply in the power of fraternal organizations to strengthen communities and promote national unity.

Harding often spoke of the bond formed through shared service. In a 1921 address, he reflected “There is a fraternity among men who serve, which cannot be written into law, but which is essential to the spirit of America.”

His presidency emphasized reconciliation and stability in the aftermath of World War I—goals that mirrored the Elk’s commitment to harmony, patriotism and service to others.

### **HARRY S. TRUMAN** **33rd President of the United States**

Harry S. Truman, a member of Independence Lodge No. 204 in

Missouri, brought a similarly grounded perspective to public service. Known for his plain-spoken honesty and unwavering sense of duty, Truman valued local institutions and fraternal organizations as the backbone of American democracy.

His philosophy of leadership aligned closely with Elks principles of humility and unselfish service. Truman once observed: “It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.”

That belief was evident through his presidency which demanded difficult decisions made not for personal acclaim, but for the good of the nation.

### **DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER** **34th President of the United States**

While not a regular member, Dwight D. Eisenhower was named an honorary member of the Order of Elks, recognizing a lifetime devoted to service. As Supreme Allied Commander

during World War II and later as President, Eisenhower exemplified steady leadership, restraint and devotion to democratic ideals.

The honorary distinction reflected the shared values between the Order and a leader whose life demonstrated that leadership is rooted in service, not in privilege.

### **A PRESIDENTS' DAY REFLECTION**

President's day is ultimately about more than birthdays or titles. It is a moment to reflect on the character and commitments that sustain the republic. The connection between the presidency and the Elks remind us that leadership begins in communities—through fellowship, responsibility and service to others,

From lodge rooms to the Oval Office, the enduring lesson is clear: a strong nation is built by individuals who serve without seeking reward. That principle lies at the heart of both President's Day and the proud traditions of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

# SUPER BOWL

## The Super Bowl: From a Modest Kickoff to America's Biggest Sunday

When the first Super Bowl was played in January 1967, few could have predicted it would become the most-watched annual sporting event in American life. Then known simply as the AFL-NFL World Championship Game, Super Bowl I was a practical solution to a rivalry between two leagues. Played before a crowd that didn't even fill the stadium, it was more curiosity than spectacle.

Everything changed as professional football grew into a national obsession. The merger of the AFL and NFL in 1970 cemented the Super Bowl as the season's grand finale, and television transformed it into a cultural event. By the 1980s, and '90s, the game had become as famous for its commercials and halftime shows as for its championship drama. Roman numerals, iconic moments, legendary dynasties and unforgettable upsets turned the Super Bowl into a shared national ritual—one Sunday each year when living rooms, bars and lodges all tune in together.

Today the Super Bowl is more than a game. It's a celebration of community, tradition and

togetherness—values that pair naturally with Elks lodges across the country. Locally, that spirit reaches its peak at the Santa Ana Elks Super Bowl Party. Known as the largest Super Bowl gathering in Orange County, it brings members, families and friends together for football, food and fellowship on the biggest Sunday of the year.

Here at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, hundreds of football fans will converge to watch the game on multiple giant screens while enjoying BBQ burgers, BBQ chicken, nachos, boneless wings, hot dogs, cookies and, of course, plenty of delicious libations. Early Bird tickets are \$35 available online at [SAElks.com](http://SAElks.com) as well as at the lodge all throughout the month of January. Starting February 1, tickets are \$40... if they're still available. This event always sells out so get your tickets early!

From its humble beginnings in 1967 to a packed house at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, the Super Bowl remains what it has always been at heart: a reason to come together and share the moment!

# Why Buying Tickets and Making Reservations Online at SAEIks.com Helps Everyone at the Lodge

by Mark Schauwecker, ER

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge is busier and more active than ever—and it's a great thing. From dinners and dances to special events and fund raisers, our lodge thrives because members show up and support what we do. One small change can make a big difference in how smoothly those events run: purchasing tickets and making reservations online whenever possible.

## IT SAVES TIME FOR MEMBERS AND STAFF

Online reservations and ticket purchases are quick and available 24/7. There's no waiting on hold, no need to stop by the lodge during office hours, and no risk of miscommunications. Just a few clicks and you're confirmed. You'll even get an email confirming your transaction and an event reminder.

For our staff and volunteers, online reservations eliminate hours spent answering phones, writing down orders, and re-entering information later. That time can be better spent improving events and serving members.

