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Elks Care ~ Elks Share

**So long as there are Veterans,
the Elks will never forget them.**

**San Rafael Lodge 1108
Elks Kitchen Cares Project**

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LOUIS J. GRILLO

Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Area 7 Sponsor

To The Officers and Members of the
California-Hawaii Elks Association,

First of all, I would say that I hope all of our members and their families are doing well and are safe during this time. I would like to share with you some of the new things happening in Elkdom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Elkdom has been forced to enter a new age. We are now using conference calls, Zoom meetings, and the internet more than ever. It is hoped that soon we will be able to return to the in-person interactions that all Elks enjoy.

The business of Elkdom is carrying on. We have started our Vice President's meetings electronically so that no member's health will be put into jeopardy. A number of our Lodges have started to reopen. In doing so, they have met all of the health and safety requirements mandated by the cities where they are located. We must remember as Elks that we must adhere to all requirements. This will keep our membership safe and healthy and will ensure our Lodges do not break any laws.

The sooner our Lodges are all open and functioning, the better our society will be. This will bring Elkdom, once again, to the forefront of putting charitable programs back into action in our communities.

I would also like to share with the membership that on July 8, 2020, our Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman will leave his office and become an Official Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Co-Sponsor of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. Bob and myself have already started to work together so that he will be totally up to speed when this happens.

I will remind all the Officers in our Association to follow the proper protocols that are in place. Should the need arise to contact either myself or Bob Duitsman, please feel free to get into contact with either one of us and just copy the other so that we are both informed.

In closing, I would just like to wish everyone health and happiness. Please remember that as our Lodges open, the most important thing now is to keep each other safe.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Louis J. Grillo, PGER
Area 7 Sponsor



Santa Monica Lodge 906 delivered lunch for the Veterans at the WLA hospital which permanently houses formerly homeless veterans on the campus. Many thanks to Girl Scout Troop 16135 for their very generous donation of 54 boxes of cookies, Girl Scout Troop 415 donated homemade desserts, and Girl Scout Troop 95505 wrote individual notes of inspiration for each veteran. Grand Exalted Ruler Bob Duitsman joined Santa Monica to deliver the items. Pictured (l-r) are Santa Monica Elks Chairman of the Board of Trustees Frank Frazier, GER Bob Duitsman, and Rebecca Ricci (Director of VASH and representative of building 209 staff).



Concord Lodge 1994 members of the Lodge have been collecting and saving their larger containers, i.e. large coffee cans and other large plastic containers. Why? To donate to the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector control, who uses them to hold and contain small mosquito fish that they give FREE to people that place them in ponds and other bodies of water to control the mosquito population. Without these containers their only other way of delivery is via plastic bags filled with water and fish. Natalie and all the others at the Agency are really happy when we make a delivery of the containers that our Elks have collected. Shown in the photo is Natalie Martini (Administrative Analyst II) with a plastic bag containing Mosquito fish ready for delivery.

In other news...if there's anything the coronavirus has taught us, it's how valuable essential workers, like first responders, are. The Elks delivered care packages to seven fire stations in Concord, Clayton, and Pleasant Hill to honor their work in the community and to show tangible appreciation of their efforts. The firemen were surprised and grateful for boxes of non-perishable food and supplies, like disinfectant wipes, to provide safety and comfort in these trying times.

President's Message



Tim Jaeger, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Greetings and Aloha
to all California-Hawaii Elk Members,

Do you remember Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi," with its chorus: "Don't it always seem to go / That you don't know / What you've got / Til it's gone."

It is hard to imagine the changes we have seen already in 2020. Did we appreciate what we had just a few short months ago?

Our Lodges have mostly been closed, the California-Hawaii annual convention has been cancelled and the Officers were all installed via a conference call. Grand Lodge has been cancelled and our District Deputies will be installed during a meeting in Fresno in mid-July. Zoom and similar communication methods have become the norm for Lodge and social interaction.

But the Elks Lodges across our Association are beginning to find ways to open, hold meetings and give back to our communities. We all look forward to getting back to normal, but until then we will continue to gather together and support those less fortunate as best we can.

You may remember my theme for 2019-2020 was "Elks Stepping up to a New Age" – little did I know how prophetic this theme would be. I also could not have imagined how resilient and willing to make changes our Lodge and Association leadership and members would be. Thank you for Stepping up to a New Age – we are keeping the Theme for 2020-2021.

Sandy and I will be serving as President and First Lady again this year, but our visits will be virtual. The schedule will mostly follow the planned visitation schedule which was planned for this year. Your District Vice President in conjunction with your District Leaders will be communicating the dates and times for the visit. The virtual visits will be a 1 ½ to 2 hour Zoom meeting to communicate with each District and listen to their concerns and more importantly their accomplishments in our "New Age."

I sometimes feel like this Pandemic will never end, but then I realize how good many of us have it. It has been inconvenient to not be able to go to the Lodge, our favorite restaurants and not be able to travel to wherever we want. But our first responders, health care workers etc. are truly on the front line of this new war against a virus. Many of our members and acquaintances have lost their jobs or had their businesses impacted. I know that when we can once again gather the Elks will find ways to assist others as we re-energize our Lodges, our regions, CHEA and our great Country.

All it takes is ...

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



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CHEA President Tim Jaeger's Upcoming Schedule

November 6-7, 2020 • Mid-Term Conference
Gardena • Los Angeles Airport Marriott
May 5-8, 2021 • CHEA Convention • San Diego

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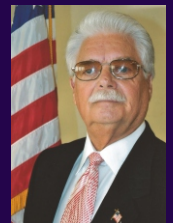
Vocational *Grants* for Technical & Vocational Training

*Any student residing within the
jurisdiction of CHEA may apply!*



Richard L. McDonald

Past Association President • 2013-2014
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2002-2003
CHEA Central District Leader
Administrative Assistant to PGER Louis J. Girillo



Dick McDonald joined Pittsburg Elks Lodge No. 1474 in 1983 and started through the chairs in 1984. Progressing through the chairs, Dick served as Exalted Ruler in 1988-1989. Dick served as Lodge Secretary, two terms as Lodge Trustee, Lodge Ritual coach for 16 years, and on many committees in the Lodge including the New Building Committee. Dick was an Honorary Life Member of Pittsburg Lodge.

Dick served the California-Hawaii Elks Association as Central District Association Vice President in 1999-2000, CHEA Americanism Chairman 2004-2006, CHEA Board of Trustees 2006-2009, the last two years as Chairman of the Board, 2009-2010 as CHEA Assistant Tiler and 2012-2013 as First Vice President of CHEA.

Dick was married to his wife Claudette for 58 years. They have two children, a daughter Lisa and son Richard. Dick also had six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Elks National Foundation

By David Coleman, PDDGER • CHEA ENF Chairman



Hello my fellow Elks.

I hope during this trying time, that you and your families are doing well. Together we will get through this crisis.

Now for some great news, I would like to congratulate my predecessor Janet Rasmussen, for her outstanding leadership with the ENF fundraising for the 2019-2020 year. She set a goal of \$11.00 per capita, and surpassed it by achieving \$11.685 per capita, with total donations of \$1,015,233.63. Even with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Elks continued to give and to get us over the top of her goal.

I have set my goal for this upcoming Elks year 2020-2021 at \$12.00 per capita. I know that we are all in a "new normal" way of doing things, but there is no time like the present to demonstrate "Elks Care, Elks Share" and make a donation to the ENF, the Great Heart of Elkdom.

For our Lodge and District chairmen on the ENF page at <https://www.elks.org/ENF/Yourstate.cfm>, you will find a great page that you can print and post in your Lodge, or even give to your new members to help them understand where the ENF donations go. For 2019-2020 the California-Hawaii Elks donated \$1,015,233.63 and we received back \$2,010,420 or \$1.980 for every dollar we donated in the following programs:

State Charities: \$806,560
 Special Projects: \$597,560
 Bonus Grants: \$154,500
 Most Valuable Student: \$308,000
 Legacy Award: \$100,000
 Elks National Veterans Service Commission: \$43,800

Our own CHEA Major Project received \$1,167,690 from ENF which helped to start us off towards the State President's goal of \$4,000,000. That said, the ENF works together with the state associations to provide the Community Investment Program (CIP) that provides various Grants that our local Lodges can apply for. Last year the CIP donated \$614,000 to these programs for 122 Lodges within CHEA. This is a great way for our local Lodges to provide much needed goods and services to our local communities using funds donated back by the ENF.

