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Santiago Alvillar

2020 • \$50,000 MVS Scholarship Winner

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South Central District Scholarship Chairman

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF THE 2020 MID-TERM CONFERENCE

It is with a heavy heart that after many long and difficult discussions a decision has been made to CANCEL the anticipated 2020 CHEA Mid-Term Conference that was to be held this coming November in Los Angeles.

As you are aware, we take seriously our responsibilities to the members of our Association and their families. We want nothing more than to have the opportunity to see our friends in a safe and enjoyable environment, but unfortunately given the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in the Southern California and the resulting uncertainty as to what sort of event may be possible, if any, it was decided that the risks and anticipated limitations of having the event compelled the action being taken.

This decision was made in consultation with and the concurrence of John Sutton, PDDGER and Chair of the Mid-Term Planning Committee, and our Past Association Presidents, and we thank them for their counsel and shared concern.

We express our deep appreciation for the many efforts of John Sutton and his committee who worked for many months planning the event; we are very sorry that the fruits of their labors could not have been realized.

Nevertheless, the work of our Association must go on, and the decision has also been made that a series of Zoom meetings will be scheduled for the Association's various leadership bodies. Anyone with any questions is encouraged to contact our Executive Director Tim Martin at the CHEA office. The Zoom meetings are tentatively being planned for the time-frame during which the conference was to be held, November 6-7, 2020, but further information will be forthcoming.

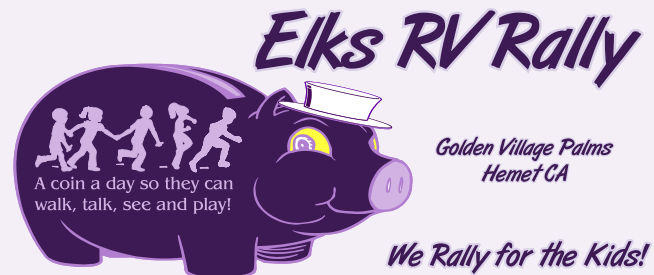
This action is being taken for what is believed to be the best interests of the members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, and your understanding will be appreciated.

Best wishes, and stay safe.

LOUIS J. "JIM" GRILLO, PGER • ROBERT L. DUTSMAN, PGER



Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and Parade has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19 concerns. A press conference was held on August 8th at the Elks Unocal Event Center in Santa Maria to officially announce the cancellation. The Elks Rodeo and parade are set to return next June.



It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the cancellation of this year's Elks Rally in Hemet, California due to take place from October 8-11.

We feel that it is our responsibility to help flatten the coronavirus curve and keep you safe. While we are still as dedicated as ever to supporting C.H.E.M.P.I. and the amazing work they do, your safety comes first.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly and there are two overriding concerns that have caused us to make this decision at this time.

First is the uncertainty of the continuously evolving guidelines. The committee had all the intentions of moving forward and adjusting as necessary to meet the guidelines but we were faced with challenges beyond our control.

Second, it is always the responsibility we feel towards our guests and members, who enjoy the camaraderie, events and overall experience the Rally brings.

Although the Rally is cancelled for this year, you can rest assured we are planning an even bigger and better event for next year.

We encourage everyone to continue to donate to C.H.E.M.P.I. and support any events your Lodges/District may have to help raise funds for C.H.E.M.P.I.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year. Stay Strong, Stay Healthy!

Chip Durham
Elks Rally Chairman

President's Message



Tim Jaeger, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Greetings and Aloha to all California-Hawaii Elk Members and their families,

What an amazing year!! During a normal year the President would be writing about traveling with the First Lady as they visited each District. As we are now safely sheltered in place, we feel fortunate that we have our fond memories of visiting all of the Districts and many of the Lodges. It was also so special to meet or get better acquainted with so many of the Lodge members during our live District visits.

This year we are holding virtual visits instead of traveling to each Lodge. Even though these virtual visits fit well with my theme of Elks Stepping Up to a New Age, I must confess, about a week before the first virtual zoom visit I had doubts that it would end up being a positive experience. Will people come? Will the technology work? Will people be comfortable sharing?

I am happy to tell you that the virtual visits are working very well. It is such a joy to see all the smiling faces come on the screen, greet each other and exchange pleasantries. We have also had drop-ins from our Sponsors and our CHEA Executive Director, as well as many of the VPs and VP Designates, CHEA Officers and CHEA Chairmen.

The way the meetings have been working involves the typical meeting pleasantries, Prayer, Pledge, brief introductions and "short" messages from me and our First Vice President Jay Larkins. The highlight of the meeting is listening to each District VP introduce the ER or a representative from each Lodge to give us an update on how their Lodge is fairing during these unprecedented times. The typical comments we hear after the meeting include "I feel so much better knowing others have the same challenges at their Lodge," or "I loved the idea the ER from XYZ Lodge mentioned, we are going to try that at our Lodge."

The 2020-2021 ERs have been challenged with limited district events, no Association or Grand Lodge Convention and limited access to their own Lodges. Recently it was announced that the business required at Mid-Term will be held via zoom and there will be no live meetings. All of us are missing the chance to gather live as a group and share ideas, stories and gather inspiration, but as dedicated Elks we are overcoming this obstacle. We are making history with Zoom meetings, and our ERs and Officers can take pride in being the pioneers of this New Age.

My theme for 2019-2021 is "Elks Stepping up to a New Age" – The New Age has arrived and the Elks have stepped up. I applaud all of the members for the creative ways that the various Lodges have found to keep the positive parts of Elksdom thriving. Ideas such as holding meetings by Zoom or conference call, serving drive-up meals, re-purposing parking lots and patios for limited socialization, the use of grants and charity funds to support veterans, homeless, hungry and others in need are truly inspirational.

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President's Message



Tim Jaeger, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association

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Sandy's theme continues to be "Elks Pay it Forward Heart to Heart." We have witnessed Elks "Paying it Forward" so many times during our time as President and First Lady. We are regularly impressed by the wonderful charitable work that the Elks do everyday. Thank you for all you do, stay safe, and stay hopeful. Together we will emerge from these challenging times stronger and better than ever.

Elks National Foundation

By David Coleman, PDDGER • CHEA ENF Chairman



Wow the months are just flying by. I hope this article finds you and your families all safe.

There are many new changes this year for ENF in many areas.

ENF 2020-2021 per Capita

During last weekend's call with our new GER Paul Ryan, Jr., he announced that our per capita would be raised to \$4.80. Last year our Lodges nationwide raised \$6,697,176.55 for the ENF setting an all-time high. Through July 28, 2020 CHEA Lodges are currently at \$263,068.33 or \$2.986 per capita.

There are a few changes coming next year for the Donor Recognition program as well. There will be a discontinuation of the three cumulative recognition levels below the \$1,000 level. The Participating Member (\$100), Sustaining Member (\$250), and the Distinguished Member (\$500) will all end on March 31, 2021. If you are working towards these levels, please get your donations in early.

What if you could donate without having to think about it? Well, you can. Enroll today and become a member of the Fidelity Club—the ENF's monthly giving program.

Why Join the Fidelity Club? The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations can occur monthly (minimum \$5) or quarterly (minimum \$15). It saves a tree and time with paperless donations. There is no need to mail in your donation. You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time. It's safe, reliable and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. You can enroll online at enf.elks.org/recurring and start your gift today!

Community Impact Program (CIP) or Lodge Grants

By now you are aware that the starting dates for many of our Grants changed and there are a few Grants not being offered this year.

Impact Grant – postponed (see below)

Promise Grant – postponed (see below)

Beacon Grant

On August 1, Beacon Grants will become available to every Lodge in the amount of \$3,500—a 40 percent increase over last year's grant amount.

Typically, Beacon Grants must be used for active projects. But, since nothing is what it was, we've built in flexibility for Lodges to meet pressing needs in their own backyards. Here's how we are relaxing Beacon Grant guidelines.

Keep on keepin' on. If the Lodge can continue its regular Beacon Grant project with safety precautions, fantastic.

Nope, not safe. If an active Elks-led project isn't feasible, donations will be considered to the partner organization the Lodge usually works with, or to an organization providing COVID relief.

hange it up. If a Lodge would like to pause its regular Beacon Grant project to do a COVID-19 relief project, we're all for it.

Split it up. From the beginning, the Beacon Grant has only been allowed for one annual project. This year, it can be split between

up to two projects.

Merge it. With just the click of a button on the Grants Dashboard, the Lodge can opt to merge their Spotlight Grant with their Beacon Grant, making a total of \$5,500 available for a Beacon Grant project.

We announced way back in the pre-pandemic days of late February that the Beacon Grants were set to be \$3,000 for FY2021. **However, by suspending both Promise Grants and new Impact Grants, we can offer Beacon Grants at \$3,500.** With the increased grant amount and built-in flexibility, we're confident that Lodges will continue to rise to the occasion and help communities where it's needed most.

