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**CHEA President
Charles "Chuck" Nolan
and First Lady Ginger**

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Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Breaks Records and Sheds Light on Childhood Cancer Awareness

The 2017 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo broke records across the board during its four-day run, which was held from June 1st to June 4th. Starting the weekend off right, more than 6,000 elementary school children were bussed in to attend the Elks Minetti Mini Rodeo. It was a fun and educational event targeted specifically for the children of the Santa Maria area.

A Golden Circle of Champions which included 88 PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association) members, best-of-the-best cowboys and cowgirls participated in events inspired by Lexi Brown. Lexi was a 12 year old young lady who lost her life to childhood cancer. Lexi's love, her passion, her innocence, her wit and sarcasm, her ability to live life to the fullest even when her fullest slowly became less and less, was the inspiration to raise awareness of childhood cancers.

This year the Elks and **ProjectLexi.org** along with the community and an army of volunteers came together to honor 24 families. Unfortunately, due to treatment some of the children were going through, only 18 families were able to attend.

The children were treated to a BBQ dinner while receiving Resistol cowboy hats signed by all of the professionals, Montana Silversmith champion belt buckles, belts, boots, Wranglers, and backpacks.



The Santa Maria Rodeo, which has been held annually since 1943, prior to this year had raised approximately 11.25 million dollars for local youth and veterans. This year, the Rodeo Queen's contest raised another \$573,000, monies which will be used to support area youth and veterans. Enough can not be said about the good works of the Santa Maria Elks and what their Lodge has done for the community of Santa Maria.

Santa Clarita Elks Celebrate 50th Anniversary and "Back to Back to Back" Ritual Championships

With their Lodge celebrating their 50th Year serving the Santa Clarita communities, the Lodge Officers and Ritual Team, has Won BACK-to-BACK-to-BACK State Championships in Ritual. They will be representing their Lodge, District, and our Association at the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, Nevada in July.

Exalted Ruler Maurice Hamilton accepted the 1st Place Trophy for highest team score in the preliminaries at 97.12. Esteemed Leading Knight Roger Lowe, Esteemed Loyal Knight Gary Keener, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Rick Veiga, Lodge Esquire Richard Snyder, Lodge Chaplain Paul Gleim, and Lodge Inner Guard Steve Graham each were named All State Officers. Candidate Michael Fisher was named All-State Candidate. Kelvin Swanson, P.D.D.G.E.R. and Jay Larkins, P.D.D.G.E.R. were named All State Coaches.



Good luck to our champions as they prepare for the Grand Lodge Ritual Competition!

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Robert J. McLain Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight

Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight and Past Association President 1984-1985 of Pasadena Lodge 672, passed away at home on Sunday evening May 28, 2017.



Richard L. Alves Past Grand Esquire

Richard L. Alves, Past Grand Esquire 1997-1998 and Past Association President 1986-1987, passed away at home on April 11, 2017.

Please keep the McLain and Alves families in your thoughts and prayers.

President's Message



Greetings and Aloha to all California-Hawaii Elks Members. Our annual convention and installation in Palm Springs was a great success. I commend Convention Chair Barbara Knox and her committee workers from Palm Springs Lodge and the South District for their tireless efforts.

I am deeply honored to have been elected to serve as your Association President for 2017-2018. First Lady Ginger and I are committed to serve the Association as our travels take us throughout our two states in the coming year. We look forward to visiting many Districts and Lodges, meeting members and learning all about how their Elks programs are working along with the great impact the Elks are having in their local communities.

My slogan for this year is **Reach Out – Share the Experience**. This slogan will be delivered by me and our 19 Association Vice Presidents as we encourage all Elks to Reach Out to our members, especially newly initiated members, and Share our personal experiences and successes. I ask all members to welcome your newly initiated members by inviting them to join Lodge committees and get firsthand experience by becoming an active involved member of the Lodge. The goal this year is for our membership to take the Elks message into our local communities and Share the Experience of what Elks can do as we help them through the many times we interact with them. We can show them what Elks can do for the community as we become partners within their local community, schools, associations, government, and Veteran groups.

For this year, as your President, I have selected the following programs for Special Emphasis: Membership/Retention, Major Project/Piggy Bank, Lodge Activities, National Veteran's Service and Public Relations. These programs are the heart of active and involved Elks Lodges. They, and our other programs, make an active Lodge a better Lodge. You can read more about these programs in the following pages of this publication. Much more information is located on the CHEA website at www.chea-elks.org. Remember, all it takes is for members to Reach Out and Share the Experience.

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San Luis Obispo Lodge 322, Christmas came early to the Sheriff's Office Bicycle Program. That's because 87-year-old Dr. Don Morris bought and then donated 85 bicycles that remained after Cal Poly held its annual bike auction. The bikes were loaded up and taken to the Sheriff's Honor Farm where they will be completely refurbished by inmates and then will be handed out to kids in need this holiday season during the Sheriff's Office Christmas Bicycle Giveaway. This isn't the first time Don has done something like this. He's donated bicycles from the Cal Poly auction to the Sheriff's Bicycle program for several years. Don says he always gets "great joy" in making his donation because he knows it's going to a great cause, the children in our community. Sheriff Parkinson was on hand to accept the donation from Don, a former professor at Cal Poly. The Sheriff and the entire Sheriff's Office extends a big thank you to Don for his generous gift and giving spirit.

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CHEA President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

July 16-19
Grand Lodge Convention - Reno, NV

July 28-30
West Central Coast District

August 4-6
Orange Coast District

August 11-13
South Central District

August 18-20
Northeast District

August 25-27
Central District

Department of Defense to Open Online Exchange Shopping to Veterans

The Defense Department announced that veterans will soon be able to shop online at military exchanges.

The policy change will extend limited online military exchange shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military, DoD officials said in a news release.

The shopping benefit will be effective this Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2017.

"We are excited to provide these benefits to honorably discharged veterans to recognize their service and welcome them home to their military family," said Peter Levine, performing the duties for the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

The online benefit will also strengthen the exchanges' online businesses to better serve current patrons. Inclusion of honorably discharged veterans would conservatively double the exchanges' online presence, according to DoD officials, thereby improving the experience for all patrons through improved vendor terms, more competitive merchandise assortments and improved efficiencies.

Registration begins June 1, 2017. You must call 844-868-8672 after June 1 to register.

<http://www.militarytimes.com/articles/its-official-military-exchanges-plan-to-offer-online-access-to-veterans-by-nov-11>

CHEMPI
(California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.)

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech-Language Therapy
- Preschool Vision Screening
- Disabled Student Scholarships
- The Eye Care Fund
- Bequests and Living Trusts
- The Piggy Bank Program

Please give generously to your Major Project!

"A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play."

Elks National Foundation

Robert Ostini • CHEA ENF Chairman



ENF: BY THE NUMBERS

A hearty and well deserved congratulations to all members and Lodges of the California-Hawaii Elks Association that contributed to the Elks National Foundation 2016-2017. Because of your generosity good fortune has already come to CHEMPI and the communities served by the Lodges of the CHEA.

\$867,862.26 – Total ENF Donation
 \$939,970.00 – ENF State Major Project Grant to CHEMPI
 \$584,471.86 – Community Investment Grants to CHEA Lodges
 \$4.26 – Amount ENF Gave Back For Every Dollar Raised
 \$33.14 million – ENF Approved Budget for 2017-2018
 Appropriations and Distributions

I have always believed and said that the secret to attracting and keeping new members is to be more competitive for a family's community service time and entertainment dollars. Now I find myself as chair of the CHEA National Foundation Committee applying that same principle to the collection of donations to the Elks National Foundation, competing for a member's donation dollars and volunteer time. And yet, the last thing I want to do is to detract from contributions to our great Major Project, CHEMPI.