There are many different ways to make your donation. Right now with most Lodges being closed, you can donate online by clicking on the "Donate Today" big red heart at the top right on the ENF homepage or visiting <https://enf.elks.org/donate>. Donations can be made to all programs or to support one of your favorite programs by credit card directly and securely online. Also by signing up for the Fidelity program, monthly recurring donations can be made after being setup online.

There are several donor programs available for members to be a part of. There are Individual programs which recognize individuals for their amount, method and frequency of support.

You can always check your current level of giving to see where you are by visiting the webpage <https://www.elks.org/ENF/Recognition.cfm>. It will show current year and cumulative donations.

In closing, I am honored to be selected for this position as I fully support the ENF and all of the programs they fund and support. I look forward to seeing you all hopefully at the CHEA Mid-Term Conference in November. If you have any questions regarding the ENF please contact myself, **David Coleman** at cheaenf@gmail.com.

For any Community Investment Program (CIP) questions, please contact your CHEA Vice-Chairman **Scott Stephens** at scott@scottstephens.com.

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Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 working behind the scenes to serve the community. The Lodge was given permission from the Elks National Foundation to reallocate funds from a planned project to a new more immediate need to better assist the community. The Elks donated \$2000 to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County. The Food Bank's mission is to end hunger in Orange County. Second Harvest Donor Relations Associate Megan Hunker thanked the Elks for the cash donation which she said greatly helps to supply and maintain the day-to-day's most needed staples. Elks Lodge Grant Chairman Tenisha Campanile praising the organization said, "The dedication to their vision and values reminds me of the Elks dedication to our Cardinal Principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity." Pictured above is a volunteer loading food into one of 1,200 cars waiting in line.

In other news, the Lodge continued its support of the Dictionary Program funded by Elks Bingo Charity Committee and thanked all the Lodge members for donating the funds and their time for this important youth program.

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Piggy Bank

Roy Stout • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



Our whole world has been turned upside down since we last had an opportunity to correspond. It is my hope that my article finds all of you safe and healthy. My heartfelt prayers go out to our members and friends who may have lost someone to this terrible pandemic. To reiterate what is already being preached by so many, "We will get through this together."

Our final numbers for the fraternal year 2019 -2020 have been calculated. Unfortunately, we failed to reach our \$4,000,000 goal. But \$3,785,973.44 is a genuinely nice number and will go a long way towards helping our kids. Thank you to all our very generous donors. I know now may not be the easiest time to make those donations, but the kids can always use our help, maybe now more than ever.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge a few of the people who helped us this past year. Thank you to all our District Chairs who worked so hard promoting events in their Districts to drive our fundraising. Also, I know that they all worked hard reporting the numbers to us monthly. This was extraordinarily hard these past few months while the local Lodges were closed. Thank you to our local Lodge Chairs who worked so well with the District Chairs to get the job done. Thank you to our Association President and all his Association Vice-Presidents who so strongly supported our efforts by selling the Challenge Coins. And a heartfelt thanks to all the other numerous people who made significant contributions to our efforts – too many to list here but your efforts are not forgotten by me.

And a huge personal thank you to our Vice-Chair, Cora Woodard. She has been a rock star this year. She has helped me at every turn in every way. She has filled in for me when I could not be there. She has been the great communicator between the District Chairs and myself. We could not have accomplished what we did without her tireless effort. Thank you very, very much.

On June 1st all our new volunteers for the fraternal year 2020-2021 hit the ground running. Anxious to go to work doing everything possible that we can to achieve that elusive \$4,000,000 mark.

Upcoming planned fundraisers and their tentative dates:

Hemet RV Rally • October 8 – 11, 2020

Southern California Bowling Association • 1st Week of November

Chili's Give Back Day • January 11, 2021

Southeast Bowling Association • February 19 -21, 2021

Leading Knight's Challenge • November 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021

Keep your eyes and ears open for more news about these and other events in your area. Please support all of them when possible.

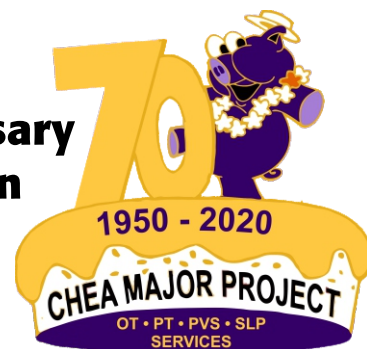
Please remember to purchase the 70th Year Anniversary Pin •

\$30 each and the 50th Year Anniversary Pin • \$10 each (while supplies last). They are very nice pins that show your support for the Major Project. Cora and I have a nice supply of these – please contact us with your orders, or fill out the form below and send to CHEMPI.

Until next time, feel free to contact Cora or myself at any time with questions or comments as we strive to feed those Purple Pigs, so that, "Our children with disabilities can walk, talk, see and play."

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70th Anniversary CHEMPI Pin



CHEMPI began from the modest amount the first year of \$78,991.37, directed by a committee, to over \$4.7 million currently being dispersed to the varied parts of the program now directed by the Trustees of the Major Project. In 1950 the program started with scholarships to therapists, a medical research grant and two mobile therapy units established in Eureka. We now offer expanded therapy services to many areas of California and Hawaii; provide Preschool Vision Screening to determine eye deficiencies while the deficiency is still correctable; funds to support unmet financial needs of those with vision deficiencies and scholarship funding for Students with Disabilities. **In honor of CHEMPI's 70th Year Anniversary, we are offering a 70-Year Pin available now from the CHEA Office.** Cost is \$30 with credit going towards your Millennium Accumulative total and your Lodge. We are also offering a 50-Year Anniversary Pin for an additional \$10, so \$40 for both pins!!!

To request your beautiful 70-Year Pin fill out this form, scan and email to chea@chea-elks.org or mail your check made out to **CHEMPI** to: CHEMPI • 5450 E. Lamona Avenue • Fresno, CA 93727-2224. Your 70-Year pin(s) will be mailed to the address shown on the form below.

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge No.: _____

Card No.: _____

Expiration Date: _____ 3 Digit Code on Back: _____

Quantity: _____ x \$40 (Both Pins) _____ x \$30 (70 Year Pin)

Exalted Ruler's March Totals by District:

Even though the Palm Springs Convention was cancelled, the following totals were reported to the Fresno Office by May 15th. Much of the end of year donation momentum was lost when the quarantine was enforced across the nation. Losing two months prior to the cancelled convention was not foreseen by anyone and should give our Association incentive to break the \$4,000,000 ceiling during the coming Elk year.

Miscellaneous	Total \$
ENF FUNDS	1,167,690.00
PETERS & POTTERS TRUSTS	324,225.00
MISC CA - HI	316,730.38
Total Misc.	1,808,345.38

Bay	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
ALAMEDA 1015	533	84.97	45,290.37
FREMONT 2121	461	58.33	26,891.88
REDWOOD CITY 1991	822	20.52	16,869.18
RICHMOND 1251	140	56.63	7,927.71
SAN FRANCISCO 3	895	22.52	20,159.66
SAN MATEO 1112	1,216	5.14	18,404.71
SO SAN FRANCISCO 2091	527	24.03	12,666.21
Total Bay District	4,594	32.26	148,209.72

Central	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
CONCORD 1994	157	10.45	1,640.02
LIVERMORE 2117	255	16.49	4,204.60
LODI 1900	560	4.70	2,632.00
LOS BANOS 2510	184	29.08	5,349.86
MERCED 1240	1,100	15.48	17,026.75
MODESTO 1282	871	24.98	21,754.26
PITTSBURG 1474	458	16.19	7,413.57
SONORA 1587	472	8.24	3,888.00
STOCKTON 218	781	20.36	15,904.24
TRACY 2031	374	17.29	6,464.85
WALNUT CREEK 1811	366	29.42	10,765.95
Total Central District	5,578	17.40	97,044.10