## IT REDUCES ERRORS AND CONFUSION

Handwritten lists, voice mails and verbal reservations can lead to mistakes—misspelled names, wrong ticket counts or lost messages. Online systems capture your information clearly and accurately, helping insure:

- Correct head counts

- Contact information
- Accurate meal planning

Fewer errors mean smoother transactions and happier members.

## IT HELPS EVENTS RUN MORE SMOOTHLY

When reservations are made online, event organizers can see real-time numbers. This allows us to:

- Order the right amount of food
- Schedule appropriate staffing
- Set up seating and materials in advance

Better planning means better events—and less waste of lodge resources.

## IT SUPPORTS THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE LODGE

Online ticket purchases often process payments daily, which reduces the need for manual handling of money or credit card numbers at the front desk. Less handling of money also means:

- Faster last-minute check-ins
- Fewer accounting issues
- Improved financial tracking

Every dollar saved on administrative work helps support our charitable mission.

## IT EASES THE FRONT DESK WORKLOAD

The lobby front desk already has many responsibilities. Handling event reservations in person adds congestion and stress—especially right before dinners or during busy lodge hours. Online

reservations help keep the front desk focused on member service rather than paperwork.

## IT'S THE FUTURE—AND IT'S MEMBER-FRIENDLY

Online reservations are now the standard everywhere—from restaurants to concerts to travel. Using our online system helps modernize our lodge operations while making participation easier for everyone, including members who travel, work irregular hours, or plan last minute.

And purchasing tickets or making reservations online is safer because it creates an instant, timestamped digital record that reduces errors, eliminates miscommunications and limits the need for handling cash or sharing personal financial information in person or over the phone.

## A SMALL CHANGE AND A BIG IMPACT

By choosing to purchase tickets and make reservations online, Santa Ana Elks members help:

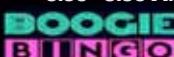
- Staff and volunteers work more efficiently
- Events run more smoothly
- The lodge operate more professionally
- Our charitable mission thrive

Thank you for supporting the lodge—not just by attending events, but by helping us run them better. Next time an event is announced, go online at SAEIks.com, reserve your spot and be part of the solution. We know you're going to love it!

# February

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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<b>1</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	<b>2</b> Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>3</b> Lodge Meeting Officer Nominations 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting 4:00 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	<b>4</b> Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-8:00 pm Investigation Trivia - 6:30 pm 	<b>5</b> All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Line Dancing 6:30 - 9:30 PM 	<b>6</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm	<b>7</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon
<b>8</b>  OC's Largest Super Bowl Party Doors open at 12:30	<b>9</b> Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	<b>10</b> Lodge Meeting Officer Nominations Balloting - 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Tuesday	<b>11</b> Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	<b>12</b> All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm Charity Mtg 6:00 pm Tiki Bar Thursday 	<b>13</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm 	<b>14</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon 
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<b>22</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon  Bar Olympics 2:00 - 6:00 pm 	<b>23</b> Lodge Closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	<b>24</b> House Committee 5:00 pm Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm Taco Tuesday	<b>25</b> Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	<b>26</b> All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm All New Karaoke 6:30 - 9:30 pm 	<b>27</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm BUNCO 6:00 pm 	<b>28</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon  Magic Castle Night 6:30 - 9:30 PM 

IT'S *Great* TO BE AN ELK!

# March

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

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

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<b>8</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon  	<b>9</b> Lodge closed  Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>10</b> Lodge Meeting House Meeting 5:00 pm  Taco Tuesday	<b>11</b> Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm  	<b>12</b> All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm  Charity Mttg 6:00 pm  Magic Castle Night 6:30 - 9:30 PM  	<b>13</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm	<b>14</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon  Orientation Noon
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<b>22</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	<b>23</b> Lodge Closed  Bingo 6:15 pm  	<b>24</b> House Committee 5:00 pm  Lodge Meeting ER Exit Night 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm  	<b>26</b> All American Menu 4:30-8:00 pm  All New Karaoke 6:30 - 9:30 pm  	<b>27</b> Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm  Majestic Mike 7:00 - 10:00 PM	<b>28</b> Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon  
<b>29</b> Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon  	<b>30</b> Lodge closed  Bingo 6:15 pm	<b>31</b> Installation of Officers  	<b>BUY EVENT TICKETS AND MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE AT SAEK'S.COM</b>			





## Valentine's Day on the Love Boat Come Aboard - We're Expecting You!

The Love Boat is making another run, promising love, exciting and new, for everyone!

Yes, love is all around at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, and this year's Valentine's Day dinner dance promises an evening as timeless as romance itself. Hosted by Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 and Emblem Club #530, members and guests are invited to come aboard for a night of elegance, music and celebration on Saturday, February 14.