The two charities work "hand in glove" to support the programs and communities served by the membership of our Lodges. Included in that \$33.14 million budget is \$9.10 million appropriated for ENF State Elks Association Grants. Judging from the sizable ENF State Association Grant given to CHEMPI this year we can expect another great start to the Exalted Rulers March in 2018.

The point I'm trying to make is that a donation to ENF is a donation to our Major Project as well as to our own Lodges. It is very important to see how all three levels of Elks Charity benefit from contributions to the ENF. We are all familiar with Elks' Scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness and Veteran Services supported directly by ENF. As mentioned, ENF State Elks Association Grants support major projects like CHEMPI. Then there is the Community Investment Program (CIP) that provides grants to Lodges for use in the communities they serve. This year there will be six grants for Lodges to apply for.

So while you are being asked to make a commitment to ENF, you will also be making a commitment to CHEMPI and to your own local Lodge. ENF is committed to helping Elks build stronger communities and helping our members and Lodges to "Reach Out and Share the Experience".



Visalia Lodge 1298 hosted their 2nd Annual Tea Party. Twenty-three tables were hosted by various members who were treated to a delicious lunch with desserts. Michelle Allen, the event coordinator, secured a dance team from Dance Arts of Visalia, to entertain the guests. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance, while the lodge raised over \$7,000 for Elks charities. Pictured above from the left Judy Staley, co-chairman, Michelle Allen, chairman, Jan Lee, Exalted Ruler, and Jane Donald, co-chairman.

In other news, the Lodge served 488 people for their annual Mothers Day breakfast. More than 30 volunteers helped to chop, cook and clean, making this a very successful event.



Kern River Valley Lodge 2358 Past Exalted Ruler, Jadeen Costa Schroeder, was honored by the American Red Cross as a "Spirit of the Red Cross Hero". The award was based on Schroeder's tireless work during and after the devastating Erskine Fire which took place at the end of May 2016. Jadeen Costa Schroeder saw her community facing massive destruction and quickly assumed the leadership role with members of the Kern River Valley Lodge.

Shown in the photo: Derek Jeffery, Vice President and General Manager of Bakersfield TV KGET and Jadeen Costa Schroeder



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Membership

C. Michael Melton, PSVP • CHEA Membership Chairman



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I want to start this article by thanking and congratulating every member who brought a new candidate to their lodge this past year. I also want to especially thank everyone who reached out to a delinquent or lapsed member and returned them to the fold. I believe I can say without fear

of argument, we just completed the best year of growth in the Association in the last thirty years. At last word from Grand Lodge we finished with plus 685 memberships.

How did we do it, by recruiting lots of new members? Sure, by retaining more members? YES. Our overall lapsation rate fell to 4% this year. That is nothing short of remarkable!

The gains in membership and retention were spread throughout the Association. The numbers clearly reflect those districts where the TEAM approach to membership control is practiced and supported by the leadership.

I have spoken many times of making recruitment and retention part of the culture of our lodges, districts and Association. People have asked me what does that mean. Growth is what it means and this is what it looks like. When the District Leaders, District Deputies and Association Vice Presidents get behind the District Chairman for Membership, the Exalted Rulers, Lodge Membership Chairs and all work together, success is the inevitable result. It becomes a cultural mainstay when everyone talks about membership and considers it part of everything that happens in the lodge or district as a matter of habit. More people contribute to the effort and the burden is eased across the board. It becomes part of the natural flow of business and social interaction. It happens and it works, just consider our numbers this year. We've grown to 85,374 members thanks to your hard work. We are by far the largest Association in the Order and need to continue our leadership role. Continue to save members and to recruit quality people to the Best People On Earth.

If you're interested in learning more about the TEAM concept, reach out to your Exalted Ruler or your District Chairperson for Membership and ask. Additionally the CHEA as well as the Grand Lodge web sites have excellent reference and training material available for membership control.

Last but not least, you are always welcome to contact me, my number and email are in the directory and I'm always happy to speak to interested and enthused members about our program.

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Lakeport Lodge 2704, hosted its seventh annual Scholarship Awards Banquet to recognize Lake County High School Senior scholars. Scholarships awarded to the students shown above totaled \$6,400 with Master of Ceremonies Craig Kinser stressing the importance and value of a small school education. Thanks to the Elks National Foundation, one of our country's largest scholarship providers, for making this all possible.

In other news, with grant money received from the Elks National Foundation, the Lodge used the \$2,500 to support three area non-profit organizations around Clearlake. Checks were given to the Senior Support Services of Upper Lake, First Lutheran Church Cupboard and the Senior Center. These organizations provide many much needed and appreciated services to the community.

Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 held its annual Youth Night with over 140 children and adults in attendance. This event honors and recognizes outstanding youth and other charitable organizations for their good works. The awards are funded by Newport Harbor Charitable Tate Foundation.

More than \$50,000 in awards was presented to the following:

- Costa Mesa Cougar's Elementary Band
- The Young Eagles
- Costa Mesa Girl Scouts and Sea Scouts Troop 1767
- YMCA – Davis Campus, Run the Race Ministry
- Orangewood Home for Children – La Familia, Auxiliary of Orangewood
- Boys and Girls Club of Orange County
- California Elementary Education Foundation – Technical, Science & Music
- Newport Elks Baseball Tournament
- Drug Awareness Program – Newport Beach Police Department
- 28 High School Scholarships (With 1 student, Jose D. moved on to the Elks National level for a \$4,000 scholarship from ENF)
- High School Athletics and Music Awards
- Other: Dictionary Program, Spirit of America, and Essay Contest

Oceano/Five Cities Lodge 2504 held a dinner to award seniors from local high schools more than \$10,000 in Scholarships.

Scholarships included four \$2,000 Teenager of the Year awards, one \$500 Ladies of the Elks Scholarship, one \$500 Past Exalted Ruler Association Scholarship and one \$1,000 FFA Scholarship. Also recognized at the dinner was an Elks National Foundation State Finalist scholarship recipient.

Pictured with the students is Exalted Ruler Dale Gregory.



Drug Awareness Program

Brad Smith, PDDGER • CHEA-DAP Chairman



The CHEA State Convention went well for the Drug Awareness Program. The display table was well attended every day of the event. The CHEA Enrique Camarena Award ceremony on Friday morning of the convention went as planned with a twist. CHEA President Lance Erickson was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award and a letter from the President of the United States of America. This honor can be requested through the State Drug Awareness Program Chairman. The requirements vary depending on the age of the nominee; an adult needs to have served a minimum of 4,000 hours of volunteer service to his community or nation. The award nominee applications are available on the web site.

Many of you have heard inspirational speaker, Ray Lozano, speak about drugs and substance abuse. Ray is a speaker who talks at the same level as his audience, whoever they may be. Personally, I have heard him several times, and I am still enthralled every time he speaks. Please try and attend one of his speaking engagements in your area. Ray's speaking tour reached out to about 13,000 persons in California this past year. For specific times and locations of future talks or to arrange and plan a speaking tour, please contact your Lodge or District DAP Chairman, or contact admin@raylozano.com

The CHEA-DAP breakout session scheduled for Friday afternoon was also well attended, filling the room with participants. The one hour program lasted for over two hours with the interaction of those in attendance. The high points of the session included an in-depth review of the Drug Quiz Show, as presented by Diane Farrens, the CHEA-DAP Vice-chairman. The Drug Quiz Show is relatively new to California, but it is well worth the effort of looking into. The "show" gets kids and adults involved by "playing" a quiz game. It's a fun way of learning about the consequences of drug and other abuses, such as bullying.