East Central	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
BAKERSFIELD 266	354	6.64	2,351.68
CLOVIS 2599	344	56.37	19,389.74
COALINGA 1613	167	13.95	2,329.00
DELANO 1761	204	10.90	2,222.75
FRESNO 439	237	20.88	4,949.25
HANFORD 1259	464	19.32	8,964.97
MADERA 1918	323	7.32	2,365.96
OAKHURST 2724	134	16.03	2,147.73
PORTERVILLE 1342	163	14.85	2,420.50
REEDLEY 2699	102	57.00	5,813.85
TULARE 1424	220	6.93	1,524.27
VISALIA 1298	1,078	27.62	29,777.37
WASCO 2419	137	28.24	3,868.22
Total East Central Dist.	3,927	22.44	88,125.29

Hawaii	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
HILO 759	204	15.93	3,248.70
HONOLULU 616	3,927	38.54	151,352.57
KAILUA 2230	547	22.44	12,276.58
KONA 2610	365	19.94	7,276.72
PEARL CITY 2669	283	22.52	6,373.71
Total Hawaii District	5,326	33.90	180,528.28

Inland	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
BIG BEAR LAKE 1787	153	62.36	9,541.07
BISHOP 1603	227	12.54	2,845.75
HESPERIA 2646	208	29.41	6,117.92
KERN RIVER VALLEY 2358	303	32.47	9,837.49
LANCASTER 1625	477	13.41	6,397.31
MOJAVE 2059	247	26.04	6,430.80
PALMDALE 2027	195	69.83	13,616.50
RIDGECREST 1913	223	28.85	6,434.53
TRONA 1975	104	35.59	3,700.89
VICTORVILLE 1877	265	4.16	1,103.25
MISC INLAND			250.00
Total Inland District	2,402	27.59	66,275.51

Metropolitan	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
BURBANK 1497	589	16.66	9,812.00
CANOGA PARK 2190	349	33.52	11,699.51
GLENDALE 1289	501	32.07	16,069.25
SAN FERNANDO 1539	112	18.32	2,051.75
SANTA CLARITA 2379	709	31.05	22,013.97
SUNLAND-TUJUNGA 2098	152	17.50	2,659.27
VAN NUYS-RESEDA 2790	125	75.01	9,376.25
Total Metropolitan Dist.	2,537	29.04	73,682.00

North	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
CHICO 423	1,461	22.14	32,348.91
MOUNT SHASTA 2333	196	5.49	1,076.51
PARADISE 2026	456	11.50	5,245.67
RED BLUFF 1250	665	8.57	5,695.75
REDDING 1073	1,656	19.65	32,539.59
WILLOWS 1786	299	16.35	4,887.25
YREKA 1980	290	11.17	3,239.59
Total North District	5,023	16.93	85,035.27

North Central	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
CARMICHAEL 2103	1,307	10.70	13,987.38
ELK GROVE 2577	210	13.91	2,921.36
JACKSON 2426	295	2.47	729.75
MARYSVILLE 783	255	15.78	4,024.69
PLACERVILLE 1712	429	10.93	4,687.31
RANCHO CORDOVA 2484	271	7.28	1,971.75
ROSEVILLE 2248	499	35.54	17,735.38
SACRAMENTO 6	632	22.92	14,482.84
WOODLAND 1299	384	12.29	4,721.25
Total North Central Dist.	4,282	15.24	65,261.71

Northeast	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
ALTURAS 1756	166	0.46	77.00
AUBURN 1691	688	17.59	12,105.00
CALPINE 2432	108	26.18	2,827.16
GRASS VALLEY 538	111	13.00	1,443.15
LAKE ALMANOR 2626	195	2.07	402.75
NEVADA CITY 518	297	8.06	2,392.85
QUINCY 1884	66	4.66	307.50
SUSANVILLE 1487	199	15.16	3,017.52
Total Northeast District	1,830	12.33	22,572.93

Northwest	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
CRESENT CITY 1689	224	11.79	2,641.01
EUREKA 652	1,439	2.12	3,048.50
LAKEPORT 2704	212	76.68	16,256.18
NAPA 832	631	15.73	9,926.32
NOVATO 2655	150	10.75	1,613.08
PETALUMA 901	1,003	9.66	9,693.99
SAN RAFAEL 1108	499	23.47	11,710.15
UKIAH 1728	284	26.64	7,566.21
VACAVILLE 2638	253	17.66	4,466.79
Total Northwest District	4,695	14.25	66,922.23

Orange Coast	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
BUENA PARK 2046	179	11.07	1,981.50
FULLERTON 1993	859	20.49	17,603.50
GARDEN GROVE 1952	1,064	24.53	26,103.15
HUNTINGTON BEACH 1959	916	45.87	42,019.27
MISSION VIEJO 2444	1,190	49.16	58,497.86
NEWPORT HARBOR 1767	1,764	19.80	34,931.96
ORANGE 1475	1,607	16.18	26,002.67
SANTA ANA 794	735	30.84	22,670.54
ORANGE COAST MISC			2,226.00
Total Orange Coast Dist.	8,314	27.91	232,036.45

San Gabriel Valley	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
ALHAMBRA-SAN GAB. 1328	266	34.23	9,104.94
ARCADIA 2025	325	21.75	7,070.00
DUARTE 1427	122	60.98	7,439.75
PASADENA 672	767	36.34	27,869.75
WEST COVINA 1996	635	56.34	35,778.98
SAN GAB. VALLEY MISC.			11,000.00
Total San Gab. Val. Dist.	2,115	46.46	98,263.42

South	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
BANNING-BEAUMONT 1839	282	2.25	635.50
BLYTHE 1799	140	21.66	3,032.62
BRAWLEY 1420	206	7.30	1,503.50
DESERT HOT SPRINGS 2639	185	12.12	2,242.78
EL CENTRO 1325	101	4.77	482.25
INDIO 1643	830	28.91	23,992.54
NEEDLES 1608	305	17.92	5,466.50
PALM SPRINGS 1905	471	14.22	6,696.83
TWENTYNINE PALMS 2134	129	39.53	5,098.75
YUCCA VALLEY 2314	243	19.52	4,744.42
Total South District	2,892	18.64	53,895.69

South Central	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
BELLFLR-LONG BEACH 888	240	44.85	10,763.00
DOWNEY 2020	275	10.86	2,986.25
HUNTINGTON PARK 1415	126	1.49	188.25
LAKEWOOD 1570	106	89.56	9,493.66
MONTEBELLO 2051	310	5.11	1,585.50
NORWALK 2142	283	9.26	2,621.25
PARAMOUNT 1804	173	23.11	3,998.04
SAN PEDRO 966	1,756	2.93	5,139.50
WHITTIER 1258	358	2.51	899.50
Total South Central Dist.	3,627	10.39	37,674.95

South Central Coast	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
CULVER CITY 1917	412	31.54	12,993.25
GARDENA 1919	428	35.53	15,208.63
REDONDO BEACH 1378	686	42.85	29,392.75
SANTA MONICA 906	200	82.23	16,445.35
TORRANCE 1948	342	26.14	8,939.50
WESTCHESTER 2050	298	43.83	13,061.80
Tot. So. Cent. Coast Dist.	2,366	40.59	96,041.28

South Coast	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
CHULA VISTA 2011	690	13.48	9,303.30
EL CAJON 1812	1,596	12.03	19,198.35
ENCINITAS 2243	356	37.30	13,277.86
ESCONDIDO 1687	324	11.69	3,786.91
OCEANSIDE 1561	365	71.41	26,064.75
POWAY 2543	377	23.54	8,873.75
SAN CLEMENTE 2068	316	16.37	5,171.91
SAN DIEGO 168	587	37.12	21,786.60
SANTEE-LAKESIDE 2698	289	5.45	1,576.25
VISTA 1968	829	24.15	20,016.72
MISC SOUTH COAST			950.00
Total South Coast Dist.	5,729	22.69	130,006.40

Southeast	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
CORONA 2045	345	8.44	2,913.25
FONTANA 2013	117	40.55	4,744.89
HEMET 1740	885	20.96	18,552.55
LAKE ELSINORE 2591	662	15.22	10,072.68
MORENO VALLEY 2697	263	31.28	8,227.25
ONTARIO 1419	582	43.07	25,064.18
REDLANDS 583	436	44.05	19,207.25
RIVERSIDE 643	530	29.53	15,649.40
SAN BERNARDINO 836	266	27.90	7,421.50
SKY FOREST 2393	263	19.28	5,069.37
TEMECULA VALLEY 2801	221	20.10	4,442.25
YUCAIPA 2389	260	30.35	7,892.00
Total Southeast District	4,830	26.76	129,256.57