Promise Grants

In normal times, Promise Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to the most qualified projects. For FY2021, we budgeted \$750,000 to fund 300 Promise Grants. Instead, we reallocated the funds for Promise Grants to Beacon Grants. Here's why.

In a typical year, Promise Grants must be used for active projects; however, in many parts of the country, active projects are not feasible. That's why we relaxed the Spotlight Grant guidelines to permit passive projects (donations) and encouraged Lodges to donate their Gratitude Grants.

The relaxed approach works for Spotlight Grants, because every Lodge is eligible to use one, and for Gratitude Grants, because every Lodge that met the GER's goal last year is eligible to use one. But there are only 300 Promise Grants. Relaxing the Promise Grant guidelines would have kicked off a frantic cash grab.

This decision means that some Lodges will receive less money in CIP grants this year than they did last year. That's unfortunate; however, there's no way that we could justify giving \$750,000 to 300 Lodges based solely on which Lodges had the fastest typists.

Impact Grants

We applied the same logic to consideration of new Impact Grants during the time of COVID-19. We think of Impact Grants in terms of new and renewals. New Impact Grants are projects we are not currently funding; renewals are the ones we are currently funding.

The budget the Board approved in February contained \$200,000 for new Impact Grants and \$300,000 for renewals. For FY2021, we will not be accepting applications for new projects. Instead, we are reallocating the \$200,000 budgeted for new Impact Grants to Beacon Grants.

We are in the throes of reviewing the 64 - 2020 Impact Grantees' Second Quarter reports. The decision to move forward with the renewals will be announced on **September 1**.

If you have any questions regarding the CIP Program, please feel free to reach out to our CHEA Vice-Chairman Scott Stephens at scott@scottstephens.com.

For any other ENF related issues please contact myself, David Coleman at cheaenf@gmail.com.

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Piggy Bank

• CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



Greetings from Casa de Stout & Pryor, day 141 sheltering at home. As one would suspect, donations this fraternal year are down. Surprisingly, the donations are only down about 1.6% over the prior fraternal year. So, thank you very much to all of our faithful donors and the hard work of all our District Chairs and

Local Lodge Chairs who have found a way to keep the funds flowing. If you would like to donate, but your Local Lodge is closed; you can send the money directly to the Fresno office with relevant member number and local Lodge number.

So, what can we do to bolster our treasure chest? Cora, Tim Jaeger's AVP's, the Fresno Office and I are all selling the 70th Year Anniversary (\$30) and the 50th Anniversary (\$10) pins. So, please send any of us your checks and we will send your pins by return mail. Cora and I still have \$4 Million Challenge coins for \$10. Sign-up for recurring donations, every amount and over \$5 per month is welcome. Consider a Bequest and Living Trust for CHEMPI for the long-term future of the Purple Pig.

I know events are hard to do during the pandemic but with a certain amount of creativity and hard work, it can be done. I would encourage everyone to check out this YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57OfDUf8da0&feature=youtu.be>

Surely, there is some sort of TikTok Challenge that can be done to raise funds. Here is an old school idea: A good number of our male members have been letting their beards grow, including yours truly. Have a Best Beard Contest and charge people \$5 for each vote for their choice for the best beard. This could be done through Zoom on a specified date. Give the best three beards a certificate or small trophy. When our local Lodges open once again, do something similar but pay \$5 per vote to have the male member shave it or keep it. All proceeds going to the Purple Pig.

An upcoming opportunity that has not yet been cancelled is **Chili's in January**, let's keep our finger's crossed that things improve with the pandemic.

Until we speak again, concentrate your thoughts and prayers on a cure for this terrible virus that has sent us all into our home shelters. We need to stop losing so many good people to this pandemic. Pray for our therapists who are on the front lines helping our kids.



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.

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Santa Ynez Valley Lodge 2640, using a Spotlight Grant, is supporting the Buellton Blessing Box with a \$2,000 donation. The Buellton Blessing Box is overseen and supported by Crossroads Church's Love Local Program in the city of Buellton. It is estimated that 250-300 families are supplementing their food and staples through this program during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Pictured (l/r) Santa Ynez Valley Elks Grant Chairperson Pat Merritt, SYV ER Steve Larson, Buellton Blessing Box Coordinator (BBBC) Jenny Humblad, BBBC Candice Signa, PER and Grant Coordinator Beth DuVall, BBBC Jen Klamn, and Crossroads Church Pastor Sam Kiser.



Santiago Alvillar

2020 MVS Scholarship • 1st Place Winning Male
\$50,000 Scholarship • Montebello Lodge 2051

Santiago Alvillar, a graduate of South El Monte High School, is the recipient of a \$50,000 scholarship from the Elks National Foundation.

Sponsored by Montebello Lodge 2051, Santiago competed nationally from an application pool of 19,000 students. At the conclusion of the competition, he was selected as Elks Most Valuable Student as well as Top Male Winner.

He was born and grew up in South El Monte, the son of immigrant, indigenous parents from a rural village near Puebla, Mexico. With the struggles of poverty and the challenges of being a predominately Spanish speaking family, Santiago is the first from his entire family to receive a scholarship.

Being surrounded by constant obstacles, Santiago faced many challenges. He consistently had issues with paying attention, talking and listening to his teachers. It wasn't until his school recognized him as a gifted student that he began to develop his passions as a Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) student.



Santiago with Montebello ER Ralph De La Torre and South Central District Scholarship Chairman, Armida Andrade

School became a coping mechanism for him – a way to escape the harsh realities of his world. In high school, he was president of clubs like the Emerald Jewel (an environmental club), the California Scholarship Federation as well as Program Director of the Freshman Mentoring Program. His other activities included juggling, Cross Country and Track and Field. He also received scholarships to attend prestigious engineering summer programs at Stanford, Yale and Princeton in his Sophomore and Junior years.

This year, Santiago graduated as Valedictorian from South El Monte High School and received admission from Stanford, Harvard and MIT.

He plans to complete his undergraduate degree at Stanford University, majoring in Engineering Physics with a specialty in Energy Alternatives.

He hopes to complete his Masters and Ph.D. for Environmental Engineering in the near future to continue his work on creating safe and efficient energy alternatives for everyday consumption.



Santiago shown with his parents.

The 2020 Top 20 Most Valuable Student finalists came together for the first time on April 24. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MVS Leadership Weekend looked different this year; instead of gathering in Chicago, the brand-new Elks scholars gathered virtually. But the socially distanced atmosphere didn't stop the scholars from connecting with one another and forming new friendships with their fellow Elks family.

"This weekend was reaffirming that I'll be able to rely on the Elks family for a long time," said Santiago Alvillar, sponsored by Montebello Lodge 2051. "If [meeting] was this amazing through this virtual weekend, imagine how amazing it would have been if we were to meet in person."



Membership Retention and Lapsation

C. Michael Melton, PDDGER • Chairman



Congratulations! Once again CHEA had the largest membership increase in the nation. We grew by 1320 new members over the previous year. That's remarkable given the abrupt way our year ended. Once again, we have shown our Association to be the flagship of the Order. We exhibited that we're able to use what we've learned to grow the program year after year.

However, this year we have a bit more of an obstruction on the road to success.

The coronavirus has presented us with an epic challenge. The uncertainty it brings is jarring enough to upset most of what we would normally plan. But the ancillary issues such as social distancing, the recommendation that you limit your person to person contacts to your immediate family and remain at home as much as possible. When we add to that the fact that, most if not all of, our Lodges are closed with no reopen date, the social side of the Order is quashed. How do we keep things together? We innovate!

We cannot allow this pandemic to weaken our Order or financially drain our Lodges. Through this dark time, we need to keep our members involved. Even if the Lodge is closed, we have to keep it alive and let the membership feel they're still a part of it. And a shuttered Lodge still generates costs we'll need to cover.

What can we do? The methods and means of keeping the heart of Elkdome alive is limited only by your imagination and willingness to work at it. Some of the events that are or have been held in my small District are drive-thru dinners, where members order ahead off a pre-determined menu and at the appointed time drive to the Lodge to collect their food. The food is generally passed out in the parking lot or passed through a door of the Lodge. We've had Virtual Fundraisers conducted over Zoom, regular "Patio Dinner Nites" in compliance with State and Local regulations. This is the tip of the iceberg, I'm sure if you give it a little effort you can find suitable, compliant events to involve your members and keep them active, even if it's virtually.

Another aspect of that bump in the road I spoke about is Delinquent Members. Because of the unforeseen halt to the last year I believe we missed some opportunities that have come back to haunt us this year. People quit paying dues, many may be confused as to where or how to pay, some may feel that because the Lodge is closed there is no need to remit. Every single Lodge, regardless of the level of services you're able to offer at this time, should be sending out dues notices every month. There are currently 14,834 delinquents as of August 1, 2020. This is easily 5,000 more than last year at this point. It's a huge number that represents almost 17% of our total membership. In addition to monthly mailings Lodges should have a program set up to call everyone on that list to check their well-being, see if they need any help from the Lodge, a ride to the doctor, getting groceries, help paying their dues. Every Lodge has a Standing Relief Committee, now's the time to put them to work.