The CHEA-DAP has several contests that are available to our community youth through the Lodge or District DAP Chairs. These are the Video, Essay and Poster contests. These are described on the CHEA and National web sites. Right now is the time to get started in your local schools by promoting these contests. Local Lodges should coordinate with their District CHEA-DAP Chairman as the contest is District wide. All District contest winners receive monetary reward. Entrants for this year will be accepted up to January 15, 2018.

Those of you who may wish to participate in Elksdom's Drug Awareness Program should contact your local Lodge DAP Chairman. If you don't have a Lodge Chairman, then contact your District DAP Chairman. If all else fails, please feel free to contact me at bradofeurekaelks@gmail.com



Duarte Lodge 1427 holds First Annual Elks Drug Quiz Show. On Wednesday, May 10, Chairmen John and Donna McEntire held the first annual Elks Drug Quiz Show for the San Gabriel Valley District and the Duarte Elks Lodge.

The Elks Drug Quiz Show was held at Madrid Middle School in El Monte, in the Mountain View School District. Kranz Intermediate School and Madrid Middle School sent teams, made up of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to compete in the Elks Drug Quiz Show. The Kranz team, coached by Ms. Camille Osburn and the Madrid team was coached by Mr. Chris Jimenez.

Prior to the event, both teams were given pamphlets with information on the various drugs and topics that the questions were taken from. The questions were provided by the Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Committee and were sent to the Chairmen shortly before the Drug Quiz Show. The Drug Quiz Show was made up of three rounds – Round 1 questions were collaborative team questions; Round 2 questions for true or false and Round 3 questions were answered by the first student pressing the buzzer. Donna McEntire was the moderator for the evening.

The competition was won by the Madrid team. Members of both teams were presented certificates of participation. First place trophies were presented to the Madrid Team and second place trophies were presented to the Kranz team. All the students were treated to a pizza dinner before the competition and afterwards cookies and lemonade were served to the students and those in attendance.



Orange Lodge 1475 held 3 days of Drug Prevention Assemblies at all 5 High Schools in the Orange Unified School District. Ray Lozano, the Elks National Drug Awareness Program Speaker, came out for 10 presentations to nearly 8,000 students and adults.

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Piggy Bank

Gerry Gouveia • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



The Purple Pig Committee had a great year with over \$3.4 million dollars donated by the Association Lodges, Elks, ENF and the Peter & Potters Trust. Both Bill and I had a great time meeting each and every one of you as you crossed the stage to make your donation. Granted, we did not do as much as last year but every one gave it a gallant try and \$3.4 is a great number. The Purple Pig Gazette has been going out every two months to keep you up-to-date on what's going on across the Association. We can always use more, this is your newsletter so send in those articles on your events both planned and passed.

As you know we are striving to increase the Recurring Donors for this coming year. This year we have 157 donors in the program. Through their donations, the average per capita is \$37.56. If you extend that out over the year, that's a grand total of \$42,072 for the year. We took in 6 new ones at the convention and we hope you will be pushing this at your Lodges. Catch the new members at orientation and sign them up – it's a very painless way to donate. **Are you a Recurring Donor?**

The winners of this year's Leading Knights Challenge are:

- District 1: 0 to 300 • Santa Ynez Valley 2640
- District 2: 301 to 500 • Walnut Creek 1811
- District 3: 501 to 700 • Pittsburg 1474
- District 4: 701 to 1100 • Lompoc 2274
- District 5: 1101 to 1500 • Oceano/Five Cities 2504
- District 6: More than 1501 members • Santa Maria 1538

All total the Leading Knight's Challenge took in \$60,971.93. Hopefully, next year's Leading Knights can raise more to beat this year's total. Each year the total keeps growing. Each year it's our pleasure to announce the **Piggy Bank Chairman of the Year**. **Jan Lee** was selected as the Piggy Bank Chairperson for the North and **Randell Eldridge** the Piggy Bank Chairperson of the year for the South. Congratulations to both of you, it was well deserved.

Here are the results of the Exalted Rulers March on May 20th.

- Five Highest Lodges Per Capita:**
- 1. Lakewood \$94.27
 - 2. Walnut Creek \$76.11
 - 3. Fremont \$76.01
 - 4. Richmond \$74.74
 - 5. Duarte \$70.62

- Five Highest Lodges in Dollars:**
- 1. Honolulu \$129,327.30
 - 2. Santa Ana \$49,034.53
 - 3. Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley \$42,033.26
 - 4. Santa Maria \$41,899.03
 - 5. Pasadena \$37,108.86

- Five Highest Districts in Dollars:**
- 1. Orange Coast \$260,928.68
 - 2. West Central Coast \$233,808.90
 - 3. Bay \$168,893.63
 - 4. Hawaii \$167,778.98
 - 5. Southeast \$147,908.77

Beginning Exalted Ruler March Totals:

- Elks National Foundation \$939,970.00
- Peters & Potters Trust \$162,948.11
- Miscellaneous \$28,961.92
- Beginning Total: \$1,131,880.03
- Total Exalted Ruler's March: \$3,479,851.77**



Fremont Lodge 2121 used a Gratitude Grant of \$2,500 to aid in offsetting the cost of classroom tables and chairs for the anatomy class at Mt. Eden High School in Hayward, CA. The Lodge's donation enabled the purchase of 10 tables and 20 chairs.

Pictured above from left to right Steve Kay, PER, Brian Bianchi, Anatomy Instructor for Mt. Eden High School; Dennis Kay, Youth Activities Chairman.



Redding Lodge 1073 hosted Lodge Drug Awareness Poster and Essay Contest Winners from Turtle Bay Elementary School and Anderson Middle School. This contest is held in conjunction with the National Red Ribbon Week held each year during the third week in October. This year's theme was "JUST SAY NO". Students were required to use this theme when creating their poster or writing their essay. The winners from each school were awarded cash and a certificate for their efforts.



Santa Clara Lodge 2347 presented \$500 scholarships to its six finalists in the ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest and to the Student of the Year. Three of these students, Daniella, Vincent, and Marilyn, each won an \$800 award from CHEA.

Pictured from the left are MVS Finalist Marilyn, Student of the Year Sepiuta, MVS Finalist Vincent, MVS Finalist Daniella, MVS Finalist Adithi, MVS Finalist Brandon, MVS Finalist Sahil, back row, ER Mike Davis, Mayor Lisa Gillmor, Superintendent Dr. Stanley Rose, Lodge Scholarship Chairman Stuart Sampson.

Youth Activities

Sander Moss • CHEA Youth Activities Chairman



We began the month of May with Elks National Youth Week, which led into the CHEA Annual Convention in Palm Springs, where I took over the reins as Youth Activities Chairman from Debbie Hosted. Thanks Debbie for your service and it has been an honor serving as your Vice-Chairman. My wife, Annie, and I thank you for your confidence and we look forward to promoting Elks Youth Activities in the coming year.