West Central	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
GILROY 1567	337	14.96	5,041.25
HOLLISTER 1436	404	36.11	14,589.41
MONTEREY 1285	806	9.14	7,364.99
PALO ALTO 1471	879	25.87	22,735.73
SALINAS 614	530	8.02	4,248.24
SAN JOSE 522	768	7.80	5,988.75
SANTA CLARA 2347	329	21.33	7,018.76
SANTA CRUZ 824	652	28.54	18,609.02
SUNNYVALE 2128	169	65.84	11,127.57
WATSONVILLE 1300	147	2.52	371.00
MISC WEST CENTRAL			597.00
Total West Central Dist.	5,021	19.46	97,691.72

West Central Coast	Members	Per Capita	Total \$
ATASCADERO 2733	526	16.35	8,599.00
LOMPOC 2274	963	22.73	21,887.05
OCEANO/FIVE CITIES 2504	1,193	15.69	18,714.82
OXNARD 1443	223	19.94	4,447.67
PASO ROBLES 2364	500	34.74	17,372.49
SAN LUIS OBISPO 322	2,267	4.56	10,332.14
SANTA BARBARA 613	1,080	29.36	31,712.73
SANTA MARIA 1538	3,116	14.26	44,433.89
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY 2640	294	14.59	4,290.10
SIMI VALLEY 2492	833	20.34	16,944.38
THOUSAND OAKS 2477	445	45.60	20,292.34
VENTURA 1430	354	27.63	9,779.90
Total West Central Dist.	11,794	17.70	208,806.54

86,882 Members • Per Capita \$43.58
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,785,973.44

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Membership Retention and Lapsation

C. Michael Melton, PDDGER • Chairman



Greetings, I hope you and your family are in good health.

As I'm writing this at the end of May, I'm still working in quarantine mode. The lockdown is beginning to ease in some areas of California and Hawaii, and there's hope we can return to some degree of normalcy, but the novel coronavirus is still amongst us and some precautions will need to be observed.

The prospect of having our Lodges available to us again is very exciting. And here's some news that may add to that excitement. The final numbers have not been set by CLEMS as yet, but it appears our membership gain for last year is going to be about 1400 new Elks. If this number holds it will represent a major step forward. With this figure as a benchmark we should be driven to even greater accomplishments in recruiting and retention this year.

With 1400+ candidates waiting to be enrolled, we've got a great start on this year's numbers if we make the effort to initiate each of those waiting. Records show that we recruit at about twice the speed we initiate; we need to create a smoother and faster processing program in our Lodges to close this gap. No candidate should wait longer than thirty days to become an Elk. We have the tools at hand to fully process an applicant in ten to fourteen days, this should become the norm. Every lodge should initiate at least once a month.

During this unique time, set up interviews with candidates to meet their schedules and conduct them over FaceTime or Duo. This allows you to get applicants into the pipeline even when they're out of town. Orientation can be conducted in the same manner, or if you have multiple candidates you can use Zoom which is very easy to use and accommodates the use of visual aids and video.

Many Lodges are holding their Lodge, Initiation, Board of Director and House Committee meetings via Zoom and with some adaptations, are finding this effective under the restrictive health guidelines in force in their communities.

A matter of equal importance and utmost urgency is the matter of our current lapsation rate. Association wide, we now stand over 25% delinquent. I've found some members feel since the Lodge is closed that there's no real rush to pay, and others have been hit financially by the pandemic. Open or shuttered Lodges have already paid per capita for every member and have ongoing bills that must be paid, with no other income stream available. Dues payments can be vital to the sustainability of the Lodge.

Many members have been furloughed or lost their jobs due to the pandemic and may need help. Be generous in your outreach, we have ways to help good members who may have hit hard times. They may welcome the idea of a six-month cycle of dues payments with the first one covering one half years dues and the per capita, leaving them a smaller fee for

the second half and time to work it out. We should never forget the cost of saving a good member is nothing compared to the cost of losing one. Each Lodge has a Standing Relief Committee and times such as this is its reason for being, don't hesitate to use it when appropriate.

Membership must be the primary concern of Lodges, committees and members. Like a great cellular organism, every part must participate in and be nurtured by the whole to stay healthy. We, like those cells, must grow in number or the organ dies. If your dues are pending pay them now. If you have an issue paying, call your Lodge and let them know, something can be worked out. Reach out to you fellow members to offer aid to them should they be in need. This is the true meaning of Elkdome.

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San Pedro Lodge 966 using an ENF Beacon Grant, the Lodge chose "The Boys and Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor" to donate \$2,500 toward the purchase of new equipment to start a girls softball league. When the Pandemic started, all sports were stopped. Mike Lansing, the Executive Director of the club suggested the Beacon Grant be used for the purchase of books for school age children. When "The Boys and Girls Club" donated food by drive-thru lines in family cars, children were given the opportunity chose a book of their choice. Pictured above are two Boys and Girls Club volunteers.

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Scholarship

Jack Geiger, PDDGER • CHEA Scholarship Chairman



Scholarship Results and Opportunities

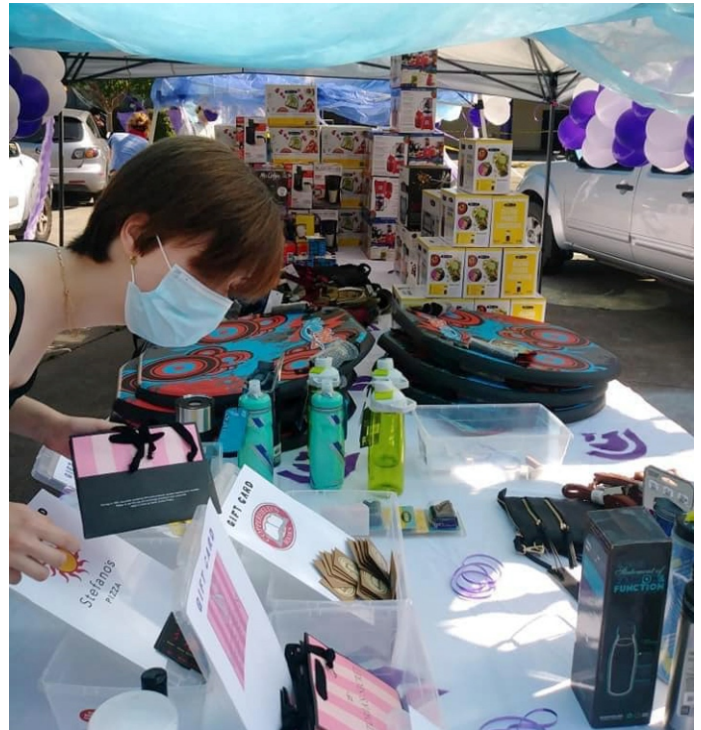
The 2020-2021 year for the California-Hawaii Elks Association Scholarship Committee begins on a high note. I am very proud to say that following the Association Judging in February, 77 candidates were advanced to the Grand Lodge level for Most Valuable Student judging. Of those 77, Santiago Alvarar of Montebello Lodge 2051 was awarded the \$50,000 top male scholarship, Victor Ye of Whittier Lodge 1258 and Luciana Soria-Robles of Van Nuys/Reseda Lodge 2790 each received \$20,000 and the remaining 74 candidates received \$4,000. Way to go CHEA!

On a more somber note, our Country, our Order and our Association are facing difficult times resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Unemployment figures are skyrocketing and many businesses are on the brink of closing or have already closed. The California-Hawaii Elks Association can offer help to those who need training to enter new fields of employment through our Vocational Grant Program. This Grant offers up to \$2,000 per year for up to two years for training in an accredited vocational institution. I would encourage each Lodge to reach out to its community members and make them aware of this opportunity. The Vocational Grant application is available on the CHEA website and open to anyone residing in California or Hawaii. There are no age limitations.

The coming year will offer new challenges and opportunities for our Scholarship program. Please join us as we continue to prove that in California and Hawaii, Elks Care-Elks Share. Together we can make a difference.