The flip side of Delinquency is Initiation, how do we do that in this time of Pandemic? Inductions into the Order have been conducted by Zoom, in the Lodge Room with masks and social distancing, outside the Lodge in a patio or other appropriate place.

Although our Lodges may be closed as far as meetings and events are concerned, we are not moribund. We need to continue to mail out monthly late notices, lodge newsletters and do what we must to stay in contact with the membership. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is not some remote entity encased in a marble temple in Chicago. The BPOE is you and I and all those intertwined in this great family of patriots, philanthropists and upright citizens drawn from the multi-cultural and diverse population of our beloved America.

As the Elks have, since their inception, we will survive this plague as we have natural disasters, financial collapse, wars and social upheaval. How well we pass through this depends on how much we are willing to give in time and effort to keep it vital and relevant. There may well be a long road to the end of the active age of this pandemic. And when we see the light at the end of the tunnel it will surely shine on a world reordered in many ways by the Virus we fight today. Our strength and vitality at that point will depend on your grit and perseverance from this point forward.

May you and yours stay safe and well.

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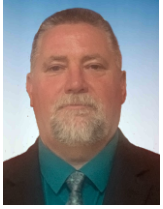
Paradise Lodge 2026 used a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant to purchase food and equipment at the Paradise Food Pantry. Pictured (l-r) are Elliott Peets, Gail Avakian, ER Barry Avakian, Jeff and Patty Rice who volunteered at the Pantry in July. The Food Pantry serves more than one hundred Ridge families weekly.



Glendale Lodge 1289, partnering with Re/Max Tri-City Realty delivered forty meals to ICU nurses at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. Pictured above are three nursing staff ladies along with John and Penny Rieger.

Veterans Service

Vance (Vinny) DeWitt, PDDGER • ENVSC Chairman



Aloha Brothers and Sisters

I hope that this comes to everyone safe and healthy. I want to thank everyone for their continual help with veterans in our states. I also want to thank our Lodges that got Freedom Grants:

They have brought a total of \$45,000 to the Veterans of CHEA. I look forward to reading the programs that they put in place. I want to remind lodges that the spotlight grant is available for veteran programs as well!

- Fresno 439
- Santa Barbara 613
- Santa Monica 906
- Merced 1240
- Hanford 1259
- Indio 1643
- Crescent City 1689
- Newport Harbor 1767
- Blythe 1799
- El Cajon 1812
- Gardena 1919
- West Covina 1996
- Chula Vista 2011
- Livermore-Pleasanton 2117
- Paso Robles 2364
- Oceano/Five Cities 2504
- Elk Grove 2577
- Desert Hot Springs 2639

Santa Monica Lodge 906 has helped the veterans in their community with the following grants this year:

FREEDOM GRANT

Operation Veteran Support (OVS) is designed to assist veterans to reintegrate back into civilian life. This program involves veterans from the WLA VA Hospital and Step Up on Second Shelter with clothing, shelter, and hunger issues. This grant will expand the current reach of the Elks into our community by dealing with a large homeless veteran population in the Santa Monica area.

FOCUS GRANT & IMPACT GRANT

The Lodge will be giving "Welcome Home" baskets, blankets and major household items, mini-freezers, mini-refrigerators, kitchenware, etc., to veterans that were homeless and are now housed in permanent housing.

Santa Monica Elks have teamed up with new building structures in the South Bay community to disperse these items. Along with Grand Lodge's commitment to helping the VA with the homeless population and VA strength, the Elks of 906 have committed themselves to help supply items needed by Veterans and to end homelessness. The Elks determined the need for this Veteran homeless program by researching the databases with the City of Santa Monica, West Los Angeles Veterans Administration, Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), and Step Up on Second.

West Covina Lodge 1996 has helped the veterans in their community with the following grants this year:

FREEDOM GRANT

The West Covina Lodge 1996 has donated the entire Freedom Grant's \$2,500 to the Long Beach VA's Women's Closet. The Closet gifts much needed clean, new clothing items and shoes, including job interview appropriate wardrobe items, to homeless female veterans and female veterans existing at or below the poverty level. The availability of such items eliminates the Long Beach VA's need to refer to this vulnerable yet important popu-

lation to outside agencies, which might not have the same concerns or goals in serving female veterans. It is anticipated that the Closet will serve as the female veterans' introduction to the invaluable services provided by the VA, including behavioral health services.

FOCUS GRANT

The West Covina Lodge 1996 was awarded the Focus Grant for "Operation Healthy Choices, Healthier Veterans." West Covina, in partnership with Duarte Lodge 1427, will conduct two free food distribution events in a farmers market-style environment, at New Directions for Veterans' Baldwin Rose, El Monte Veterans Village, and Palo Verde permanent supportive housing facilities. The "market" will offer pantry items, fresh meats, dairy, produce, home-baked treats, and household cleaning supplies to the 83 previously homeless veterans and their families now housed at these facilities. To take advantage of the amazing seasonal produce available in Southern California, each facility will experience one distribution in late summer 2020 and the second in early winter 2021.

BEACON GRANT

The West Covina Lodge 1996 intends on submitting its Beacon Grant application to continue its highly popular Welcome Home Baskets Program. In partnership with organizations coordinating the housing of previously homeless veterans, West Covina Lodge members collect and distribute household items such as linens, and pots and pans. The West Covina Lodge believes these gifted items convey the feelings of warmth and security a new home can bring, as well as assist in the veteran's transition to permanent supportive housing.

I want to remind you about veteran suicide rates, which are currently at 20 a day. I can't stress enough the need for our Lodges to get involved in our veterans' community. There are many ways to get involved and help our veterans today:

- Contact your county Veterans Service Officer.
- Look into your local Stand Down.
- Contact your local VA hospital and speak with someone from their social services program.
- Forge partnerships with the American Legion, VFW, and other veteran organizations

In closing, We have great opportunities to help our veterans in our communities. I would like to see a new program introduced in each CHEA Lodge over the next year. I ask that you stay safe and keep in mind the safety of others. I look forward to reading about your events that are in your Veteran's Lodge reports. Please, if there is any way I can help contact me.



Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 ER Nicole Sato, and her Officer Corps declared August as a fundraising month. Held their first ENF fundraising breakfast run entirely by volunteers. That first ENF breakfast was a great success. Pictured above are some of the participants of the ENF Breakfast.

A Purple Pig contest was announced encouraging members to turn in their coin-filled pigs during the month of August, with a twist. Those who decorated their Purple Pig would be entered into a contest with the winner receiving a \$50 certificate to a local area restaurant.

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BLT Legacy Giving

Lynn Glick, PDDGER • Vice Chairman



I sincerely hope you are doing well as we continue to adjust our lives to survive this pandemic. It has been an interesting time and I am sure Barbara joins me in saying that we have missed seeing all our Elk friends in person whether at conventions, Lodge meetings or other Elk events.

I want to tell you a little about the BLT Legacy Giving program. This program was envisioned in 1981, and started accepting donations in 1984. Its main purpose is to help Elk members provide funds for future generations of children who might need our therapists' services. Leonard A. Cosgrove created the name BLT in 1986, a takeoff on the bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich, or BLT. The tie-in of the Purple Piggy Bank made it a natural fit.

Some ways you can make a gift through the BLT program are in your will or trust, or by designating California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMPI) as a beneficiary of a bank account or insurance policy. A member who makes a gift to the Major Project (through the BLT program), can be recognized during their lifetime under the Benefactor program, or they can donate anonymously. If you want to document your gift and receive recognition, just send a signed and dated statement to the CHEA office in Fresno indicating that you have made a gift to the Major Project through the BLT program. You will receive a letter asking you to complete a release form. After you return the completed form to the Fresno office, your name will be placed on the BLT master list, and you will receive a Benefactor's Certificate and a distinctive triangular BLT lapel pin. You should wear that pin with pride.

What kinds of gifts can you make through the Benefactor Program? Individuals can designate gifts of cash, stocks and/or real property, or they can designate the Major Project as a beneficiary on a Life Insurance policy. Here is sample language you can provide to your attorney or financial advisor. ***I give the sum of \$___ or ___% or I give the following property to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., 5450 East Lamona Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727-2224 (tax id: 95-1919366) to be used or disposed of as its Board of Trustees deems appropriate in its sole discretion.***

Remember, if you want to be recognized for your generosity to the Major Project, just let us know and we can make it happen! Stay safe and Barbara and I hope to see you soon.