Those of you who have attended any of our recent annual Conventions or Mid-Term conferences, may have heard me speak about "Thinking Outside the Box" when it comes to Youth Activities. While I am particularly in favor of the Elks Soccer Shoot as a great way to introduce Elks and the great things we do for our communities, there are so many untapped resources and things we haven't tried. I live in the West Central Coast District, yet Annie and our boys love to camp with the Garden Grove Elks "Elkenders" in the Mojave Desert with dirt bikes, ATV's and Jeeps twice a year. What a great event for all ages.

When you are putting on your Lodge Elks Soccer Shoot or any Youth Event just remember a few important things, 1) Have Fun. 2) The impressions made on the minds of our youth will last a lifetime-so please do not skimp on awards and trophies. 3) The youth of our communities are the future members of our Order. In addition, when you see that caring, involved parent bring their kids to all those amazing activities, make sure your member volunteers know how to open the Electronic Membership Invitation on their smart phones so they can invite those parents to join us in all the good that we do



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 participated in the city's annual Strawberry Festival Association Parade during the Memorial Day Weekend. The theme of the festival this year was "Honoring our Community Super Hero Volunteers." At the parade, the Lodge was honored to receive the Association's Queen's Award naming the Elks as the City's Most Outstanding Service organization for the many hours donated in and around the city. Emblem Club 279 also opened a hamburger booth and sold hamburgers to raise monies for their charities. Pictured above are some of the Lodge members who participated in the parade.



Fullerton Lodge 1993 served dinner at the Fisher House, located on the Long Beach VA Medical Center campus. This residence provides a temporary home to families of veterans who are receiving care at the hospital, where they do not have, or cannot afford accommodations in the area. Any family member that lives more than 50 miles from the Medical Center is eligible to stay. Fisher House depends on the community for donations such as food, and also provides donated gift cards to families who sometimes arrive with the need to purchase clothing.

Pictured from left, Susie Myers, Dave Lawhorn, Carlene Mathers, Mike Mathers, Irene Imhof, Mike Spratt and Donna Spratt.

In other news, the Lodge made a \$500 donation to the "Point Man of Whittier." A non-profit, faith based organization, that helps veterans get the help and services they need. The organization takes the lead, as represented by their name, in getting veterans connected to their rightful benefits, escorting them through the complicated process of obtaining healthcare, addressing PTSD issues, suicide prevention and obtaining financial aid.



Fullerton Lodge 1993, participated in the annual Memorial Day Services held at Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton. More than 6,000 crosses and flags were placed on the graves of every service man and woman in memory of their dedication to the cause of Freedom.

Pictured above is Exalter Ruler Mike Spratt who placed a wreath on the Unknown Soldier's Tomb.

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Mission Viejo / Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 hosted their annual Cancer Kids Carnival benefitting the Orange County Foundation for Oncology Children and their families. Since its inception in 2005, the carnival has grown from 15 volunteers to over 80.

Throughout the day, over 100 guests entered the balloon-filled lodge room, everyone was greeted with warm smiles of volunteers handing out event tee-shirts and backpacks filled with goodies. Mowgli Rescue brought in their puppy pen with eight delightful little puppies that melted the hearts of the kids and some adults. All the puppies are rescue dogs and were just adorable. Another highlight of the day was the antique fire truck on exhibit by the California Fire Museum and Safety Learning Center. The museum had a booth set-up with historical photos and memorabilia, but best of the day was a ride on the fire truck with the siren screaming. Truly a treat for these kids.

Orange County Foundation for Oncology Children and Families is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer-run organization providing year-round recreational and social activities designed to foster supportive relationships for pediatric cancer patients and their families.

In other news, the Lodge made three visits to patients at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital to play Bingo, serve them food and soft drinks, give them lap blankets and toiletries. Ten Elks made the trip to be with the hospitalized Vets, who always appreciate the company and gifts provided by an Elks visit.

Eight months ago, the Lodge was at Camp Pendleton to cook breakfast and send off 300 Marines who were being deployed. Fast forward to May and the Lodge was again at Camp Pendleton to welcome the Marines back home for their first home-cooked meal on American soil after deployment. The Marines and their families were so gracious and appreciative of the efforts of the Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks.

Susanville Lodge 1487 participated in the annual Memorial Day Program along with members of the local American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Blue Star Moms. The Avenue of Flags display, consisting of more than 300 flags donated by family members of deceased veterans, added a special touch to the program. District Deputy Designate Larry Rogers, Chairman, Northeast District, California-Hawaii Elks Association, National Veterans Service Commission, was the keynote speaker and emphasized Elks programs which support veterans.



Orange Lodge 1475 received the \$10,000 ENF Impact Grant for "The Reading Promise." The goal of the Reading Promise aims to target Kindergarten through 4th graders at a dozen Title 1 Elementary Schools in the Orange Unified School District and put a book in their hands. As a results of the Reading Promise, the 3rd grade students from Jordan Elementary were presented The California Readers Medal Certificate for winning the Orange Library Reading Challenge. The event included the Tackett Service dogs, arts and crafts, face painting, a kids computer area and the kids were encouraged to sign up for a free library card.

Pictured are Toby, Leslie Brannon-Haws and Diane Vaughn

In other news, the Orange Elks provided a lunch for the OC GRIP Soccer Camp. OC GRIP (Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership) is a program in the Orange County District Attorney's Office. The program works with schools that are at-risk for gang violence hoping to keep at-risk kids out of gangs. GRIP kids are between 8 and 12 years old, they are pre-selected to participate in the program. They can be struggling in the classroom, have poor attendance or behavioural issues. Usually the first sign is truancy. The kids live in neighborhoods that are heavily influenced by criminal street gangs and are in constant fear of random violence and crimes committed by the gang members. They have been terrorized by gang members and have low self-confidence or limited hope for their futures. GRIP wants to make a commitment to change lives! Once in the program, the kids make and set goals and must show improvement to stay. This soccer camp helped them lead and achieve the goals they set.

San Mateo Lodge 1112 hosted a Boy Scout National Court of Honor for two amazing young men. Austin Payne Lautenach and Collin Haven Suhevits were presented their Eagles by Boy Scout Troop 44.

For their service projects, Austin took on quite an endeavor when he led the effort to refurbish and beautify a rather large earthen planter island at Coyote Point. Park goers will be enjoying his efforts for years and years to come.

Collin decided he wanted to help out a homeless shelter in San Mateo. He replaced a sagging, four wood plank retaining wall along the property and built a "serenity" bench in its place for the residents to enjoy. The finished product is beautiful and will leave a place of relaxation to be enjoyed for a long time to come.

Government Relations

John Sutton, PDDGER • CHEA Govt Relations Chairman



Government Relations plays an important role in the life of any large organization. Our Association pioneered this program to make our political leaders aware of our dedication to these principles. We must continue to make our influence felt. There are seven main functions of the Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee that, if performed, will continue to thrive and perform great works of charity in our communities on into the future. This committee is going to work with each of our Association District Chairman to meet OUR GOALS.

All District and Lodge Chairmen should use as a resource Grand Lodge Manual 5110 and elks.org web page. Chairmen should familiarize themselves with this manual.

1. Charitable Reporting.

- Each District chair works with the Lodges in their districts on the importance of reporting the charitable work being done. Must be accurate and maintained throughout the year.

2. Monitor Legislation and Laws.

- Keep a constant vigil for any proposed legislation or government action that might in any way affect our Order.

3. Advocate for or Against Legislation Where Necessary.

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5. Educate our members on Public accommodation and other Laws.