Mission Viejo Lodge 2444 partnered with community organizations to serve lunch to local heroes. Donating \$1000 and joined with community partners in a beautiful day of sharing and showing appreciation. The community was able to provide lunch meals to all 1200 medical staff working at Mission Hospital and the evening shift consisting of 500 employees received a tasty dessert treat. The words of thanks were continuous as the staff walked by with their lunches.



Petaluma Lodge 901 was proud to support Project Grad! This is one of the many things we are able to do as Elks, even when our building is closed. Project Grad had a great day with the Class of 2020! We thank the parents and members of our community for their support as well as the support of local businesses and organizations. Prizes for Project Grad had been purchased earlier in the year and we were able to supplement those by purchasing \$3000 in gift cards to help local businesses. We really enjoyed our happy seniors! Congratulations to the Class of 2020! Pictured above are some of the gifts and gift cards made available for the graduates by the Lodge and other local businesses.



Indio Lodge 1643 held their annual Fashion Show March 14th at the Lodge to benefit our scholarship program. Over \$3500 was raised for scholarships. Pictured above is Chairperson of the event Darlene Currington as she introduces the models (l-r) Diane Johnson, Ruth Keil, Karen Lambrose, Joyce McPeck, and Terri Koeppenick.

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BLT Legacy Giving

Barbara Knox, PDDGER • Chairman



Good Day, Brother and Sister Elks:

I sincerely hope that you are all well. I'm also hoping that by the time you read this the pandemic has leveled off and we are back to normal, at least as normal as we can for awhile.

I missed seeing you all at the State Convention, Vice Chair Lynn Glick and I enjoy talking with you one-on-one about Legacy Giving. Lynn wrote about our Commitment Trust in an earlier column but there have been inquiries so here's some information for you. Some of you may know this, you may have even heard it from Lynn or I, but it's important. A Commitment Trust is a Charitable Remainder Uni-Trust as defined by the IRS regulations. The Commitment Trust arm of the Legacy Giving program requires that a minimum of \$10,000 be invested, and for this investment you will receive \$700 per year back to you as long as you live. If you are married, then it can continue for the lifetime of your spouse. At the end of the Trust's term, what's left in the trust is then transferred to our Major Project. Why would you do this? Given today's interest rates, you may receive a return greater than if it was placed in an individual account. You will be able to take a tax deduction for your donation. If you have a large estate, transferring funds (or assets) into a Charitable Remainder Trust may reduce your estate tax since the funds are not in your estate at your death. And, the best part of all of this? You are insuring that the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project continues past your lifetime. We all support the Major Project now through donations during our lifetime ... make sure that this commitment to the Major Project continues as your legacy. And, by the way, you are not limited to only one \$10,000 donation, there are several members who have made their commitment more than once. If you are one of them and you are reading this column - THANK YOU!

Yes, but...what if I don't want to make the present donation? Easy peasy ... if you have a Will you can add the Major Project into your Will. If you don't have a Will, perhaps it's time to think about that. If you have an existing trust, you can amend it to make a charitable gift. If you have an insurance policy you can add the Major Project on as a beneficiary. Some of you have already contacted me by e-mail, some may not know where to find my e-mail address, so here it is: **bknox@dc.rr.com** Stay safe, wash your hands, and I hope to see you soon!



Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 held a blood drive in May. Although the Lodge has been closed since March 18th, in order to support the community, a blood drive was organized. As a result of advertising through local news media and internet, all donor slots were filled. Forty-nine pints of blood were donated along with one plasma donation. Another blood drive has been scheduled for the end of July.



Elk Grove Elks 2577, were busy supporting our Veterans. Taking advantage of the Elks National Veterans Association, Homecoming Kit project we purchase and delivered three Homecoming kits to three Veterans that were homeless but now have a place to live. The Homecoming kits consist of all the items that a Veteran would need to move into a house. Each Veteran is contacted and we fill out a wish list of his needs. We have been successful in getting items donated from fellow Elks, such as furniture items. Pictured above (l-r) Henry Sanchez, Eric Razo, Army Veteran, Bob Samaniego and Steve Beck.

In other news, the Lodge visited the Elk Grove, "Chicks in Crisis" and its founder and Mother Hen, Inez Whitlow who founded the program in 1997. The current COVID-19 crisis has had an impact on its funding. The organization is a non-profit specializing in the mental, physical and emotional healing for teens or women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

The program depends on regular donations to keep it operational. The Lodge was able to deliver to her 1,000 diapers, 2,000 wipes and a check for \$300. Donations came from Lodge members.



Kern River Valley Lodge 2358 donated a \$2,500 Gratitude Grant to the local Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen in Lake Isabella. ER, Dean Ott presented a check to Phyllis Brewer, Soup Kitchen operator. With the funds, the kitchen is hoping to provide additional meals on a daily basis to those in need. Pictured above is ER Dean Ott; Carmen Garza, Cook; Phyllis Brewer, Director; and Pat Terrell, Lodge Grant Coordinator.

In May, ER Dean Ott presented additional checks totaling \$720 and \$1100 worth of food provided by the members. The Lodge plans on making this an ongoing project.

Lodge Activities

Jim McCloskey • CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



All the activities that take place at the Lodge or in the community are reported as California-Hawaii Elks Association Lodge Activities. This information directly reflects the work of our members and their Elks charities.

It is the goal of the CHEA Lodge Activities Committee to:

- 1- Increase the response of lodges reporting to the District Lodge Activities chairperson,
- 2- Encourage the local independent lodges to accurately document their lodge's activities and lessen the probability of under-reporting, and...
- 3- Create awareness at the lodge level about the significance of the information they are asked to report.

This year we had a total of 472 lodge quarterly reports submitted to their districts, for a combined yearly average of 71% of lodges reporting. I want to thank the district chairpersons who have worked with their lodges last year, keeping our goals in mind, and welcome the new and returning chairpersons for 2020/2021.

At this time it is my privilege to present the winners of the "All-American Lodge" Contest-A for the California-Hawaii Elks Association:

Division I: Lodges up to 300 members

- 1st: Los Banos Lodge 2510 • Central District
 2nd: Duarte Lodge 1427 • San Gabriel Valley District
 3rd: Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 • Southeast District

Division II: Lodges with 301 to 500 members

- 1st: Walnut Creek Lodge • 1811 Central District
 2nd: Poway Lodge 2543 • South Coast District
 3rd: Arcadia Lodge 2025 • San Gabriel Valley District

Division III: Lodges with 501 to 700 members

- 1st: Ontario Lodge 1419 • Southeast District
 2nd: West Covina Lodge 1996 • San Gabriel Valley District

Division IV: Lodges with 701 to 1,100 members

- 1st: Santa Ana Lodge 794 • Orange Coast District
 2nd: Pasadena Lodge 672 • San Gabriel Valley District
 3rd: Modesto Lodge 1282 • Central District

Division V: Lodges with 1,101 to 1,500 members

- 1st: Mission Viejo-Saddleback Vly Lodge 2444 • Orange Coast District

Division VI: Lodges with 1,501 or more members

- 1st: Orange Lodge 1475 • Orange Coast District
 2nd: El Cajon Lodge 1812 • South Coast District

Congratulations to all our winning Lodges. The applications for these Lodges in all six divisions were forwarded to the National Committee for further competition at the Grand Lodge level.

With Lodges slowly opening and resuming activities, it will be important for us all to remain positive, stay connected with other members, and look ahead to the future. Stay safe, stay healthy, and be proud to be an Elk!



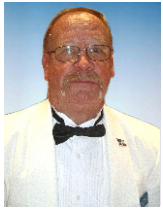
Alameda Lodge 1015, since the shelter-in-place orders were issued in mid-March, Lodge members have been making colorful face masks. Initially, fabric and elastic donations were used to provide masks for member's needs, but the overwhelming response in donations of materials and \$1,200 in cash to purchase additional supplies, allowed members to take on the requests they were receiving via social media. Within the first sixty days, more than 2,000 masks have been sewn and distributed to frontline nurses in New York, Convents in Chicago and Toledo. Hundreds of masks were given to retirement communities in Alameda. Masks were delivered to Alameda Hospital, Kaiser hospitals in Oakland, Richmond and San Leandro, along with Covenant House in Oakland. Southwest Airline employees at Oakland International Airport received masks. Pictured above is a sampling of members Cara Carnes, Patti McCall and Yolanda Triana's handiwork.