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Chula Vista Lodge 2011 Veterans Chair, Kim Coronado, had the honor of representing Lodges from the South Coast District who sent donations for the USS Bonhomme Richard. The ship had a catastrophic fire aboard the amphibious assault ship, while in San Diego harbor for maintenance. A letter of recognition for these Lodges, whose contributions were given to the USO. The following donations have been submitted by Lodges to help with the expenses and needs of the men and women on the USS Bonhomme Richard.

San Clemente Lodge 2068 - Nine \$25 Visa gift cards
Poway Elks Lodge 2543 - Two \$100 Walmart gift cards
El Cajon Lodge 1812 - \$120 cash
Escondido Lodge 1687 - \$300 cash



Kailua Lodge 2230 utilized a Gratitude Grant to donate \$2500 to St. Anthony's Outreach, one of the longest established food pantries on Oahu, in Kailua. The money will be used to support area families with food needs. St. Anthony's Outreach is currently serving an estimated 150 families on the Windward side of the island. Presenting the check to Val Haole, Director of the Pantry, is Kailua Lodge Exalted Ruler Greg Sylvester and Trustee Robert Finch.



Alhambra-San Gabriel Lodge 1328 held a Flag Day Ceremony. Pictured above are the Lodge Officers and a Liberty Bell flower arrangement.

Lodge Activities

Jim McCloskey • CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



At the writing of this article, we sit in the midst of confusion and disappointment at the news of re-instated health mandates and how they will affect the re-opening of our Lodge facilities and their activities. It is my sincere hope that, at the time of reading, our Lodges have continued to weather the challenges they face as best they can.

The key seems to be in communication—membership staying in contact, on a fraternal level as well as on a personal level, Lodge to Lodge, through bulletins, phone calls, social media and technology. The minimal contact we get picking up a dinner at the Lodge “drive-thru” gives us a chance to wave hello and ask “how are you” and realize how important such a simple interaction is and how much it can boost our spirits. The opportunity for Lodge leadership to make contact through virtual meetings, small groups or conference calls, promotes conversations about events at the Lodge. It can facilitate an exchange of ideas that might motivate a Lodge to explore ways to include their members or their community with safe interaction.

In spite of the severe restrictions during the first quarter of our new Elk year, I was pleased to see that 53% of our Lodges reported to their district chairpersons. Reported activities for some Lodges was limited to the mandatory meetings for the operation of business, and others managed to maintain an element of social connections using technology or the appropriate protocols. I also thank the Lodges who reported “no activity due to health mandates” in their area.

In these times of limited contact and information, it is important to maintain reporting of the lodge’s status to the District Lodge Activities Chairperson. The Elks, like any modern business, needs current information in order to anticipate and adjust operations and expectations.

Finally, congratulations are in order to the two California-Hawaii Elks Association Lodges placing in the Grand Lodge All-American Lodge Contest for 2019/2020.

2nd Place • Division V (1101-1500 members)
Mission Viejo - Saddleback Lodge 2444

3rd Place • Division VI (1501+ members)
Orange Lodge 1475

Don’t forget us! Remember to stay “Loud and Proud” of our organization as we move forward during these uncertain times.



Needles Elks Lodge 1608 Scholarship winners for 2020. Pictured (l-r) Barbara Earle - Esquire Riley B. going to Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa, Lucas M. going to Feather River College in Quincy, and Aliyah R. going to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ, Owen Long, Exalted Ruler.



Duarte Lodge 1427 using a Spotlight Grant of \$2,000 made a donation to City of Hope. This support ensures that the City of Hope campus can continue their lifesaving research and compassionate care for all who are in need. In addition, through a special program in place, this \$2,000 donation is being tripled. This is one way that Duarte Elks are “Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom.” Pictured are Irene Lozano, ER and John D. McEntire, Jr., PDDGER, Assistant Grant Coordinator.

In other news, the Lodge went to Ellington School in Azusa and gave drug awareness bookmarks to the school, to include with each set of student learning materials, for the incoming school year.



Santa Cruz Lodge 824 gifted a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant to the St. Francis Catholic Kitchen. The award was provided to help support the soup kitchen during the pandemic as they continue to help those who need it most including the community’s low income and homeless populations. Pictured (l-r) Paul Dangreau, Richard Crowe, Amy Doherty, Cheryl Dangreau.



Victorville Lodge 1877 Veterans Committee visited the California Barstow Home and dropped off needed items that the Veterans. One hundred forty one surgical masks, forty one which were made by Joanne Amador and eleven cases of water. Pictured, (l-r) are Marie Conde (Barstow Home Activities), Bob Marron (Veterans Committee Chair), Star Louise Atsy-Garcia, ER, and her husband, Martin along with Inner Guard Bob Erickson.

Insurance and Safety

Shelly Gonzales, PDDGER • Chairman



It has certainly been a year fraught with unforeseen and definitely new challenges. As always, the safety of our members and communities is a top priority. However, we do still have Lodges to run.

The State of California was briefly reopened, then promptly shut again. Many counties are allowed to operate business outside only. If this is something your Lodge is considering, it must be ensured that all County, State, and Federal guidelines are followed. Any applicable county health permits must be obtained. Additionally, if the ABC license held by the Lodge is not zoned for the outside area, the Lodge would need to contact ABC for the proper use license to serve outside. If a Lodge has followed all required laws, then the Master Liability will cover the outside service.

It has come to our attention that State Compensation Insurance Fund is offering grant money to businesses for safety necessities to become Covid compliant. This would only be for Lodges that carry their workers' compensation insurance through State Fund. Although I am not aware of any other carrier offering this, it certainly wouldn't hurt to ask whatever company holds your Lodge's Worker's Compensation Insurance.

I have faith we Elks are all still making an impact in our community. Elks persevere, and better times are coming. Stay safe and healthy!



Government Relations

Carlos Mariscal, PDDGER • Chairman



By now I hope that most of the Lodges have submitted their 990 and 990T along with other financial forms that are required. These forms are essential in order for us to keep our non-profit organization status and be exempt from some taxes. In addition, we have to submit our charitable activity report on CLMS. If possible,

within 7 days of the event report it so that you don't have to wait until the end of the month. I know that most Lodges are still closed, but many Lodges have been creative and have charitable activities outdoors along with drive-thru and take out dinners. In the meantime, stay healthy and safe.



Garden Grove Lodge 1952, Certificates were presented to Purple Pig donors for achieving Millennium Plus category for their donations (l-r) Tony Lopez, Exalted Ruler 2020-21 - \$2,000 Club,

Scholarship

Jack Geiger, PDDGER • CHEA Scholarship Chairman



Most Valuable Student Scholarship 2021

Even in this time of COVID-19 time does indeed seem to be flying by. The window for applications for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest (MVS) opened on August 5, and student applications must be received by November 15. This is sure to be a challenging year for our Scholarship Program. Many schools are choosing to offer a good part of their curriculum through distance learning so getting the word out to applicants becomes an urgent concern. The SAT and ACT tests have not been given on a regular schedule and have therefore been excluded from the academic judging portion of the application for at least the current year. Lodge, District and State coordinators no longer need to register with ISTS. All registration, access and judging will be handled through the Elks National Foundation Portal. The list goes on and on. Through it all we, as Elks, must maintain our focus on our nation's youth. Our future depends on them.

One of the perks of being CHEA Scholarship Chairman is receiving the outpouring of appreciation from those students who are benefitting from our programs. Each week I receive letters, cards, and other communications from scholarship recipients expressing their gratitude. I always assumed our efforts were appreciated, but was completely unaware of how deeply each student is affected by their award. I would like to share a few of their statements with you:

"I have always dreamed of pursuing my education at a university and this money is going to make that dream a reality." • Chiara C.

"I am truly fortunate and humbled to receive not just your consideration, but this investment in my future." • Liena R.

"This scholarship not only allows me to attend Dartmouth, but will allow me to focus thoroughly on my studies." • Catherine C.

"Your generous scholarship has been a huge relief to me and my family." • Sarah B.

I am asking each of you to redouble your efforts in making the CHEA and ENF Scholarships a strong investment in our youth and in the future of our Nation. Check with your Lodge and District Chairmen to find ways you can help. Finally, if you know of a deserving student, encourage them to apply.

Karen Stuetz-Garland - \$2,000 Club, Millennium Club members Rick Ross (Henry), PER 2012-13 and Bud Preston, Elk Enders President - \$2,000.

In other news,, the Lodge received a \$2,000 Grant from ENF for Covid-19 Relief and is presenting the grant amount to STEP (Support the Enlisted Project) to Shannon Buhmaster STEP Community Engagement Coordinator. The STEP organization mission is to help young military and veteran families in our local communities. They provide assistance to junior active duty enlisted members and recently discharged enlisted Veterans who are facing financial crisis and help them with counseling and education to achieve financial self-sufficiency.

Drug Awareness

Dave Provan, PDDGER • CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



The CHEA Drug Awareness website is now up to date with all the material needed for the Drug Awareness Program Essay, Poster and Video contests for 2020-2021. This year's theme for the contests is **"DRUG ABUSE?, NO EXCUSE!"**

Essay Contest: All students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are eligible to participate. Students must write the essay themselves, but they may get help from teachers, parents or friends in the form of ideas.