6. Assist Lodges with IRS Audits.

7. Social Networking / Media.

- Assist Lodges on how to protect themselves in using today's media.

It is our duty not only as Elks, but as citizens, to make our voices heard by our representatives in government.

With all the elements in government today that are dedicated to destroying fraternal and private organizations, we must remain active and vigilant to protect our rights.

A Note To All Lodges From Your Editor

As Editor, I wanted to make all Lodges aware that only a small percentage of Lodges are actually submitting articles for publication in our Association Magazine.

Article submission is necessary if you want the good deeds of your Lodge to be told. Only then can other Lodges learn from your successes and perhaps use those good deeds as a blueprint for their Lodge.

I cannot urge all Lodges strongly enough to send us your articles and photographs. When it comes to your photographs, please send the original size photos. If you use your phone to take your photos, which is perfectly fine, please be careful to send the largest photo possible. The biggest reason your photos may not be used is because of their quality. Bigger is always better!



Nevada City Lodge 518 presented a \$1000 check to Wags and Warriors. Wags and Warriors is committed to providing a service dog, at no cost, to Veterans in the Sacramento and Gold Country Area living with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Pictured from the left are Dorothy Rhodes, Co-Chair of the Lodge Veterans Services Commission, Kathleen Sullivan, Founder of Wags and Warriors accepted the donation from Exalted Ruler Kevin Frazier. Also pictured is Veteran Tom Harkins, with his service dog, Ruger. The Lodge is proud to contribute to such a worthwhile cause.



Carmichael Lodge 2103 on May 20th, Armed Forces Day, had the Sacramento Young Marines hold a flag retirement ceremony. The Young Marines retired 65 flags in a very dignified manner. Pictured from the left are Young Marine Corporal Saenz, Young Marine Private Higgins, Young Marine Private Jansen, Young Marine Private Earles and Recruit Reyes.

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Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, continuing to celebrate our 50th year serving our communities, was proud to honor our Veterans at Eternal Valley Memorial Park along with over 800 local Scouts placed nearly 6,000 American Flags on the gravesites of our service men and women. This tradition of serving the various Scout Troops has gone on for the past 20 years. The BBQ Team cooked 850 hotdogs, then our many volunteers added chips, cookies and drinks. A few lucky winners also won soccer balls if they found the sticker under the napkin in their hotdog trays! The Santa Clarita lodge members were joined by members from several other lodges including Van Nuys/Reseda, San Fernando, Newport Harbor and Pasadena, distributing our Drug Awareness literature and Elks and Scouting literature.

On Memorial Day, our Exalted Ruler Maurice Hamilton, joined Emblem Club President Kory Mangers in presenting wreaths at the City of Santa Clarita official Memorial Day Celebration, put together by the Veterans Memorial Committee. A Memorial Day BBQ and potluck was attended by 175 people who enjoyed great food and fellowship.

In other news a Kentucky Derby Party, chaired by a group of new members, was held at the Lodge, complete with extravagant hats and seersucker suits. The day was filled with fun, food and traditional Kentucky Derby beverages. The days proceeds, which exceeded \$2,000 were dedicated to the Lodge lounge refurbishment. Letting some new members take the lead ended with a very positive result.



Yucaipa Lodge 2389 and Ladies of the Elks sewed and stuffed over 60 cloth bears. These were "adopted" for a \$5 donation to Major Project as part of a district project. Twenty of the bears were donated to students involved in the San Bernardino school shooting. The rest were given to local fire stations and police departments who give them to children rescued from abusive environments and to Ronald McDonald House, where families of critically ill children are offered lodging.

Gilroy Lodge 1567 was named the 2017 Non-Profit of the Year by the City of Gilroy Chamber of Commerce. The many civic, youth and veterans' program events, activities and other charitable works of the Elks were noted.

The Chamber of Commerce cited many of our current and past records of charitable works in the community. For the civic side, the lodge was the lead donor for a 60'x10' mural that was commission and is located at the City Library entrance promoting youth as well as adult literacy.

For many years the Lodge members have been preparing and serving a delicious and hot home style BBQ meal for veterans, their families and caregivers at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital spinal cord injury unit. The Lodge members have helped support to the Blue Star Moms who collect supplies to be assembled into the "Care Packages from Home" and sent to the men and women serving in our military.

Youth Activities supported by the Lodge. For the past ten years, the lodge has sponsored an annual soccer shootout in partnership with a local youth soccer league. During this time, we have had over 700 young boy and girl athletes participate in this program. Another annual youth activity supported has been to distribute over 900 dictionaries to the area 3rd graders and for the first time, 900 Thesauruses were handed out to the area 4th graders. The Lodge also awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships to students from four high schools in our service area. The past seven years the lodge has applied for and received an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant. The funds received have been used to help sponsor the Children's Triathlon. The Children's Triathlon has seen over 1,200 youth athletes participate in this fun event.

The Chamber also recognized the Lodge and members for their charitable support given to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, "Purple Pig" and the Elks National Foundation.





Oceanside Elks 1561 Hugs from Home, in an effort to thank our military for their service send packages to deployed military. Hugs from Home also assist our veterans by visiting, playing bingo, providing supplies such as, lap/gurney blankets, walker/wheel chair bags along with health and beauty aids.

Pictured above is Sandee Murphy and Sam Frazier, father of Scott Frazier, who received one of the Hugs from Home packages. Sam wanted to thank the Lodge and let them know how much his son appreciated their package.

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge 2591 was treated to a free Spaghetti Dinner at the Lodge by the VFW Motorcycle Club, in appreciation for the Lodge's support of programs for veterans. Gary Welsh, Lodge National Service Chairman, takes a group of volunteers each first Wednesday of the month to the V. A. Hospital in Loma Linda. There they get hospitalized veterans involved in games and treat them with refreshments. Hospitalized veterans on occasion are bussed to the Lodge for dinner. The lodge also provides items such as books, toiletries, stationery, underwear and socks.

In other news, the Elk Ladies joined the City of Wildomar to host an Easter Egg Hunt at Wildomar's Marna O'Brien Park. Hundreds of plastic Easter Eggs were filled with candy, Goodie bags were filled with Elks' Drug Awareness coloring books, crayons. The children had a wonderful time seeking and finding Easter Eggs.



Westchester Lodge 2050 honored local Police Officers and held a Fashion Show Fund raiser for Elks Charities. Members cooked and served a dinner to local units and their families while the officers from each division were given awards for their outstanding service throughout the past year. The officers recognized are pictured above.

In other news, the Ladies of the Westchester Elks held their annual fashion show with a "Some Like It Hot" Marilyn Monroe theme. The Ladies raise almost \$7,000 to go towards their many projects and charities of our Lodge.

Chula Vista Lodge 2011 now has its very own Girl Scout Troop 6038! The Lodge has been an active supporter of the Sunnyside Service Unit of the Girl Scouts. The bond between us is very strong and the Girl Scouts gave the Lodge: The Spirit Award. The Girl Scouts volunteer their time for Elk events with the veterans and for fund raisers.



This troop had a prominent focus at the 7th Annual Finish Chelsea's Run Event. This 5K is held annually to support the Chelsea's Light Foundation Sunflower Scholarship Fund that provides scholarships for San Diego County college bound students. Pictured above are Chelsea's parents, Brent & Kelly King, along with some of the Girl Scouts. The troop even got to kick off the race.