San Rafael Lodge 1108 - Elks Kitchen Cares Project - Responding to the Covid 19 crisis, Elk volunteers and ENF Gratitude Grant funds have been making a difference providing nutritious and delicious to-go meals to those most in need, cooked up in our own Lodge Kitchen. The project was initially funded for 2,500 lunches, by ENF and Lodge funds. The program has been extended by the generosity of Elk and community individual donations. Pictured above are Monica and Georgia McMillan packing lunch bags

CHEA Historian

Steve Lobdell, PDDGER



District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers

When the office of District Deputies was created, its dignity and importance was indicated not only by the duties assigned to it but also by its rarely used full legal title - District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

In 1886 it was not required that a District Deputy be appointed for the District where the Exalted Grand Ruler lived. By 1892 this requirement was eliminated and a provision made for the appointment of a District Deputy for each District.

The growth of the Order has made it impossible for the Chief Executive to give close personal supervision to its affairs in every section, and the District Deputy was intended to be his personal representative, and to supervise for him and under his direction, the administration of those affairs in a designated territory. The Grand Exalted Ruler in his circular announcing his appointments, aptly terms him a "contact officer." He is the direct connecting link between the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Subordinate Lodges.

For many years the office was, unfortunately, too generally regarded as something of a sinecure, a mere temporary distinction to be enjoyed with little regard to the real purpose of the office or to the definite obligations and duties involved. Here and there were exceptional appointees who took the office seriously, administered it with dignity and ability, and rendered valuable service to the Order. But in too many instances the District Deputy simply visited the more important Lodges of his District as a pleasant official privilege. The occasion of his visit was made one of convivial entertainment, and his official reports, based on cursory inspection of conditions, were of comparatively little value.

But in recent years a happy change has taken place. There is a finer and truer conception of the obligation attending the appointment: a clearer perception of the opportunities for service. Today the office is rightly regarded as one of the most important within the power of the Grand Exalted Ruler to bestow, the appointment to which conveys high honor coupled with great responsibility.

There have been many factors, which have contributed to this pleasing condition: but perhaps the most effective has been the annual meetings of the District Deputies, which are now an established feature of Grand Lodge administration. Held shortly after their appointment, and before they have actively entered upon their duties, attended by the Grand Exalted Ruler and important Committee Chairmen, who deliver prepared addresses upon pending activities of the Order, and marked by discussions of the duties of the office and the problems which are to be faced and solved. These meetings have proved not only educational but inspirational. And the Order has been tremendously benefitted by the more efficient administration of its affairs in the several Districts, which has been the recognized result.

A District Deputy is, in their particular jurisdiction, the eyes and ears and good right hand of the Grand Exalted Ruler. They should recognize their obligations to see clearly, to hear distinctly, to act wisely, and to report fully and honestly to the Grand Exalted Ruler.

Their official visits should be made with the primary object of

closely inspecting the conditions of each Lodge, of carefully observing its ritual exemplification, of examining its records, of studying its peculiar needs and of bearing to it a definite message that will helpfully deal with those needs and will encourage and stimulate its officers and members in their fraternal duties and relationships. It is desirable that their visit should be made a fraternal event. They should not permit any consideration to subordinate the important service they have undertaken. It is only when the District Deputy is actuated by such a spirit and such a purpose that they are truly representing the Grand Exalted Ruler and properly serving the Order.

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Public Relations

Marjorie Samaniego, PER • Chairman



We are living in a difficult time. The COVID-19 crisis has shut down our Lodges and this effects our financial stability, affects our lives and denies our members a place of comfort in their lives.

Elks are generous people and they do great things for their community. We support local schools, youth activities and Veterans issues. The problem is that nobody knows what we do. Our job in public Relations is difficult, we must let our community and the news media outlets know what we do.

I have learned the process is a cycle; do good things in the community, write an article, take a picture. Send it to the local newspaper, CHEA Magazine, Elks Magazine, Facebook and your own Lodge bulletin. Elks see this and want to be involved, get them involved. Non-Elks see this and start asking questions and some will become Elks.

My goal is communications from top to bottom and bottom to top. There are many manuals on Public Relations, and they have many great ideas, but to make them work we need Elks at all levels to participate. All Elks are Public Relations Representatives!

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Yucaipa Lodge 2389 donated the \$2000 ENF Gratitude Grant to Smiles for Seniors, an organization providing emergency assistance to veterans, seniors or homeless who are in need.

Drug Awareness

Dave Provan, PDDGER • CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



Hello All. I hope this article finds you safe and healthy. This is my first article as CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman. I have had the honor to have served for two years as Drug Awareness Vice Chairman, working with Chairman Diane Farrens. Diane was an outstanding Chairman and I was fortunate to work with her. I am looking forward to working with the CHEA District Chairmen to implement the Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Programs. Working closely with me will be John McEntire, as CHEA DAP Vice Chairman.

If you visit the CHEA Drug Awareness web site, you will see that the Drug Awareness Contests (Poster, Essay and Video) have not been updated for this year. As soon as we receive the theme from Grand Lodge for the 2020-2021 contests we will update the website. However, the forms for the Enrique Camarena Award have been updated. This is an important award and I urge all Lodges to start a search for nominees. Criteria and Guidelines are all on the CHEA Drug Awareness web site.

Also updated is the CHEA Drug Awareness Program Literature Order Form. On this form you will find 24 different DAP items which can be ordered. All orders must be sent to the State Chairman. These pamphlets, book marks and coloring books are very informative and can be used in the Lodge, for schools and special events.

The next updated item is the 2020-2021 "What Heros Do" Comic Book order form. Comic Book requests are only approved for classroom use. It is for second through seventh graders in your community about the perils of when prescription drugs are used.

* **DAP Material** orders take about 2-4 weeks to process, depending on the time of year.

* **President's Volunteer Service Award** request take about 4-6 weeks to process. The Adult awards are not being processed at this time, however you can still submit the Student/Child President's Volunteer Service Award.

* **Comic Book orders** take about 3-4 weeks to process.

John McEntire and I are looking forward to meeting you and answering any Drug Awareness questions you might have. Please come by our table at the Mid-Term Conference in Gardena in November and the State Convention next May in San Diego.



Orange Lodge 1475 brought Ray Lozano out to the Orange Unified School District to present Drug Awareness Assemblies to the elementary, junior high and high schools. The Orange Elks and Ray have produced the first ever Distance Learning Drug Awareness Assembly. A short introduction by Elks National Speaker Ray Lozano and his daughter Brooke (pictured above) starts the program.

This is great opportunity for all the students at home and their families to view this first assembly on Vaping.

Please check it out!

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Yucca Valley Lodge 2314 presented Morongo Basin Ambulance with a check, provided by an ENF Gratitude Grant, for \$2500 to be used for cardiac monitors, protective helmets, jackets and vests for the crews so that they may remain safe while on traffic collisions or other highway incidents. They will also be purchasing much needed PPE's. Morongo Basin Ambulance is one of the only non-profit ambulance providers in the state of California. Pictured are Matthew Welsch, Morongo Basin Ambulance Operations Chief, Linda Baalrud Wilson, ER and Bob Simendich, PER and Grant Coordinator.



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Maxine Ostrain	2190	Janet Austin	2379	Thomas Walsh	2477	Miguela Sarte	2669
Kerry Ray (2)	2190	Michael Halloran	2379	Kari Sears (3)	2492	Patricia Seawright	2669
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Lawrence Richards	2243	Willie Kanayan	2393	Jon Reineccius	2599	Arda Sundstrom	2704
Ron Rodriguez	2243	Tracy Lenocker	2393	Roger Gellings	2638	Doug Brown	2801
Marilyn Taranto	2243	Marla Marganian	2393	Lyle Bolte	2640	Laurie Gonzalez	2801
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Insurance and Safety

Shelly Gonzales, PDDGER • Chairman



The new Lodge year started in an uncharted way, and we are now getting used to a new normal. As we all go forward with re-opening our Lodges, here is a reminder of some important matters regarding safety and insurance for the Lodge.