Essays are to be 250 words or less and typed, computer generated text, hand-written or hand printed on 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper.

Each Lodge submits the 3 top essays to the District Chairman, based on the dates established by the District Chairman.

The District Chairman submits one essay to the CHEA DAP (Drug Awareness Program) Chairman as the first-place winner for their District.

Essays must be received by the CHEA DAP Chairman, from the District Chairman no later than January 15, 2021. All Essays become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and will not be returned.

Judging will be based on the following:

- Is the essay based on the theme?
- Is it original?
- Is it neat?
- Is it grammatically correct and are words spelled correctly?

Each State Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning essay will be submitted for entry into the National Contest.

Poster Contest: All students 3rd to 5th grades are eligible to participate. Poster size should be limited to 8 1/2 by 11 inches. Posters should be neat, original, grammatically correct and words spelled correctly. Judging will be based on closeness to the theme. The use of copyrighted characters on the poster, other than Elroy The Elk, will be disqualified.

All winning posters become the property of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and will not be returned. Each Lodge submits the top three posters to the District Chairperson, who, in turn, selects the top poster from the District and submits it to the State Chairman. ONLY original posters will be judged. No copies. How Posters are judged:

- Is poster based on the theme?
- Is it original?
- Is it neat?
- Is it grammatically correct and words spelled correctly?
- Is it free of copyrighted characters, with the exception of Elroy the Elk?

Each State Chairman selects one overall winner. This winner is submitted for entry into the National Contest.

Video Contest: The contest is open to three age groups: Pre-High School, High School and Postgraduate. Participants may be an individual or work with a group.

Videos should be 2 to 5 minutes in length and submitted on a Flash Drive ONLY. Videos should have an anti-abuse message or making the right choice message. Videos should not depict any copyrighted characters or Trademarks with the exception of Elroy The Elk.

All entries become the sole property of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and will not be returned. Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Age and language appropriate
- Positive message
- Quality of video

Each Lodge submits one video to the District Chairperson. The District Chairperson will select one video in each of the three groups to submit to the CHEA DAP Chairman.

Each State Chairman will choose one winner from each of the three groups to submit for entry into the National Contest. Applications and more information are available on the CHEA Drug Awareness website.

NEW DAP BROCHURE

The DAP has recently produced an information piece on the subject of stress. The information provided identifies the different kinds of stress, what causes it, along with tips on how to deal with it. This informative card was primarily created to help teenagers and is both timely and informative. It contains resource information, including helpful websites and telephone numbers. Perhaps the biggest message contained in the brochure is: "Don't ignore a big problem, hoping it will go away. Remember, it's okay to ask for help no matter what the reason is."

Your State Chair for DAP can provide you with this informative brochure, titled **"Stress & Drug Abuse, The Connection."** Funds to produce this and all DAP materials come from a grant provided by the Elks National Foundation. Let your Lodge DAP Chair know that this information is for everyone. Just ask for DAP 440 and the State Chair can order this brochure and any other printed material you might need. There is no cost to the Lodges for any of the DAP printed materials. DAP brochures are also available to you in Spanish and can be accessed for download by going to the Elks DAP on elks.org.

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Elk Grove Lodge 2577 made two deliveries to the VAVS program at Mather Veterans Facility. Providing 20 sweat pants, 33 memory books, 27 playing card decks and 15 comfort kits. The Lodge delivered them to our newest Elk, TaShara Collins the Director of VA Volunteer Services Office. Pictured above are TaShara, Veterans Chairman Henry Sanchez and DDGER Bob Samaniego.

CHEMPI Latest Millennium Plus Level Donors • (May 16, 2020 through July 31, 2020)



Robert "Bob" Burms, Sr. • Roseville 2248



Matthew Pires • San Diego 168
Lance Slimmer • Garden Grove 1952



Judith "Judi" Tracy • Sacramento 6
Mick Mistretta • Alhambra-San Gabriel 1328
Gerald Delker • Duarte 1427
Craig T. Williams • Newport Harbor 1767
James Wilson • Gardena 1919
Robert Young • Corona 2045
Kimberley Collins • South San Francisco 2091
Harold Mattson • Mission Viejo 2444

CHEMPI Latest Millennium Level Donors (\$1,000) • (May 16, 2020 through July 31, 2020)

Kelly Byam • 6
Frank Chicago • 218
Richard & Annette Silver 218
Loyd Mayer • 614
George Sallay • 614
Clayton Masuda • 616
Charles "Chuck" Rowe • 672
Robert Murphy • 824

John Scally • 824
Tammi Jew • 1015
George McCullough • 1289
Jerry "Gene" Day, Jr. • 1342
Bryan Golden • 1471
Matt Ferrero • 1475
David Vanni, Sr. • 1567
Robert Drewlo • 1625

Mike & Tina Lee • 1812
Shirley Treuden • 1919
Paul "Skip" Sjoberg • 1952
Hugh McKinney • 1968
Fran Hedberg • 2031
Ira Windham • 2031
Bruce McLain • 2045
Robert Young • 2045

Sylvia Thoma • 2050
Sterling Strickland • 2121
Frank "Rocky" Graziani • 2128
Marie Headley • 2347
Harold Mattson • 2444
Gary Lynch • 2492
Candy Anderson • 2704
Robert Johnson • 2801

CHEMPI Latest Century Club Donors (\$100) • (May 16, 2020 through July 31, 2020)

Richard Ambriz	6	Norma Poe	888	Arnold Crawford	1342	Michael Duran	1919
Richard Borgquist	6	Patrick Riley	888	Jerry "Gene" Day	1342	Lucy Escarpita	1919
Ronald Brusato	6	Freddie Freitas (2)	901	Jan Harvey (6)	1342	Paul Groff	1919
Terry Burkes	6	Fred Lucas	901	Mike Harvey	1342	Eric Koyanagi	1919
Kelly Byam	6	Rich Mejia	901	Steve Martinez	1342	Carlos Lifosjoe	1919
Glenn Heald	6	Terry Minns	901	Sylvia Martinez	1342	John Masaki	1919
David Morena (2)	6	Tony Morgan (2)	901	Narwhals Mating	1342	James S. Mason	1919
Deborah Morrison	6	Jon Pate	901	Mary McCaig	1342	Sharon Mason	1919
Stephen Roberts	6	John Phillips	901	Linda Williams	1378	Leslie Ann Mitchell	1919
Robert Ruiz	6	William Silveira	901	Brenda Bernal	1436	Laraine Miyata	1919
Benjamin Valencia, Jr.	6	William Talios	901	Charles Frowein	1436	Rick Monteverde	1919
Wayne Willey	6	William Turner	901	Joseph Fus (2)	1436	Norman Naritoku	1919
Richard & Annette Silver (5)	218	Michael Whooley	901	Lily Klauer	1436	Donald Pfenninger	1919
Dean Callender	614	Wayne Wilson	901	Anthony Mauro (2)	1436	Reyne Rocha	1919
Alex Camany	614	Douglas James	1015	Tom Neff	1436	Jacqueline Sargent	1919
Michael Franscioni	614	Doris Cardinal	1108	Lance Scimeca	1436	Claud Smith	1919
Charlie Frost	614	Bobbie Danz	1108	Mike Smith	1436	Steve Swigart	1919
Clair Hicks, Jr.	614	Willaim Danz	1108	John Leslie	1471	Shirley Treuden	1919
Gerald Hitchcock	614	Carol "Lynn" Fox	1108	Curt Weil	1471	James Wilson	1919
Robert House (2)	614	Dorothy Jones	1108	Henry Baugh	1474	Donald Botsford	1968
Stephen Jensen	614	Deborah Lazzarini	1108	Mark Cappucini	1474	Victoria Hanes	1968
Loyd Mayer	614	Carla-Ruth Morgan	1112	Lynn Havens	1474	Hugh McKinney (2)	1968
Paul McHaney	614	Moana Sawyer	1259	Alfred Jones, Jr.	1474	Don Noon	1968
Donald Nielsen	614	J.R. Searcy (4)	1259	Barbara Riley	1474	Charla Papp	1968
Matthew Nielsen	614	Jaime Solis	1259	Albert Seeno, Jr. (2)	1474	Dan Papp	1968
Allan Pedersen	614	Dennis Barrett	1285	Orange Emblem Club 418	1475	Jerry Redford	1991
Gary Ranzzenberger	614	Robert Garrett	1285	Harlen Baird	1538	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996
Carlos Rios	614	Karl Berger	1289	Terry Cross	1561	Donald Anderson (2)	2011
George Sallay	614	Walter Colburn	1289	Philippe "Phil" Dumas	1561	Jeffrey Bronson (2)	2011
John Smoot	614	Paul Coulter	1289	Dale Geldert	1561	June Gonzales	2011
Jerry Teeter	614	Charlie Follett	1289	Larry Hatter	1561	David Miller	2011
James Thomsen	614	Sterrett Harper	1289	Bruce Huebner	1561	Joe Ortega	2011
Lynn White	614	David Kakita	1289	Kelly Kimmitt	1561	Angela Barth	2031
Virgil Williams	614	Saro Koumashian	1289	Charles Lewis	1561	Richard Hanson	2031
Bruce Wissler	614	James Martin	1289	Adele Moore	1561	Fran Hedberg	2031
Kenn Kojima	616	George McCullough	1289	Edward Novak	1561	Ronald Hedberg	2031
Ronald Lee (2)	616	John Rieger	1289	Gregory Smith	1561	James Noah	2031
Neill Schoening	616	Penny Rieger	1289	Patricia White	1561	James "Jim" Roberts	2031
Michael Pavese (2)	672	Bill Schad (2)	1289	Laurel Utecht	1587	Patricia Stoller	2031
Dennis Yuen	759	Geoff Shanklin	1289	Ilona Kelemen	1625	Ira Windham (3)	2031
Don Baldwin	794	John Shelton	1289	Willie Norman	1625	Michael Kiefer (2)	2045
Colleen Herren	794	Netta Shelton	1289	Ronald Hinman (3)	1643	Brenden Lada (2)	2045
Gloria Lopez (3)	794	Paul Thrash	1289	Douglas Andrews	1740	Bruce McLain (4)	2045
Sue McKee	794	Randy Wolff	1289	Carol Wren	1740	Alan Srutowski	2045
Kevin Lohman	824	Marty Mello	1299	Wayne Wren	1740	Robert Young	2045
Anna Paganelli	824	Joe De Toma	1328	Thomas Van	1767	Joann Duray	2050
Nancy Reilly	824	Al Fredrickson (2)	1328	Tassel Michael	1787	Sherry Hunt	2050
Georgann Scally	824	Gordon Johnson	1328	Anderson (4)	1812	Mary "Katie" Miller (2)	2050
John Scally (2)	824	James Justus	1328	Kenneth B. Powalisz	1812	Sylvia Thoma	2050
Donald Sorensen	824	Pat Macy	1328	Rebecca Powalisz	1877	Paul Yocum	2050
Larry Hancock (2)	888	Mick Mistretta	1328	Vicki Zellner	1919	Lynn Mahoney	2103
Darlene Krzewinski	888	Vern Valenzuela	1328	Adrienne Castaneda	1919	James Sekelsky (3)	2103
Richard Krzewinski	888	Barney Bradford	1342	Donald Davis	1919	Daryl Charles Black	2121