In other news, the Lodge was the setting for a Musical Queens High Tea and Craft Show. The event was open to the public with an attendance of 250 ladies and a few men. Music was provided by the Rhapsody Singers, a group that dedicates their talents at many charitable events. There were craft booths who donated 10% of their sales to the Major Project Fund which totaled \$1,500. With additional funds earned, an incinerator will be purchased and used for flag retirements. The incinerator will be shared with the local VFW and the American Legion.

San Fernando Lodge 1539 is the proud sponsor of Girl Scout Troop 7136. The girls wrapped 500 Easter Baskets which the Lodge gave to MEND (Meeting Every Need with Dignity), an organization here in the San Fernando Valley that helps and works with families that are in need.

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John Pitts	1251	Peter Ciardella	1471	Mary Wright	1740	Jerry Norton (2)	1993
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Sterrett Harper	1289	Al Walraven	1475	Kenneth Langston	1839	Don Anderson	2011
Linn Hoadley (2)	1289	Don Westerfield	1475	Ralph Mills	1839	Dave Clemens	2026
David Kakita (2)	1289	Charles Hodkins	1538	Brian Morrison	1839	Carlos Bracamontes	2027
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Saro Koumashian	1289	Myrl Wallace	1538	William Clifford	1900	George Briggs	2031
Dault Lewis	1289	Ruth Ann Yubeta	1538	Glenn Hinsz	1900	Ina Dacosta	2031
Stephen Licker	1289	Mercy Medellin	1539	Charlene Johnson	1900	Ray Din	2031
Mark Ringelberg	1289	Robert Medellin	1539	Ben Scholl	1900	Everett Eads	2031
Bill Schad (3)	1289	Kenton Bell	1613	Lois Unruh	1900	Derrol Hammer (5)	2031
Geoffrey Shanklin	1289	Kimberlee Bell-Davis (2)	1613	Barry Douglas	1913	Ron Hedberg	2031
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Larry Bibbens	1298	Ralph Garcia	1613	Louie Santiesteban	1917	Marlene Reeves	2031
Norman Blackwell	1298	Sharon Henson	1613	Paul Wahba	1917	Cassandra Roberts	2031
Arlen Lynn	1298	Hayley Hill (3)	1613	Charles D. Johnson	1918	Richard Stephenson	2031
Brad Marchand	1298	Richard Hill (3)	1613	Christopher Garland	1952	Robert Tanner	2031
Ruben Olquin	1298	Sheri Leighton (2)	1613	Larry Hudson	1952	Stephen Thatcher	2031
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J.M. "Mike" Smith	1298	George Pryor (2)	1613	Kenneth Moody	1952	Judy Foley (3)	2046
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Sylvia Elerick	1328	Lancaster Elks Lodge 1625 (4)	1625	Rick Ross	1952	Steven Johnson	2050
Al Fredrickson	1328	Geraldine Goode	1625	Hazlette Tsukiyama	1952	Angela Mosinskis	2050
Joe Principe	1328	Robert Prelewicz	1625	Sharon Violano	1952	Serina Tremayne	2050
Rita Rodriguez	1328	Keith Timmons	1625	Joe Bahash	1959	Mike Martinez	2068
Tricia Vargas	1328	Ronald Hinman	1643	Daryl Beck	1959	Jeffery Simmons	2068
John Aube'	1378	Marsha Franklin	1687	Tom Brown	1959	Dallas Affolter	2091
Virginia "Ginger" Brown	1378	Janette Burlison	1689	Tilman Callaway	1959	Danny Ahern	2091
Scott Crowell	1378	Crescent City Emblem Club 175	1689	Jack Elitzak	1959	Steven Hawthorne	2091
Jack Dipinto (3)	1378	Al Deines	1689	Melissa Elitzak	1959	John Junier	2091
Gigi Isham	1378	Mary Dorman	1689	Rich Jubak	1959	Arv & Norma Lindgren	2091
Michael Mushaney	1378	Wayne Franklin	1689	Ray Karr (2)	1959	Mike McCurdy	2091
Redondo Beach BPOE Deers	1378	John Ging	1689	Jo Anne Kessell	1959	Martin Novello	2091
Tammy Tanguay	1378	Heide Kime	1689	Dave Miller	1959	Andrew Reid	2091
Linda Williams	1378	Lisa McKeown	1689	John Nielsen	1959	Brian Rogers (2)	2091
Jack Badeau, Sr.	1419	Northern Knights (5)	1689	Don Schmidt	1959	Richard Seguin	2091
Jerry Bogaczyk	1419	Lisa Specchio-Wolfe	1689	Bob Scopel	1959	Jere Williams (2)	2091
Bob Casaletti	1419	Ken Sullens	1689	Diane Simonin	1959	Geraldine Endicott	2095
Gary Cozart	1419	Dennis Bacon	1691	Rich Tanguy	1959	Helen Haugen	2095
Jim Farrand (2)	1419	Calvert Bisson	1691	James Tone (2)	1959	Judy Maxwell	2095
Ellen Gadegaard	1419	Tom Eastman	1691	Patrick Tone	1959	Jim Vecchio	2095
Richard Gilbert	1419	Bob Espinoza	1691	Deb Dyson	1968	Carmichael Emblem Club 355 (2)	2103
David Hurley	1419	Marvin Fetzer	1691	Howard Dyson	1968	Carmichael Renegades (2)	2103
Butch Johnson	1419	Gene Henggeler	1691	Joyce Ford	1968	Carmichael Traveling Elks	2103
Wayne Leavitt	1419	Ron Herr	1691	Wayne Ford	1968	Siobhan Hutton	2103
David Olson	1419	John Higgins	1691	Bill Harrod	1968	Richard Ransom	2103
Lorraine "Lori" Quon	1419	Tony Ivins	1691	Kathy Harrod	1968	David Webber	2103
Mary Jane Sawyer	1419	David Kallan	1691	Doreen Kromer	1968	Ron Yates	2103
Ray Trueblood	1419	Roy Kleger	1691	James Leitholf	1968	Barry Camara	2117
Bob Walker	1419	Richard Kulhavy	1691	Ron Mora	1968	Ralph Davis	2117
Melvin "Ed" West	1419	Jimmy Louis	1691	James Ogilvie	1968	Laurie Kerr	2117
Sally Emerson	1427	Joe Mathe	1691	Rick Rathbun	1968	Byron Kitt	2117
Vicki Everett	1427	Anita Miller	1691	William Earl Rowland	1968	Livermore-Pleasanton Emblem Club 413	2117
Joy Hager	1427	Reginald Murray	1691	Steven Shaw	1968	Jacob Reid	2117
Clancy Hawkins	1427	Rudy Pelzman	1691	James Sibble	1968	Sunnyvale Elks Lodge 2128	2128
Deborah Justice	1427	Dave Provan	1691	Tom Smith	1968	Thomas Bambino	2128
Margaret Kanov	1427	Dick Robart	1691	Scott Striblen	1968	Brett Barker	2128
Steven Kayahara	1427	Rhonda Rogers	1691	Ed Strole	1968	Gerald Burch	2128
Christopher McEntire	1427	Rick Sutherland	1691	Ronald Baker	1991	Frank "Rocky" Graziani	2128
Donna McEntire	1427	Wil Thomas	1691	Tony Curci	1991	Janet Meixsell	2128
Chester Obrymski (2)	1427	Carol Van Ness	1691	Melvin Horn	1991	David Nieto	2128
Michael Rentschler	1427	Larry McHenry	1712	Lyle Personette (5)	1991	Frank Paetow	2128
George Van Hove (2)	1427	Joseph Paulson	1712	Rich Wallace	1991	Michael Silverton	2128
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Wanda Smith	1430	Chuck Henninger, Jr. (2)	1740	Cory Brown	1993	Terrence Hunt (3)	2134
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Harrie Day	2190	John Swanson	2243	Stephen Finnerty (2)	2477	Raymond Gomes	2510
Charles Eaton	2190	Eugene Swenson	2243	Arthur Garcia	2477	Lake Elsinore Bingo Players	2591
Anne Tebbetts Frankl	2190	Jane Wagner	2243	J.A. Garcia (2)	2477	Vaughn Ryan	2591
Les Lamoreaux	2190	Melvin Borden	2248	Brenda Hagen	2477	Back Horse Country	2599
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Molly Bertelt	2243	Jimmy Hancock	2347	Kathleen "Kathy" Cobb	2484	Kathy Gavin	2639
Betty Byrd	2243	Laurie Ashley	2358	Kenny Cobb	2484	Connie Hargreaves	2639
Robert Doss	2243	Shirley Beaman (2)	2358	Charlene Cota (2)	2484	Donna Lozano	2639
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Marilyn Hooton	6	Karen Buchanan	1378	Lance Hudson	1917	John Hardman	2031
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Max Burnett	168	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Jose Justiniano	1948	Brian Rogers	2091
L. Butch DePaul	168	Shelly Gonzales	1443	James G. Anderson	1952	Earl T. Bouchard, PDD	2098
Lynn DePaul	168	Robert Bagwell	1474	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Donal Frigerio	168	Robert Beck	1474	Emily L. Hsu	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Richard D. Enea	1474	Donald Larry Hudson	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121
Kathleen Kutler	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Don Luepnitz	2142
Gary Marinelli	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Karen Lewin	1952	J. Martin Borden	2230
Mary Ann Marinelli	168	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Steven Dale	2248
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Lance Slimmer	1952	Leroy Bostick	2358
Glenn Montague	168	Sean Gambil	1475	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Chuck Nolan	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Ted Olsen	2379
Matthew Pires	168	James Jung	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Terry Gicking	2477
Hugh VanDoren	168	Colin Smith	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	Greg Metzgas	2477
Frank Chicago	218	Greg Peale	1497	Carol Beckwith	1968	Beverly Burns	2484
Nadine Steel	218	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	Robert "Bob" Burns	2484
Deborah Ross-Moonelo	522	Warren H. Downs	1561	Kathleen Harrod	1968	Jay Dupler	2504
Sally Reagan	613	Carole D. May	1561	Richard Wallace	1991	Dale Gregory	2504
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Jim Byerrum	1993	Larry L. Fink	2543
Aron Anderson	672	Marsha J. Franklin	1687	Dan Casey	1993	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Jerome Paul	672	John E. Harry	1687	Judy Givens	1993	Paul Kassel	2543
Charles Rowe	672	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Richard Green	1993	Barbara Kincade	2543
Lisa Fleury	759	Michael Cosby	1691	Alan Kelley	1993	David W. Mullett	2543
Miles Nakatsu	759	Judy Menke	1740	Michael Mathers	1993	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Robert Nichol	836	Angela Anderson	1767	Diana Mondragon	1993	Michael T. Roberson	2543
Jerry Hansen	901	Richard Blake	1767	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Linda Tucker	2543
Donald Checchi	906	Ray Prettyman	1767	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Richard Yeager	2543
Frank Frazier	906	Kaye Brandos	1804	Willie S. Koskela	1996	Thom Richardson	2599
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Margaret Pickett	906	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Laurie Ayala	2011	James Williams	2599
Sean Mejia	966	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Martin Barros	2011	Bridget Smith	2616
John Eitel	1108	Mary C. Gouveia	1811	Janet L. Byrd	2011	John R. Smith	2616
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Chuck Jackson	1811	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Joe Tato	1108	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Sharron Cannon	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Michael Silva	1811	Francis J. Glenski	2011	Debbie Hosted	2698
Dave Wells	1240	Kevin Wrobel	1811	Roy Jenness	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Patricia I. Hamilton	1812	Ashley Munoz	2011		
Robert Ostini	1251	Ron Harden	1812	Rebecca Munoz	2011		
Mark Porter	1251	Susan Jimenez	1812	Christine Nelson	2011		
Jan Lee	1298	Stacy Mackey	1812	David Plotke	2011		