Grand Lodge Statute 12.070 requires all Lodges to establish an Accident Prevention Program and designate an Accident Prevention Manager. A Lodge should have an established accident prevention protocol in place, complying with all applicable state and county laws.

All Officers and Lodge members should know the process to follow should an injury accident occur.

All Lodges are responsible for the safety of their members and guests. All COVID 19 protocols must be followed for the county in which the Lodge resides. This includes ensuring all required posting regarding COVID 19 are highly visible in the Lodge, and complying with all cleaning and disinfecting of the Lodge.

As always, In the interest of accident prevention and safety, please be reminded that the service of alcohol is a privilege a Lodge extends to members and their guests. Anybody serving behind the bar must be LEADs certified for the protection of this privilege. Establishing a pattern of safety by education and responsible actions is a best business practice that will ensure the continued viability of a Lodge. Cutting off a member or guest appropriately is better than defending a lawsuit, and may even save a life.

The Property Plus certificates of coverage for the fraternal year 2020/2021 should have arrived in April, renewing the existing coverage for the Lodge buildings and contents effective April 1, 2020. The certificate of coverage will outline the deductible per occurrence, the limits of coverage, and the location of the property. It is of the utmost importance that these certificates are reviewed for accuracy. Verify that all Lodge buildings are covered, and that the limits of coverage are adequate in the event of a loss. If there is a discrepancy, AON will need to be contacted. Contact information for AON, as well as the Property Plus Insurance Guide which explains the coverage provided, can be found on-line on the Safety & Insurance page of the Elks website, elks.org.

Flood and earthquake coverages are not included in the Property Plus Program. If a Lodge has a need for this insurance, quotes would need to be obtained to determine the most cost effective carrier.

The Liability Insurance Program coverage also commenced on

April 1, 2020 for each Lodge. The Master Liability provides coverage for general and contractual liability. The coverage does not include any type of motor vehicle coverage. A Lodge should not own a motor vehicle, but if it does, a separate motor vehicle policy would be necessary. The updated Liability Insurance Program booklet outlining the program and coverage is also available on-line on the Safety & Insurance page of elks.org.

The Master Liability Program does not cover claims alleging sexual harassment, discrimination, or wrongful termination. For protection against these types of claims, a Lodge would need to purchase a separate Directors and Officers (D&O) policy. D&O carriers also offer Employment Practice Liability Insurance (EPLI), which protects employers from claims of employees that their legal rights have been violated. This coverage may already be included in an existing D&O policy; it would be indicated on the declarations page of the policy.

Workers compensation coverage is not provided by Grand Lodge. It is a state law in both California and Hawaii that any entity with employees carry workers' compensation coverage. Premium is based on payroll, and rates can be quite competitive. The Lodge's workers compensation coverage cost should be reviewed each renewal period. It's quite possible the Lodge can acquire workers compensation for a lower rate, which can help a Lodge reduce expenses.

Finally, matters of coverage can be quite convoluted. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Government Relations

Carlos Mariscal, PDDGER • Chairman



Government Relations plays an important role in the life of any large organization and the Elks are no exception. The Elks pioneered the Government Relations Program to make our political leaders aware of our dedication to charitable works. Therefore, it is imperative that we continue to thrive and perform great works of charity in our communities and ensure that these great charitable works get reported on CLMS. This is how we prove to the Federal Government that we are in fact performing charitable works. This is needed in order for the Elks to be considered as a non-profit charitable organization. I know that since the Shelter in Place this has been hard to do since most of the Lodges in the state are closed. However, I've heard that some Lodges have already opened and are conducting charitable events. If you are a Lodge that has opened please ensure that your events get reported. In the meantime, stay safe and we'll soon be opened for business to conduct our charitable works.

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Marilyn Hooton	6	Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	Lance Hudson	1917	J. Martin Borden	2230
Judi Tracy	6	Randy Wolff	1289	C. Michael Melton	1917	Steven Dale	2248
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Donal Frigerio	168	Melanie McKimmons	1298	Ruthy Almaraz	1919	Laurie Ashley	2358
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Kathleen Kuttler	168	Dorothy Van Wagoner	1298	Bettie A. Jamora	1919	Larry Cotton	2358
Gary Marinelli	168	Karen Buchanan	1378	Eric Koyanagi	1919	Tom Jefferies	2358
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Matthew Pires	168	Gerald Delker	1427	Alyssa Santos	1919	Michael Streeter	2358
Hugh VanDoren	168	John D. McEntire, Jr.	1427	James G. Anderson	1952	Pat Terrell	2358
John Areola, Jr.	218	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.	1952	Kathleen West	2358
Frank Chicago	218	Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Rudolph "Rudy" Komeinek	1952	Henry Schmitz	2364
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Susan Good	439	Jessica Gracia	1430	Michelle Manzo	1952	Diana Crovo	2379
Joan Toth	538	Brenda Bernal	1436	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Debbie K. Hager	2379
Paul Toth	538	Shelley Gonzales	1443	Eileen Rasmussen	1952	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Frank Almazan	583	Ines Greenwald	1443	Henry "Rick" Ross	1952	Robert Laymon	2379
Janice Almazan	583	Robert Beck	1474	Robert Ruppert	1952	Ted Olsen	2379
Michelle Brittingham	583	Richard D. Enea	1474	David Skelton	1952	Sandra Owen	2379
Mike Brittingham	583	Dennis Linsley	1474	Lance Slimmer	1952	John Rivetti	2379
Erik Brown	583	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Joseph Garica	2477
Ashley Campos	583	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Gerry Gillies	2477
Hilary Fulton	583	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Dan Hoffman	2477
John Fulton	583	Sean Gambill	1475	Michael Noreen	1959	Inger S. Hogan	2477
Chris Hubbell	583	Amanda Jung	1475	Erlinda Puig	1959	Ed Lees	2477
Lisa Hubbell	583	James Jung	1475	Dale S. Sinner	1959	Greg Metzgas	2477
Calvin Hara	616	Chris Michaelis	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	Alexandra "Sandra" Rogers	2477
Loren Jerlow	616	Colin Smith	1475	Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991	Geogory Sweet	2477
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	John M. Smith	1475	Robert Cassetta	1991	Lyssa Wright	2477
Steve Buttress	643	Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	Richard Wallace	1991	Kris Picard	2492
Aron Andersen	672	Greg Peale	1497	Judy Givens	1993	Jay Dupler	2504
Charles Rowe	672	Myron Battles	1538	Alan Kelley	1993	Kristi Dupler	2504
Bob Arthurs	759	Claire DuVall	1538	Michael Mathers	1993	Dale Gregory	2504
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Tim Jaeger	832	Debbie Driver	1625	Richard M. Dana	1996	David W. Mullett	2543
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Frank Frazier	906	Michelle Solvin	1643	Ben Ortega	1996	Diane Ward	2577
Robert A. Pickett	906	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Laurie Ayala	2011	Connie Flatley	2591
Margaret Pickett	906	Michael Cosby	1691	Martin Barros	2011	Jim Flatley	2591
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SEPTEMBER 24TH - 27TH

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Santa Maria Lodge 1538 has been donating dinners to our local hospital nurses, law enforcement and fire departments during our Grab & Go Monday and Friday dinners. Grab & Go has been extremely popular, the Lodge serves 400-500 dinners each time and served 1,000 on Mother's Day.

In other news, the Lodge received a Gratitude Grant for \$2,500 which was donated to the Santa Barbara County Food Bank. Our Lodge Car Club donated an additional \$1,000 to the Foodbank. Lodge Officers and members have been distributing food every Thursday, averaging 600+ bags, including lots of fresh produce from Santa Maria Valley farms.



Alhambra-San Gabriel Lodge 1328 using a \$2000 ENF Gratitude Grant were able to assist La Casa de San Gabriel Community Center with food for their pantry and assist in distribution to families. During this hard time, it is a great time to give back to our Community,



El Cajon Lodge 1812 received an ENF Spotlight Grant of \$2000. The grant was used to purchase small kitchen appliances for the nine cottages of Freedom Village San Diego, such as coffee makers, toaster ovens, blenders, mixers, and crock-pots. Lodge members donated other kitchen supplies such as dishes, cups, glassware, kitchen towels, cooking utensils, etc. The culmination of the grant was a Sunday breakfast where Freedom Station Veterans and Freedom Station staff attended to accept our donations. Sandy Lehmkuhler, founder and CEO of Warrior Foundation Freedom Station, and Judy Sexton, COO and Board Member of Warrior Foundation Freedom Station, spoke of the goals and work being done for Veterans. They also presented the Lodge with a "Because of You" appreciation framed award.