The evening sets sail with drinks and appetizers in the McCalla Lounge from 6:00 to 7:00 pm with a delicious appetizer menu that includes lamb chops, spinach and artichoke dip, gourmet anti pasta and candied pecan canapés.

At 7:00, we dock at the Grand Ballroom for an indulgent menu that includes Elks house salad with champagne vinaigrette and a choice of entrées including stuffed salmon with shrimp and crab, tender beef short ribs, or a flavorful vegan red lentil penne pasta. Dessert is a decadent chocolate lava cake, capped off with a complimentary coffee cart featuring Baileys Irish Creme.

Musical romance begins during dinner with crooner "Jerome 'Isaac Washington' Dean, setting the perfect mood before the ballroom transforms into a dance floor for the high-energy sounds of Yachty by Nature. Known for their expert musicianship, witty

banter and fun-campy style, Yachty by Nature specializes in Yacht Rock favorites from the late '70s and early '80s, delivering polished performances of hits made famous by artists like Steely Dan, Michael McDonald, Toto and Hall & Oats. Their feel-good sound is tailor-made for dancing, nostalgia and unforgettable moments.

Early bird tickets are available online at [SAElks.com](http://SAElks.com) for \$50 through February 9, with tickets increasing to \$60 afterwards. With fine dining and exceptional entertainment, this is more than an event—it's a romantic trip to a distant shore. So set a course for adventure and your mind on romance... on the Love Boat!



## Give a Little Love - Save a Life!

by Buck Kuhns

This Valentine's season, the Santa Ana Elks lodge #794 invites members and friends to share the ultimate act of life-giving blood. On Monday, February 16 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, the American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place in the lodge room.

While Valentine's Day often focuses on cards, flowers and chocolates, donating blood is a gift that truly comes from the heart. Every pint donated can help save up to three lives, supporting accident victims, cancer patients, surgical patients and those facing chronic illness. Blood cannot be manufactured—it can only come from generous donors willing to step forward.

Scheduling your lifesaving appointment is easy. Just go to SAEElks.com. Donors can also save time by completing their pre-donation reading and health history the day of their appointment at RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass.

As a special thank-you, all who give blood will receive a \$20 e-gift card to the merchant of their choice. Santa Ana Elks will also receive a coupon worth 20% off a meal at the lodge.

This February, let's show our community what Elk compassion looks like. Bring a friend, give from the heart, and help turn Valentine's love into lifesaving action.

## Another Monday Night Football Season Concludes

by "Popcorn" Larry J. Hausner

It seems like only a few days ago when the Philadelphia Eagles and the Dallas Cowboys opened the 2025-2026 NFL season, but here we are saying goodbye after 18 weeks of some of the most exciting games in years. However this will be far from a permanent farewell for those of us who make up the MNF committee.

Because no sooner will the last pass be thrown and the last touchdown scored in the Super Bowl, then we on the committee will begin looking forward to other fund raisers that are dear to us. They will more than occupy the spring and summer with our annual golf tournament and car show, and then soon another football season will be here.

Before bringing this season to a close, please permit me to share a little secret with those of you who have never attended Monday Night Football here at the Santa Ana lodge. What is it? Simply this: you don't even have to like football to have a good time on Monday nights during the season. You can come by, meet old and new friends and enjoy a complete meal for only \$13. Drinks are available at a reduced price and, perhaps, you might win a prize or even some money.

In conclusion, I personally wish to thank those who stopped by my popcorn stand and shared a few laughs with me. My wish for the coming year is for our group to continue to support the worthwhile charities that so badly need our assistance with love and cooperation.

## From the Secretary, Linda Fernandez



I have a little secretarial housekeeping, but before I start, I'd like to wish all a very happy new year! I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you in 2026!

- Due to prices going up, we raised the application fee to \$65 effective January 1 of this year.
- Our first round of nominations for 2026-2027 officers will be February 3. The second round of nominations will be February 10 and if there are any contested positions, we will also have balloting on February 17. If you are interested in a position, contact Eli Morales.
- Our initiation for March will be held on March 17 instead of the 4th Tuesday of the month.
- The ER exit night will be on March 24. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.
- The installation of officers for 2026-2027 will be held on March 31 this year, and it's an open meeting.
- Dues notices should be going out this month. You can pay online at SAEElks.com, phone them in or we have a black box on the wall next to Sheila's desk where you can deposit your dues.