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Luis Lira	2121	Stephen Gray	2444	Barry Fisher	2492	Ronald Blakey	2504
Huey Stratton	2121	Kathleen Krieger	2444	Patricia Friedman	2492	Rae Breen	2504
Sterling Strickland	2121	Thomas Littlejohn (2)	2444	Richard Gillette	2492	Kenneth Coxon (3)	2504
Thelma Thomas	2121	Harold Mattson	2444	Diane Haney	2492	Donn McKnight	2504
Steven Gollob	2128	Mark Nix	2444	Dale Harwood	2492	Paul Wolford	2504
Frank "Rocky" Graziani	2128	Run-A-Ways R.V. Club	2444	Frank Karim	2492	Richard Barcellos	2510
Michael Parodi	2128	Randall Smith	2444	Mary Larsen	2492	Curtis Pyeatt	2510
Vernon Smith	2128	David Towers	2444	Ed Lucas	2492	Luise Pyeatt	2510
Letha Stayton	2128	Rod Wilbert	2444	Gary Lynch	2492	Linda Tucker	2543
Sean Balady	2190	Terry Gicking	2477	Tony Markarian	2492	Donald Kammerer	2577
Harrie Day	2190	Jean & Gregg Miraglia	2477	Sam Martinez	2492	Larry Hannon	2591
Anne Frankl	2190	Earl Boyd	2484	Donna Mitchell	2492	Jaylene Morgan (5)	2599
Hugh Laughlin	2190	Pat Bush	2484	Randy Morris	2492	Dennis Prindiville (2)	2599
Peter Marshall	2190	Nadine Chianese (2)	2484	W.A. "Sander" Moss	2492	Richard "Dick" Conrad	2639
Byron McKibben	2190	Lou Dulay, Sr. (2)	2484	Kristie Neria	2492	Kelley Sadecki	2640
Gene Wallis	2190	Peter "Pete" Hall	2484	Mike Nolan	2492	Robert Bonson	2646
Lawrence Richards	2243	Barbara Shine	2484	Bill Nuss	2492	Brian Haines	2646
Mel Borden	2248	Peggy "Star" Simmet	2484	Martin Olgin	2492	Marjorie Nielson	2646
William "Kenneth" Green	2248	James Wash	2484	Tom Petriella	2492	Jimmy Still	2646
Don Ireton	2248	Larry Alton	2492	Kris Picard	2492	Sharon Strickland	2646
Robert Johnson	2248	Sal Argo	2492	Robert Rasmussen	2492	Sadie Velci	2646
Brian Peck	2248	Steven Barnhart	2492	Joseph Riggio	2492	Ray Voltz	2646
Carol Shoemaker	2248	Jeff Bastedo	2492	Michelle Rivera	2492	Theresa Worley	2646
Christine Rehburg	2333	Chris Bengtsson	2492	Gary Sawyer	2492	Candy Anderson	2704
Robb Allen	2358	Dennis Brookins	2492	Robert Schade	2492	David Eby	2704
Ron Politte	2389	Julie Brown	2492	Peter Schneider	2492	Shirley Fitzgerald	2704
Tom Ziech	2389	Michael Brown	2492	Keith Scott	2492	Steve Welch	2724
Helen "Cookie" Akeson	2444	Michael Curtin	2492	Kari Sears (2)	2492	Larry Bryant	2733
Christine Atwood	2444	Jose Diaz	2492	William Sears	2492	Douglas Johnson	2733
Richard Atwood	2444	Andy Dobrzynski	2492	Craig Spellman	2492	Frank Platz (5)	2733
Larry Berman	2444	Karyn Drolet	2492	Brenda Sprankel	2492	Kathy Rogers	2790
James Bleeker	2444	Ellis Dyer	2492	Marc Sylvestre	2492		
Suzette & Scot Dahl	2444	Tim Egan	2492	Jeff Weston	2492		



Orange Coast Veterans District Meeting was held at Patriots and Paws in Anaheim, led by Orange Coast District Veterans Chairman, Dave Perry. Present were the Chairmen of all eight Orange Coast Elks Lodges. The group was introduced to Penny Lambright who manages the facility, after which they took a self-tour of the warehouse where furniture and household items are stored. Orange County Veterans Chairman Dave Perry said, "No items to be donated are too big or too small. Veterans in need come to the warehouse and can get whatever they need at absolutely no cost to them. They only must show proof of service." As of this date, they have helped 7,300 families.

A check for \$1,000 was presented to the Orange Lodge. Facility Manager Lambright said, "We would love to have as many monthly donors as possible, and donating couldn't be easier with free pick-up also offered."

Pictured (l-r) are Orange Coast District Veterans Chairman Dave Perry, Patriots and Paws Facility Manager Penny Lambright and Greg Rath, Lodge Member and past Mayor of Mission Viejo.



Ontario Lodge 1419 held a Grab n' Go event at the lodge. We provided hamburgers or hot dogs, with sides at no charge to the attending members. The food order was delivered to the member's car or could be picked up at the serving station. It was a great welcome back after a long absence. The photo shows one of our officers handing the member's order.