Elk Grove Lodge 2577 participated in the Elk Grove Veterans Memorial. After the Memorial there was a Veterans Walk to Remember, which ended at Elk Grove Park. The Elks provided a free BBQ for the estimated 250 Walkers.

In other news, the Lodge passed out dictionaries to Carol Elementary School in Elk Grove, along with an Elks coloring book and Elks book marker. A small anti-drug presentation was made to each classroom.

Monterey Lodge 1285 Exalted Ruler Richard Ringler, thanked more than 100 first responders and Elks members at the annual Public Safety Appreciation Night.

"Our public safety workers put their lives on the line for us on a daily basis," Ringler said. "Thank you. In this very small way, we wish to show you our appreciation by hosting this night to honor you, the men and women of Monterey County who help keep us safe. Truly, thank you for being here for our community."

Ringler served as a volunteer fireman at Pacific Grove Fire Department from 1977 until he retired as a lieutenant in 1990. He was honored in 1978 as the Pacific Grove Fireman of the Year. Rich was an educator at Monterey Peninsula Unified School District from 1970 to 2007, and now serves as Exalted Ruler Monterey Elks.

The Elks' Award medal was awarded to District Attorney Dean Flippo, and Elks' certificates of appreciation went to each award winner.

The evening provided more than \$900 to Elks' Major Project and to Rancho Cielo, a nonprofit, comprehensive learning and social services center for under served and disconnected youth in Monterey County.

Directors of the Monterey County Peace Officers Association were sworn in and awards were presented.



Chico Lodge 423 donated \$2,300 for materials used in constructing benches for Chapman Elementary School in Chico. The project was spearheaded by Erin Carioti, a Lodge employee, as part of her BA degree in social work. She worked as an intern with a local community action agency and with members of YouthBuild. The new benches are located next to the school's kindergarten classrooms and will be used by the students as an outdoor reading and snack area.

In other news, the Lodge held its third annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser at Clear Creek Sporting Club in early June. Five person teams rotated through a circuit of ten shooting stations. Participants earned a point for every clay hit and the team with the highest score at the end of the circuit was declared the winner. Participants were served a barbecued lunch at the end of the shooting and all members of the winning team received a trophy. The \$6,500 earned from the event was donated to the Chico Posse Foundation, which assists homeless individuals as they transition into permanent housing, a local Boy Scout Troop, the Purple Pig, ENF, and a playground improvement project.

A spring golf tourney for members and guests at Canyon Oaks Country Club raised \$2,400 for local Elks charities. The event was so successful that the committee has decided to make it an annual event in hopes to reach an even larger audience.



Auburn Lodge 1691 presented a certificate of appreciation to the Auburn Girl Scout Troop 782 for their continued support of our Treats for Troops program with their donations over the past 9 years of hundreds of boxes of cookies that eventually found their way to our brave servicemen and women overseas in areas of combat and great danger. The letters of appreciation that we have received over the years from those recipients motivates us to not only continue this outreach but expand it with every opportunity.