## New Candidates for Membership

CANDIDATE .....	OCCUPATION .....	PROPOSER
Anderson, Vanessa .....	Law Enforcement .....	Brian K. Byrd
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Caudillo, Alexander .....	Warehouse Worker III.....	Danny Granados
Deering, Elizabeth .....	Retired from AT&T .....	Patricia Castillo
Frisz, Jane .....	Teacher .....	Kim Weber
Greenberg, Stuart.....	Retired .....	Ronnie Harrell
Harman, Sandra .....	Retired/Ups.....	Transfer from Garden Grove
Lopez, Nicholas O.....	Custodial.....	Betty Varela
Maciha, Vicki .....	Retired .....	Greg Maciha
Matthews, Wendy .....	RN/Nurse Educator .....	Andrew Matthews
Montoya, Daniel.....	Sales.....	Teresa Mountain
Oneal, Gregory .....	Senior Analyst .....	Allen Bisbee
Overn, Chad .....	Retired Fire Engineer .....	John Moore
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Perchez, Leticia T.....	Registered Nurse .....	Betty Varela
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# Celebrating February Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, February 4

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, February 4 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

2/1 ..... Brandi Campbell  
 2/1 ..... Christine Cervenka  
 2/1 ..... Dan Chmielewski  
 2/1 ..... Marissa Harris  
 2/1 ..... Thomas Murphy  
 2/2 ..... Deanna Bradley  
 2/2 ..... Frank Bryant  
 2/2 ..... Pi-lan Chen  
 2/2 ..... Richard Feole  
 2/2 ..... Michael Garcia  
 2/2 ..... Ronnie Harrell  
 2/2 ..... Brady Michel  
 2/2 ..... Bradley Miller  
 2/2 ..... Maureen Palladino  
 2/3 ..... Armando Aparicio  
 2/3 ..... Mark Bailey  
 2/3 ..... Dennis Cardwell  
 2/3 ..... Farideh Kia  
 2/4 ..... Mario Garcia-Orozco  
 2/4 ..... Raymond John Muro  
 2/4 ..... Denise Reynoso  
 2/5 ..... Frank Donoghue  
 2/5 ..... Seymour 'Sy' Ellis  
 2/6 ..... Norma Lopez  
 2/6 ..... Jesus Osuna  
 2/6 ..... Noel Parrish  
 2/6 ..... Brett Pate  
 2/6 ..... Andrew Ramirez  
 2/7 ..... Robert Allen  
 2/7 ..... Brian Allen Bauer  
 2/7 ..... Nancy Coultrup  
 2/7 ..... Christy Liekhuis  
 2/7 ..... Gerry Serrano  
 2/8 ..... Terry Dennis  
 2/8 ..... Jaime Jesus Fuentes  
 2/8 ..... Anita Duarte Lomeli  
 2/8 ..... Rudy Luna  
 2/8 ..... Diane Mc Nally  
 2/8 ..... Sam Tadros  
 2/9 ..... Caryn Birch

2/9 ..... Tuc Bui  
 2/9 ..... Mary Cordova  
 2/9 ..... Scott Dessort  
 2/9 ..... Edward Miranda  
 2/9 ..... Robert M Partida  
 2/9 ..... Thomas Pillon  
 2/9 ..... Filiberto Phil Salinas  
 2/9 ..... Mark Tyler  
 2/10 ..... Reginald Dobson  
 2/10 ..... Nicholas Munoz  
 2/10 ..... Charles Ousley  
 2/11 ..... Kimberly Cota  
 2/11 ..... Karyn Cripps  
 2/11 ..... Britt Esquivel  
 2/11 ..... Teresa Mendez  
 2/11 ..... Darren Thompson  
 2/12 ..... Perfecto Apodaca  
 2/12 ..... Tracy Burge  
 2/12 ..... Abby Green  
 2/12 ..... Scott Harris  
 2/12 ..... Elizabeth Politiski  
 2/12 ..... Cecilia Ponce  
 2/12 ..... Johnny Saldana  
 2/12 ..... Scott Whitehead  
 2/13 ..... Michael Brown  
 2/13 ..... Patrick Enos  
 2/13 ..... Elvie Hawk  
 2/13 ..... Michael Mike Holstein  
 2/13 ..... Kellie Anne Miller  
 2/13 ..... Neil Rettig  
 2/13 ..... Nicholas Riviera  
 2/14 ..... Ronald Gatti  
 2/14 ..... Monica Nunez  
 2/14 ..... Stacey Silberman  
 2/14 ..... James Stapelton  
 2/15 ..... Thomas Badin  
 2/15 ..... Hector Moreno  
 2/15 ..... Roberta Pedroza  
 2/16 ..... Gentry Edes  
 2/16 ..... Lori Lynn Lindmeier  
 2/17 ..... Benjamin Agajanian