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Johanna Abate	3	Jan Lee	1298	Robert Duitsman	1917	Don Luepnitz	2142
Josh Hachadourian	3	Teresa Lewis	1298	Lance Hudson	1917	J. Martin Borden	2230
Marilyn Hooton	6	Ron Marshall	1298	C. Michael Melton	1917	Maria R Schreiber	2243
Judi Tracy	6	Melanie McKimmons	1298	Larry Faust	1918	Steven Dale	2248
L. Butch DePaul	168	Jorge L. Montano	1298	Doug Row	1918	Robert "Bob" Burns, Sr.	2248
Lynn DePaul	168	Dorothy Van Wagoner	1298	Marsha Aguon	1919	Gregory J. Martin	2274
Joan Dollar	168	Karen Buchanan	1378	Ruthy Almaraz	1919	Shirley Allen-Sparks	2358
Donal Frigerio	168	Bruce Harris	1378	Bettie A. Jamora	1919	Laurie Ashley	2358
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Gail Harris	1378	Eric Koyanagi	1919	Leroy Bostick	2358
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Jackie O'Donnell	1378	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919	Larry Cotton	2358
Gary Marinelli	168	Paul Redgrift	1378	Leslie Mitchell	1919	Tom Jefferies	2358
Mary Anne Marinelli	168	Calvin Babb	1424	Richard Monteverde	1919	Ronald Keele	2358
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Kevin Brown	1424	Reyne Rocha	1919	Fern Sammon	2358
Glenn Montague	168	Gerald Delker	1427	Alyssa Santos	1919	Terry Sammon	2358
Chuck Nolan	168	John D. McEntire, Jr.	1427	James G. Anderson	1952	Linda Schwass	2358
Matthew Pires	168	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.	1952	Michael Streeter	2358
Hugh VanDoren	168	Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Pat Terrell	2358
John Areola, Jr.	218	Joanna Rentschler	1427	Karen Lewin	1952	Kathleen West	2358
Frank Chicago	218	Jessica Gracia	1430	Michelle Manzo	1952	Henry Schmitz	2364
Nadine Steel	218	Brenda Bernal	1436	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Ray Broussard	2379
Susan Good	439	Shelley Gonzales	1443	Henry "Rick" Ross	1952	Diana Crovo	2379
Joan Toth	538	Ines Greenwald	1443	Robert Ruppert	1952	Debbie K. Hager	2379
Paul Toth	538	Robert Beck	1474	David Skelton	1952	Melissa J. Handy	2379
Frank Almazan	583	Richard D. Enea	1474	Lance Slimmer	1952	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Janice Almazan	583	Dennis Linsley	1474	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Robert Laymon	2379
Michelle Brittingham	583	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Ted Olsen	2379
Mike Brittingham	583	Kealoha Arellano	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Sandra Owen	2379
Erik Brown	583	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Michael Noreen	1959	John Rivetti	2379
Ashley Campos	583	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Erlinda Puig	1959	Joseph Garica	2477
Hilary Fulton	583	Sean Gambill	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	Terry Gicking	2477
John Fulton	583	Amanda Jung	1475	Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991	Gerry Gillies	2477
Chris Hubbell	583	James Jung	1475	Robert Cassetta	1991	Dan Hoffman	2477
Lisa Hubbell	583	Chris Michaelis	1475	Mark V Urban	1991	Inger S. Hogan	2477
Calvin Hara	616	Teresa A Mountain	1475	Richard Wallace	1991	Ed Lees	2477
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Roslyn J Peggins	1475	Judy Givens	1993	Greg Metzgas	2477
Steve Buttress	643	Tim Reissmueller	1475	Alan Kelley	1993	Alexandra "Sandra" Rogers	2477
Aron Andersen	672	Colin Smith	1475	Michael Mathers	1993	Geogory Sweet	2477
Charles Rowe	672	John M. Smith	1475	Diana Mondragon	1993	Lyssa Wright	2477
Bob Arthurs	759	Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Robert C Brotherton	2484
Lisa Fleury	759	Greg Peale	1497	Claudia & Carlos Santos	1993	Kris Picard	2492
Miles Nakatsu	759	Myron Battles	1538	Richard M. Dana	1996	Jay Dupler	2504
Dan Breece	794	Claire DuVall	1538	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Kristi Dupler	2504
Tim Jaeger	832	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Willie C. Koskela	1996	Freddie Miller	2504
Robert Nichol	836	Warren H. Downs	1561	Norman Nikodym	1996	Larry L. Fink	2543
Jerry Hansen	901	Carole D. May	1561	Ben Ortega	1996	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Donald Checchi	906	Debbie Driver	1625	Laurie Ayala	2011	David W. Mullett	2543
Frank Frazier	906	Russell Lumpkin	1643	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Robert A. Pickett	906	James E. Miller	1643	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Richard Yeager	2543
Margaret Pickett	906	Donald D. Schultz	1643	Sharron Cannon	2011	Evelyn Poppa-McKenna	2577
Jayne Roszart	906	Michelle Solvin	1643	Roy Jenness	2011	Diane Ward	2577
Karen Chambliss-Ray	966	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Christine Nelson	2011	Connie Flatley	2591
Jose "Joe" Justiniano	966	Michael Cosby	1691	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011	Jim Flatley	2591
Sean Mejia	966	William "Bill" Cook	1740	John Hardman	2031	Irene Kishita Kelsey	2591
Pamela Brodie	1015	Judi McEvers	1740	Fran Hedberg	2031	John Kelsey	2591
Lynn M Landry	1015	Angela Anderson	1767	Ron Hedberg	2031	Howard Cook	2599
Roy Stout	1015	Richard Blake	1767	Beth Long Duitsman	2050	Thom Richardson	2599
Howard Weinman	1015	Sharon Dearborn	1767	Sean Williams	2050	James J. Williams, Jr.	2599
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Kaye Brandos	1804	Warren H Guest	2059	Barbara Nance	2616
Joe Tato	1108	Rocky Brandos	1804	Kira Wagner	2059	Bridget Smith	2616
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Kimberley Collins	2091	John R. Smith	2616
Susan Gumm	1240	Mary C. Gouveia	1811	Brian Rogers	2091	Tom Warren	2639
Clint W. Moore	1240	Chuck Jackson	1811	Jere M. Williams	2091	Rose Marie Johnson	2646
Dave Wells	1240	Edward C.A. Johnson	1811	Earl T. Bouchard	2098	Arlene Degen	2697
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Michael Silva	1811	Janice L. Brown	2117	William Canet	2698
Michelle Ottoboni	1251	Joe Acosta	1812	Ian Lanouette	2121	Dave Hosted	2698
Mark Porter	1251	Patricia L. Hamilton	1812	Margie M Remelman	2121	Karen Kaye	2698
C. Darrel Taylor	1258	Ron Harden	1812	Mark Remelman	2121	Marvin Elrod	2699
Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	Susan Jimenez	1812	Diane Shaw	2121	Kaye Bruns	2733
Randy Wolff	1289	Caspar DeJong	1917	Sheila Spangler	2121	Lance Erickson	2733



Alturas Lodge 1756 held its annual Flag Day Ceremony. With limited attendance the ceremony was conducted by Craig Flournoy, Loyal Knight. We were honored to have both the Alturas Boy Scouts Troop and the Legion Riders of Alturas participate in the ceremony and present our flags. Pictured above are some of the Scout and Rider participants.

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Paramount Lodge 1804 Elks Riders Association, for the last few months, have been doing wellness rides to check on our elderly members, so that they know that we haven't forgotten them. Pictured is Ernie Castro, age 92, Korean Army Veteran and 42 year Paramount member shown with Elk Rider Jack Smith.



Westchester Lodge 2050 hosts Cedars-Sinai for bi-monthly blood drives, with each drive bringing in between 30-50 donors. Pictured above waiting to donating blood are Bob Duitsman, PGER and Past First Lady, Beth Duitsman.

In other news, Westchester used a Spotlight Grant to buy "Welcome Home" baskets for Veterans moving from transitional housing to permanent housing thanks to Grant Chair, Fiona Engler and Veterans Chair, Dale Thompson. The \$2,000 grant helped to purchase bedding, dishes, towels, and other essentials one would need to start in a new home.

Fullerton Lodge 1993 continues to support Military Showers of Support. Expectant families at Camp Pendleton are able to receive free baby items, clothing, diapers, strollers, etc., coordinated by Deployment Readiness Coordinators. Regular donations of cash and baby items are made by Lodge members and can include hand made baby blankets, diaper covers and toys. A \$500 donation was made to the San Diego USO to assist the crew members of the USS Bonhomme Richard. Many lost all of their personal belongings in the fire. Men's hygiene items, such as t-shirts and socks were donated to the Long Beach VA, at their request recently.



Santa Maria Lodge 1538 distributes 12-16 Tons of food through the Food Bank of Santa Barbara County every week. Since mid-March it became obvious that there was a major need to provide food for the community, as businesses shut down and people were out of work. Exalted Ruler Wes Brown was contacted by the Food Bank to see if the Elks Lodge would be willing to provide a place for a distribution Center. Not only did the Exalted Ruler say yes, but he offered the Food Bank the Volunteers to staff the Center. The Volunteers are primarily made up of Officers and wives, but soon many Lodge members and people from the community, came out weekly to help. The Thursday Distribution Center has quickly become one of the largest in the Santa Maria Valley with people lining up in their cars two wide winding throughout our large parking lot and down the street waiting up to an hour just to make it to the front of the line.

Since beginning this endeavor, the Lodge has helped over 5,642 families, handing out over 10,884 bags of food. The volunteers begin at 7:00 am, unload sometimes up to three truckloads of fruits, vegetables, canned goods, drinks, cheese, bacon and more. Since late March, based on the invoices of the truckloads, we have averaged 12 to 16 tons of food distributed weekly. It is a lot of work, but also extremely rewarding. The Officers and Volunteers could not be happier to provide this much needed service to our community.

Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 received four ENF Grants, totaling \$9,000. The \$2,500 Beacon Grant was used to purchase household items for a veteran family, that was gifted a home from The Santa Clarita Veteran's Collaborative. The Lodge shopped with the family, to find a new oven for the home. as well as, helping to furnish both inside and outside of their home.

With the \$2,000 Spotlight Grant the Lodge worked with one of our Lodge members who works very closely with disabled veterans. The Lodge purchased \$50 Walmart Gift Cards. Member, RJ Kelly, researched families and distributed the cards to Veteran's in need.

The \$2,500 Gratitude Grant, was used to help out our local Child and Family Center. Due to COVID-19, they lost their largest fundraiser of the year, our timing was perfect to help them with a check as they had just started a program called Hearts for Heroes Giving Wall.

The final \$2,000 grant was used to support local senior center, Bella Vida, which is supporting so many homebound seniors with food, due to COVID-19. They are in desperate need for food they can distribute to the seniors. The Lodge is holding an ongoing food drive for them and used the \$2,000 to purchase additional food.



Santa Maria Lodge 1538 used the Spotlight Grant to donate \$2,000 to the Good Samaritan Shelter in Santa Maria. The Good Samaritan Shelter has struggled during this COVID-19 Pandemic to continue to provide the services, such as helping the homeless and those needing drug and alcohol treatment in the Santa Maria Valley. In addition, they opened an emergency shelter for vulnerable adults providing staffing and three meals a day. They placed eighteen Veteran households into temporary housing with local hotels and providing three meals a day.

During the Grab n' Go dinners, the Lodge was able to raise \$500 which it presented to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). The Lodge chose to direct this donation to the "Shelter House" which helps with Illegal Trafficking of Adults and Children.

Pictured is Exalted Ruler Wes Brown and some of the officers corps, presenting the check to the Good Samaritan Shelter.

In other news, the Lodge, in order to maintain our facility and keep as many of our employees employed, it became necessary to serve a Monday and Friday curbside meals to both members and the community. At first it was overwhelming to serve the hundreds of people that responded to support us, but with each week the Lodge perfected our system and have now sold over 12,539 meals since late March. On Mother's Day, the Lodge served 1,000 meals and are now averaging 300-650 meals every Monday and Friday.

Many nights meals are leftover, so the Lodge calls the Santa Maria Police, Highway Patrol and City Rangers, in addition, we have donated many meals to the nurses at our local Hospital. To date Santa Maria Lodge has donated at least 1,205 meals to our community first responders.



Petaluma Lodge 901 received a \$2,000 grant for the Technology Student Association (TSA) community support programs. They received and donated the grant to TSA to help families impacted with COVID-19. "This infusion of funds could not have come at a better time", said TSA Corps Officer Mitham Clement. Pictured above (l-r) Deb Sheppard, Lecturing Knight, Jeff Poteet, Exalted Ruler, Major Mitham, Clement Salvation Army Corps, David Adams, Elk and Salvation Army Advisory Board Chairman.



Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 donated an ENF Spotlight Grant to the local food bank "Manna". Pictured (l-r) are Lecturing Knight John Betancourt, Manna Operations Manager Edgar Thatcher, ER Dan Martyn and Leading Knight Richard Platt.

In other news, the Lodge was asked by Ventura County Health Department to provide the use of the parking lot for a free Covid-19 antibody testing site for the community. In the first eight hours, more than 500 residents were tested.

Chula Vista Lodge 2011, in December 2020, will be hosting the 4th Annual Veterans Families in Need Christmas Party through the use of the Freedom Grant. The Lodge, working with Us4Warriors, will be providing a Christmas extravaganza for 22 active duty military families in need of extra support during the holidays. The Lodge works with the local military base social workers and commanders who select these families based on their ongoing and unremitting personal needs. Many of these families have special needs children which prevents both parents from working, some have deployed spouses, some have been wounded in action, and all are making monthly decisions on how to feed their families and pay their bills.



Carmichael Lodge 2103 donated their facility to hold a "drive-by" graduation ceremony for more than 100 seniors, along with parents and teachers, on June 6th. Pictured above are some of the Elks volunteers.



Grand Exalted Ruler Robert L. Duitsman attended the **Santa Monica Elks 906** Lodge meeting to present PER R.A. Pickett with a Millennium Club plaque from the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project for lifetime donations exceeding \$10,000.

Palo Alto Lodge 1471, Reeves family was passionate about Elks's mission, including the CHEA Major Project, which provides therapy for physically challenged children. The family gave a sizable donation to our Lodge to provide scholarships for students who are enrolled in a Physical Therapy Program working towards their Masters or Doctorate in California.

This year we had 16 applicants apply for the scholarship, a record number with applications coming from 5 schools within California that included: Azusa Pacific University, UC Long Beach, UCSF, Mount Saint Mary's University and Samuel Merritt University. Because of extended SIP with COVID-19, a smaller subcommittee reviewed the packages, so it was a longer and more drawn out process than in the past. The good news for all applicants is that each of them received an award of \$5,000 this year, for a total of \$80,000. Congratulations to all of the Robert L. Reeves recipients!

Gilroy Lodge 1567 received an application for a vocational grant offered by the California-Hawaii Elks Association from Billy Linneman, a young man whose career goal was to become a licensed contractor in the construction trades. The vocational grant he received helped cover the cost of the courses of study and taking the State Board examination. He has received confirmation from the State Contractors License Board of passing the examination. He extended a big thank you to both, Gilroy Elks Lodge and CHEA for helping to make his career goal become a reality by the opportunity afforded by the Vocational Grant.



Fresno Lodge 439 received its eighth Freedom Grant and joined seventeen other Lodges in the California-Hawaii Elks Association to do so.

The Lodge submitted their Freedom Grant application with three different plans to address the housing and health needs of veterans and military families, depending on possible restrictions in place during Christmas 2020 and Valentine's Day 2021 due to the worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic.

Fresno's plan is an old-fashioned Christmas Party to 190 veterans in December and a Valentine's Party with the theme "Fresno Elks Love Veterans" in February. Both parties will take place, how depends on the state-wide restrictions at the time of the planned parties.

Pictured above are volunteers from a previous Christmas party thrown for Fresno veterans.



South San Francisco Lodge 2091 was honored by the 129th Air Rescue Wing, out of Moffet Field Air National Guard Base, for its support of VFW Post 4103. The Lodge adopted and supports the 129th during all of their deployments and family events when they are not deployed. Because of this, the Lodge was nominated by VFW Post 4103 to receive a plaque and American Flag which was flown over the South San Francisco Bay during Operation America Strong. Pictured above are Lodge members Patrick Rosenthal and Brian Rogers with the Lodge award.



San Pedro Lodge 966 takes great pleasure in announcing, that the Lodge has passed all inspections and has its Certificate of Occupancy.

ER Jose Chavez, would like to thank Officers, past and present, who persevered through all of the rebuilding effort. What you have done for our Lodge is truly amazing, thank you all.

The Lodge is planning on opening, on a limited basis, starting Friday, August 14th, 2020. The Bar and Restaurant will be open daily. Hours will be posted, as the Lodge is still working with the Health Department, to abide by Covid 19 regulations.

Buena Park Lodge 2046 gives Grant money to two organizations to help Covid-19 relief. Claudia Bonilla Keller, Chief Mission Officer, from the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, accepted a \$2,000 ENF Spotlight Grant and Susan Papiri, Director, Corporate and Community Engagement for Meals on Wheels of Orange County, accepted a \$2,000 Gratitude check from Phil Covey, Exalted Ruler.



Banning/Beaumont Lodge 1839 provided the Banning Library District \$4,500, with funds coming from a \$2,500 Beacon Grant and a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant. The funds are expected to facilitate the new STEM Program. STEM integration refers to students participating in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. Pictured above (l-r) Fernando Morales, Carl Wolfram, ER Banning/Beaumont Elks, Kevin Lee, Library Director.

A "New" Challenge Coin for 2020-2021



Purple Pig Covid-19 Challenge Coin "Limited Edition"

Your Help Needed to support our Major Project! The new \$10 Challenge Coin, the one with the leigh placed around the neck of our Purple Pig, is available and your help supporting our Major Project is needed now more than ever. With many of our 'Purple Pig' fundraising events cancelled, you can be a big part of the success raising money for our therapists to continue their important work serving the children and families throughout California and Hawaii. Some of our therapists have also 'Stepped up to a New Age' by conducting their visits and therapies 'Virtually'. It is so great, that even during these extraordinary times, our good works continue. Each of your Association Vice Presidents, and your Association Vice President Designates have these beautiful challenge coins. I ask you to reach out to your AVP and show your support to our Major Project. These are 'Limited Edition' coins and when they are gone, they are Gone! These coins, during this difficult year, will be your keepsake to show how we all contributed to the success of the "best Major Project in all of Elkdome". Thank You!

Jay Larkins
C.H.E.A. First Vice President
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