In other news, the Lodge presented over \$5,000 worth of Scholarship awards to local students. Pictured above are some of the evenings participants.

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Burbank Lodge 1497 hosted a Memorial Day Barbeque to honor our Veterans. The event drew 180 members and guests. Our own Billiard Group, along with the City of Burbank's Veterans' Committee generously funded the event. Our Lodge grill masters, were assisted by visiting Elks Jacques and Peggy Hopkins of Lake Oconee, Florida Lodge 2849. A great time was had by all, and those that entered as guests left as friends. Burbank Elks are thankful of our Veterans' Committee for organizing this widely successful event. Pictured above is Jacques Hopkins from Lake Oconee, Florida who wasted no time lending a hand.

Sunland-Tujunga Lodge 2098 held a Welcome Home Veterans event at the Sepulveda Veterans Administration Medical Center and was a resounding success. More than 350 veterans were served pulled pork sandwiches by Elk volunteers. The Lodge is always pleased to have an opportunity to serve our veterans.



Paradise Lodge 2026, presented the Chico Explorer Post 241 with a check for \$631 to help defray the cost of travel and accommodations for attendance at the State Capital Explorer Competition, in which the youth demonstrate Law Enforcement techniques they have learned at their Local Post.

Pictured from the left are Bernie Lightner, PER; Blair Parrott, CHP Officer/Explorer Advisor; John Newsom, Explorer Cadet and Tom Drake, PER, Youth Activities Chair.

Victorville Lodge 1877 invited all members for Mother's Day Celebration Brunch and Ceremony. Mothers received flowers and enjoyed brunch with family, friends and other mothers in attendance.

Alhambra-San Gabriel Lodge 1328 Lodge members recently provided a barbeque for 250 Veterans at the open house provided by the Veterans Administration Ambulatory Care Center in Los Angeles. Veterans were able to receive information from various businesses and organizations related to jobs, training and health benefits.

The Lodge also provided makeup, and other gifts for 50 gift bags to be distributed to women veterans at the annual luncheon for Mothers Day.

More than \$500 worth of new underwear was donated to the clothing room at LAACC for distribution to mostly homeless Veterans.

Vacaville Lodge 2638, utilizing a Gratitude Grant, provided over \$400 worth of supplies to the Vacaville Storehouse, a local food pantry. After shopping, 7 lodge members met at the pantry to stock and bag supplies to be given to people in need within our community. A rewarding experience, knowing our members are contributing to a necessary resource in our neighborhood.

In other news, a "Back to the 60's Dance" raised over \$1,600 for the Major Project.

ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarships were awarded to six Vacaville students, with four advancing to the state level. One student, Edisiri Mushale advanced to the national level of competition and was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship.

Simi Valley Lodge 2492 awarded scholarships to local scholars. The Lodge gave four \$1,000 scholarships to local high school students at four Simi Valley High Schools. Attending the scholarship dinner banquet were the Marine Color Guards.

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Santa Barbara Lodge 613 held its annual Easter Egg Contest for the community. The celebration offered an Easter Egg Hunt for local children. The contest was divided into three age groups: Ages 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12 year olds. First Prizes were awarded to the children in each age group finding the "Golden Egg". Every child competing received candy and won at least one prize.



San Pedro Lodge 966 delivered more than 156 pounds of beverage pull-tabs to the Ronald McDonald House (RMDH) in Long Beach, California for a second year in a row.

The purpose for their visit to the RMDH was to continue the partnership and turn-in more than 156 pounds of pull tabs that were donated by Lodge members and friends throughout the year. The donations set a record as one of the largest single beverage tab donations received by the RMDH this year, according to Jennifer O'Donnell, Operations Director for the RMDH.

The beverage tab donation helps the local RMDH fund their "home-away-from home" program for seriously ill children. The proceeds from the donated tabs support the families that stay at the house, which is within walking distance from the Children's hospital. As Elks, we will continue our endeavor to assist those in need through thoughtfulness and charity.

Shown above from the left, Sean Mejia AVP, , Jennifer O'Donnell, RMPDH Director, and Lodge members James MacKilligan, Eric Mejia, Sergio Espinoza and Michael Ybarra.



Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 recently held its annual Police & Fire Recognition Banquet to honor Public Safety personnel from around the southwest County.

Pictured left to right are Officer Louis Montoya, Elks Event Chairman Bob Walker, Deputy Danny Hollingsworth, Captain Sean DeGrave, Captain Todd Bradstreet, Engineer Mike Macaliniao, Officer Jennifer Metoyer, Agent Jennifer Higgins, Officer Rich Murrieta, Officer Jeff Oldham and Exalted Ruler Diane Farrens.

In other news, the Lodge held their 19th annual Middle School "Student of the Year" Presentations recently at Van Avery Prep School. Forty-eight students were recognized from eight schools in the Temecula areas. Each application included a 300-word essay, describing why he or she should be selected as the "Student of the Year" from their school. A committee of Elks judged the applications according to their academic achievement, citizenship, involvement in school activities, and leadership activities. The top female and top male from each school received a gift card for Barnes & Noble in the amount of \$50. All the candidates received a framed Certificate of Achievement and an engraved Olympic style medallion medal.



Walnut Creek Lodge 1811 held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to recognize Kyle Cappo, Colton Meredith and Casey Schnittker who have reached the highest award in scouting. Exalted Ruler, Judy Hunter, told the scouts that the Walnut Creek Elks are very proud of them and their accomplishments. California State Assemblywoman Lynn Leach was the keynote speaker to the over 150 people in attendance, telling her personal experience as the mother of an Eagle Scout and how the accomplishment of Eagle Scout is the first step to a very successful life.

In other news, Lodge members and officers supported the Little League Baseball District 4 Challenger baseball tournament in Walnut Creek. Little League Challenger Baseball is a division of Little League baseball that provides opportunities for children with special needs to play baseball.



Merced Lodge 1240 provided 1050 lunches for the "Friends Helping Friends" event for special needs students at the Merced County Fair in June. Before coming to the fair, each classroom of students decorated their own shirts that were unique for their classroom. The students were able to visit the animals and other exhibits before the luncheon. This was the 32nd year that the Merced Elks Lodge has been involved. Funding for this program came from the Merced Lodge, ENF Promise Grant and private donors.

The adults pictured above from the left, Maria Duran-Barajas, Merced County Office of Education coordinator, a teacher's aide, and teacher Yvonne Carlon.



Pasadena Lodge 672 Breakfast Crew cooked up made-to-order breakfasts for 62 guests, and also raised money for the Purple Pig. Heading up the Breakfast Crew is Leading Knight Sonia Solis, who organized and sought out donated items for prizes. The morning's hard work paid off with \$250.00 being donated to the Major Project fund for the lodge. Pictured above are Michael Ellis, Rudy Reyes, Bob Gallegos, Guy Crawford of the Breakfast Crew.

In other news, Exalted Ruler Neil Yeager had the privilege of presenting an Elks Legacy Award to Kira O'Donnell, granddaughter of Trustee Josie Wilkins. The Elks Legacy Award is a \$4,000 scholarship. Kira O. graduated from Westridge Girls School in Pasadena and will be attending California Baptist University in Riverside, where she will be a member of the Water Polo team.

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members.

The Selection Committee is appointed by the ENF Board of Trustees, and consists of professionals who are not connected with either the Elks National Foundation or the BPO Elks of the USA. The Selection Committee is responsible for the confidential review of each applicant's file. They determine the Legacy Award winners.