2/17 ..... Jessica Cha  
 2/17 ..... Laura Chiron  
 2/17 ..... Rogelio Garcia  
 2/17 ..... Christina Moore  
 2/18 ..... Karen Palomo  
 2/18 ..... David Wilkinson  
 2/19 ..... Lawrence Bailey  
 2/19 ..... Cindy Lou Lee  
 2/19 ..... Joel Nino Predisik  
 2/19 ..... Robert Reyes  
 2/19 ..... Mary Lou Taylor  
 2/19 ..... Bobby Vidana  
 2/20 ..... Gordon Braun  
 2/20 ..... James Johnson  
 2/20 ..... Konstantinos Kalaitzidis  
 2/20 ..... Amy Marie Satras  
 2/20 ..... Andrew Solis  
 2/22 ..... Ernesto Conde  
 2/22 ..... Isabelle Kaminsky  
 2/22 ..... Ruth Olson  
 2/22 ..... Gilberto Rodarte  
 2/23 ..... Gary Escudero  
 2/23 ..... Henry Esquivel  
 2/23 ..... Leopold Guzman  
 2/23 ..... Andrew Shaun Hollihan  
 2/23 ..... Franz J Klarer  
 2/24 ..... William Acalin  
 2/24 ..... Cesar Avila  
 2/24 ..... William Capps  
 2/24 ..... George Salazar  
 2/24 ..... John Seidensticker  
 2/24 ..... Alton Jack Tuttle  
 2/25 ..... Kathleen York Heringer  
 2/25 ..... Jack Mossler  
 2/26 ..... John Robert Baskin  
 2/26 ..... Fred Nichols  
 2/26 ..... Treme Ohanesian  
 2/27 ..... Gloria Acosta  
 2/27 ..... Scott Grange  
 2/27 ..... Motoko Katz  
 2/27 ..... Ursula Esparza Martinez  
 2/27 ..... Vanessa Price  
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 2/27 ..... Alfredo Soto  
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## Purple Pig Strong! Off to a Good Start

by Michele Joyce



January was off to a fantastic start and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated. It was inspiring to see it shape up as a leading month thanks so many supporting the Purple Pig, which benefits children with disabilities. We enjoyed a wonderful fund raiser at Wahoo's where a portion of the proceeds of your orders benefited the Pig—thank you to all who participated. A special thanks goes to the Emblem Club for their generosity during January birthday trivia, which helped raise additional funds. We truly appreciate being included in such a fun and successful event. Please remember to include your name and member number if you want to receive credit for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. Let's keep the momentum going!

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# Scholarship Committee Plans Fundraiser for March 28

by Linda Barcelona

January was a very busy month for the scholarship committee! We were honored to host our district's Most Valuable Student Awards judging. After being judged at the lodge level, these district-wide applications were judged by 16 of our district committee members and scholarship chairs, choosing the top three girls and three boys to advance the state level of competition. Serious work was going on in the conference room on Saturday, January 10! Our judging team read and judged 46 applications, evaluating them in five different areas including essays. Each application is read by at least three different judges. Thank you to Sue McKee, Sheryl Franke, Matt Lilly, Steve Miller and Sherry Dustin who assisted in the judging along with myself. Winners from our lodge applications will be awarded their scholarships in an open meeting on Tuesday, March 3. All our other scholarship applications will be judged in February and awarded on the same date.

Where do we get the funds to award these scholarships, you might be thinking? We get them from the generous donations of our members, from charity and Bingo contributions and from our fund raisers. The scholarship committee is pleased to announce our biggest fundraiser of the year named "*It's 5 O'clock Somewhere!*" It's an exciting dinner dance featuring the band *Yacht-Sea* (what would Jimmy and Alan do?). This band has performed at Disneyland and other big venues in Orange County, including often at our own lodge. Make

sure you save the date of March 28 and join us for dinner, dancing, contests, great live and silent auction prizes and lots of fun with the band! Keep your eyes open for updates announcing those live auction prizes. I don't know how we'll top last year, but we've been working hard to do just that! This will be our biggest event ever! Save the date, March 28—you really won't want to miss this one.