Canoga Park Lodge 2190 held a Memorial Day drive thru serving burgers, hot dogs, and chili dogs. Led by ER Jeff Mackie, sixty-eight meals were served, with all proceeds going to our Veterans project and for Special Needs children. Pictured above are ER Jeff Mackie and other Lodge members.

In other news, the Lodge held a Mother's Day drive thru offering mothers a bouquet of carnations, a small bear, and a bag of homemade cookies.



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Chico Lodge 423 congratulates Chico High School Senior, Andrew S. who was named National Scholarship Winner of the Elks National essay contest. Andrew was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship from ENF. The topic of the essay was "What does Community Service Mean to Me?" Andrew was one of the top local entries and won the national honor. His hobbies include playing the piano, specializing in classical music. In the fall, Andrew will attend Macalester College, majoring in International Studies.

All it takes is ...



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



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 held its first Drive-Thru Big Santa Maria Style BBQ cookout in April, where the Lodge offered full dinners to the community for only \$15. The menu consisted of either TriTip, Ribs, Chicken, or Sausages with three sides. Cars were lined up and down the block with a total of 400 dinners being served. This event was so well received and with so many thank you's, that the Lodge will continue this public service BBQ drive-thru again in May. To serve more patrons next month the BBQ team will prepare for 600 plus meals. Another special appearance of "ELROY" the ELK will be there again waving to the kids! Pictured above is part of the BBQ Team with Elroy the Elk.

In other news, the Lodge received an ENF \$2000 Gratitude Grant which it donated to the Orange County Ronald McDonald House.



Visalia Lodge 1298 donated 310 lunches, feeding Hospital staff and nurses at Kaweah Delta Hospital. in appreciation of the front line work against COVID-19. A team was assembled to prepare the lunches, along with the help of American Air and Home Depot, generous donations show the community that ELKS CARE—ELKS SHARE. Pictured above (l-r) is Mark Navarette, Mike Saulque, and Hospital CEO Tom Rayner

Sunnyvale Lodge 2128 was unable to have a night of recognition for the three students who advanced to State Judging in the Most Valuable Student Scholarship application. Tanshi J., Shruti S., and Roma G. not only excelled academically, but did well in all categories. The Lodge sent an Achievement Certificate and \$1,000 to each student.

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Rally Questions?

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Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge 2790 sponsored a 2020 Most Valuable Student scholar. Luciana attended Van Nuys High School (a Math and Science Magnet school) and was ranked first out of 611 students. Luciana was the President of the "Dream It, Be it: Career Support for Girls" that gives girls the tools they need to achieve their education and career goals, empowering them to break cycles of poverty, violence and abuse, the co-founder and President of Relay for Life, a fundraiser program for the American Cancer Society; Circle of Friends, a program pairing children with disabilities with non-disabled peers within the school culture. Luciana placed fourth out of students throughout the United States and received a \$5,000 scholarship per year. She was selected early to 15 Universities throughout the U.S. from Stanford, Yale, Columbia, Duke and as you can see from the photo above, she will be attending Harvard University to continue her academic life. Her grandparents are from Bolivia, parents, sister Micaela are all extremely proud of her as well as all Elks from Van Nuys-Reseda! She's happy to join our Elks family.

Coalinga Lodge 1613 received a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant from Grand Lodge. Donated \$1,000, plus an additional \$500 from the Lodge, to West Hills College Foundation. The second \$1,000, plus an additional \$500, to Herbs Kitchen to help supply food for their food pantry during the current pandemic to help feed the students and families of the community.



EMBASSY OF THE
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Manila, Philippines

AMBASSADOR

June 2, 2020

Mr. Aaron W. Key, II
Manila Elks Lodge 761
7th Floor, Corinthian Plaza Bldg.
Paseo de Roxas, Makati City Philippines

Dear Mr. Aaron Key,

On behalf of the U.S. Embassy in Manila, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude for Manila Elks Lodge 761's commitment to our U.S. veterans during this extraordinarily difficult time.

The Lodge's weekly deliveries ensured that hundreds of U.S. veterans continued to receive Fleet Post Office mail and U.S. Veterans Affairs prescribed medications in northern Luzon outside of the National Capital Region. We are especially thankful to Mr. Ed Pooley who volunteered to personally drive from the U.S. Embassy Seafont compound to Angeles City to distribute the deliveries to the U.S. veterans residing in the Angeles, Olongapo, and other northern Luzon areas.

Thank you for supporting our U.S. veteran community in the Philippines.

Sincerely
Sung Y. Kim



Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 may still have been closed in May but it was open in terms of helping the community. Exalted Ruler Nicole Sato couldn't sit still and watch the days tick by with the Lodge being closed and not get involved in some way with the Covid-19 crisis. She had been communicating with Lodge member Geri Reno and Past Exalted Ruler Bryan Baker about the crisis and they felt with some Lodge volunteers, the Lodge could easily help feed first responders and essential workers who had been and still are out on the front lines keeping their communities safe.

After contacting local officials, the Lodge purchased food and the Lodge kitchen was a perfect place to safely prepare and carefully pack just over 700 food boxes, over a 3-week period, with 34 volunteers. Many volunteers eagerly helped on more than one occasion.

Each food box contained two fresh sandwiches with trimmings, cookies, chips, a piece of fruit, and a bottle of water. Upon delivery of the food boxes, each receiving location was setup with a clean, safe and convenient place to store the food boxes until representatives from agencies like police, firefighters, lifeguards, and other first responders and essential workers would come to pick up the much-needed prepared meals. Pictured above are PER Bryan Baker and Lodge ER Nicole Sato.



Santa Maria 1538's Antler Program is so proud of three-year Antler Jasmine. She is currently the President of our Antler program and just recently graduated from High School on June 5th and has already joined the Air Force. Jasmine excelled in the antler program and has worked the Lodge's Grab & Go dinners for the past three months. Jasmine's goal in the Air Force is to serve in the security force unit, the Lodge will really miss this outstanding young lady. Jasmine is pictured above with her family.



Fresno Lodge 439, Lodge members realized their annual ENF Beacon Grant-funded St. Patrick's Day luncheon recognition and entertainment event for veterans residing at the Fresno VA Hospital's Community Living Center (CLC) and the Fresno Veteran's Home had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. The Lodge immediately contacted the two facilities to see if there was another pressing need our Lodge could fill for our veterans. Both facilities replied veterans were depressed because they couldn't socialize at meal times and were bored. Additionally, the Veteran's Home needed protective masks. Hand-held games of blackjack, solitaire and poker veterans could play as they were restricted to their rooms were the answer, so the Fresno Elks purchased them. A friend of several of the Elks began sewing protective masks. Pictured, from left, are Elks PAVP Susan Good; the Fresno VA CLC's Recreation Therapist Michelle Trigueiro; Isabel Good, Fresno Elk and B.P.O.E. VAVS representative to the VA Hospital; 2019-20 ER Patty Huizar and PDDGER Jack Geiger with the boxes of 207 hand-held games the Lodge presented outside to Fresno's VA Community Living Center residents.



Pasadena Lodge 672 used an ENF Gratitude Grant to make a \$2,500 donation to Huntington Memorial Hospital to be used for their Covid-19 response efforts. Pictured (l-r) are ER Alex Kokshanian, Grant Coordinator Neil Yeager, PER, and Lia Miller, Senior Director, Donor Engagement and Communications.



Santa Ynez Valley Lodge 2640 obtained the Gratitude Grant and is supporting the Friends of the Family with a \$2,000 donation. Friends of the Family is an organization that supports the Airman and Family Readiness Center on Vandenberg Air Force Base in helping military families in a variety of ways. Pictured above (l-r) Beth DuVall, PER and Gratitude Grant Chairperson, Raymond Vasquez, Friends of the Family Coordinator, ER Steve Larson, and Readiness NCO Glen Walter.