*Save the date: March 3  
Scholarship Awards Night  
March 29  
It's 5 O'clock Somewhere  
Scholarship Fundraiser*

## Football Fans to be Celebrated at Appreciation Party

The Football Fans Appreciation Party takes place Sunday, February 15 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. and it's shaping up to be a full on victory celebration. Guests can look forward to door prizes and opportunity drawings, plus a \$10 buffet that's sure to satisfy even the heartiest game-day appetites. Drink specials will be flowing as well with \$2 domestic beer bottles and \$3 domestic drafts available throughout the event. The fantastic dance band Sideways will take the stage from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. to keep the energy going.

Reservations are being accepted for the first 240 guests, and once those spots are filled, the event is officially sold out! So don't miss out, make your reservations now at [SAElks.com](http://SAElks.com).



## Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

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

Initiated.....	175
Affiliated.....	19
Reinstated .....	10
Subtotal .....	204

**DECREASES**

Dropped.....	9
Transferred Out.....	15
Absolute Dimit .....	0
Deaths .....	13
Expelled.....	0
Subtotal .....	37
<b>Calculated Membership Total .....</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>CLMS Active Members.....</b>	<b>2013</b>
Average Age .....	63.69
<b>Gain/Loss .....</b>	<b>167</b>

**DELINQUENCY**

Six Months.....	0
One Year .....	166
Over One Year .....	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Lapsation Rate.....</b>	<b>8.99%</b>

**APPLICATIONS ON HAND**

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting.....	6
Ready for investigation.....	10
Ready for balloting.....	30
Ready for orientation .....	6
Ready for Initiation.....	3
Ready for Affiliation .....	0
Ready for Reinstatement.....	0
Other.....	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>55</b>

**LIFE MEMBERS**

Life Members.....	73
Honorary Life Members .....	2
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Life Percentage .....</b>	<b>4.06%</b>



by Kellie Miller

As we head into a new year full of hope, expectations and personal growth, we can't forget those that aren't in the same frame of mind. This month we are concentrating on helping veterans from all stages of life, all stages of living, and all levels of military discharge.

This is the month of our third annual district stand down where all eight lodges in the Orange Coast District come together to feed, clothe and house veterans. It's being held on Saturday, February 28 at the Elks Lodge in Garden Grove. We are there to help for the day (hot lunch, clothing, showers, haircuts, eyeglasses, dental, music and camaraderie) but we are also there to help for their next day, week, year, life. We will have over 40 resources to help veterans find housing, VA benefits, service animals and veterans outdoor activities like fishing, camping. etc. This type of stand down helps veterans to connect with each other and helps with PTSD or anything else they are going through.

We have eight different veteran committees from different lodges involved but we need more help as it takes a village to set up and help 200+ veterans. We'll need volunteers the day of (thank you to everyone that has helped the last two years) and we'll also need help the day before to separate clothing and set up tables. We need gently used clothing for children, men and women (shoes, hats, jackets,



pants, t-shirts, shirts etc) We need new socks, underwear, sweatpants and undergarments for men, women and children. To sign up to help, go online to SAEElks.com

The Santa Ana veterans committee will also be having our monthly Veterans Coffee Talk open to all veterans, spouses and caregivers. The mission of the coffee talk is to create a safe and welcoming environment where veterans can connect with fellow service members, share their stories, and find understanding among peers. With open dialogue and mutual support, we help to promote healing, build community and ensure that every veteran has access to the resources and assistance they need to improve their well-being and quality of life.

Life can be hard for all of us and it can be especially hard on the veteran transitioning out of active duty and finding their way in a new life.

Please try to "be the one" who listens, helps and finds resources. If anyone knows or meets someone that is going through a hard time, please talk to them about attending our Coffee Talk, stand down or let us help them find resources immediately to get them connected to the right person. I've read that over 58 percent of military suicide deaths did not have a mental health diagnosis. As we know, any person can face unforeseen life events, pain, divorce, housing or job crisis. Please get in touch with any of us on the veterans committee and we will immediately find a resource that can help.

To contact us, simply email [veteransteam@elks794.org](mailto:veteransteam@elks794.org). If you're interested in volunteering or would like to know more about what we do, please come to our monthly meetings. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month and our next meeting will be in the Nest on February 17 at 6:00 pm.

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First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
 First Tues. 4:00 pm. and 3rd Tues. 5:00 pm  
**House Committee Meeting**  
 Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

**Charity Committee Meeting**

2nd Thursday of the Month, 6:00 pm  
**Monday Night Football Meeting**  
 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 pm  
**Communications Meeting**  
 2nd Monday of the month at noon

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