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# Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 presents Bradford "Brad" Smith for the California-Hawaii Elks Association President 2022 – 2023

Whereas: The Officers and Members of Modesto Lodge No. 1282 do recognize and appreciate the leadership, accomplishments and dedicated service rendered by Bradford "Brad" Smith to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, the California-Hawaii Elks Association, the Modesto Lodge and, other Elks Lodges in the Central District of the California-Hawaii Elks Association; and

Whereas: He has been a member of the Modesto Lodge No. 1282 since joining in 2001, he served as Lecturing Knight and continued through the Chairs and became Exalted Ruler for 3 consecutive years beginning in 2006, served as Trustee and Chair of numerous Committees within the Lodge; and

Whereas: He served the Central District as Chair of several District committees, Auditor to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, appointed as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and President in 2013, appointed to two assignments as Special Representative of the Grand Exalted Ruler, and President of the Central District Past Exalted Rulers' Association, and currently as a District Leader for the Central District, and

Whereas: He was recognized by the California-Hawaii Elks Association serving as Association Vice President in 2010, Association Mid-Term Co-Chair in 2013, Vice Chair of the Government Relations committee, Served as Mid-Term Chair in 2018, and joined the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project Board of Trustees in 2019, appointed as the Association Chair of the Grand Exalted Ruler's Pearl Harbor Restoration effort in 2019, and Elected California-Hawaii Elks First Vice President for 2021-2022; and

Whereas: He is a graduate of Modesto Junior College where he served as Student Body President, received a B.A. Degree from the University of San Francisco, and was employed as Risk Management Director and other positions in the food industry for twenty-five years, and 10 years as Risk Management Director for the County of Merced, and was Certified as an Associate in Risk Management, University of California — Davis; and

**Whereas:** He has been dedicated to family, married to the love of his life, Agnes, for forty-eight years, son Justin and companion Bre, and granddaughter, Delyla; and

**Whereas:** He served the community in positions including President of the following: Sylvan Improvement Club, Stanislaus County Safety Council, American Society of Safety Engineers - Stockton, Personnel Management Council, as Chair of the Risk Management Committee of the California Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority; therefore

Be it resolved; The Officers and Members of Modesto Lodge No. 1282 are honored and privileged to present to the annual California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention session in May 2022 - in Frenso, California, the name of fellow Member, Bradford "Brad" Smith, as a candidate for the Office of President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for the 2022-2023 fraternal year.

Unanimously adopted this 7th day of December, 2021 Gilbert Jasso, Exalted Ruler Anna-Marie Bratton, Secretary



All it takes is ...

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





El Cajon Lodge 1812 was awarded a \$3,500 Beacon Grant. In continuing the Lodge's partnership with Grossmont College and Cuyamaca College, the Lodge purchased forty-one compact wireless all-in-one printers for former foster youth attending these colleges. The identified students have "aged out" of the Foster Youth System. Financial and other support foster youth receive ends when they reach 18 years of age. The purchase of the printers elevates the expense from the students and enables them to continue their education goals. Pictured is one of the students receiving a printer.

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 delivered dictionaries in bulk to most of the South Orange County Elementary Schools for distribution by school staff to their third graders. The dictionary program was chaired by Lodge Chaplain Dick Holmes and Lodge Tiler Lynette Holmes. Since 2007, Lodge volunteers have distributed over 60,000 dictionaries.

West Covina Lodge 1996 raised \$6,670 during a Christmas Community fundraiser. Thirty-three families were given \$200 in Gift Cards for the Christmas holidays.

In other news, the Lodge won first place trophy in this years Covina Christmas Parade. Riding in front was "Elroy" the Drug Awareness Elk, followed by Officers, Veterans Chairman, Elk and Emblem members.

San Mateo Lodge 1112 donated toys to law enforcement for unincorporated areas of San Mateo County. The Lodge collects toys through a toy drive and also through the annual Christmas party where guests arrive with a giving spirit and bring a toy to share.

Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477, using a Beacon Grant, were able to donate to the local food bank, Manna, a check for \$1,750.

# **President's Message**



**Jay Larkins, President** California-Hawaii Elks Association

Greetings, Aloha, and Mano po,

Ginger and I continue to be honored to meet and talk with so many of you as we travel throughout the 19 districts of our California-Hawaii Elks Association. We are preparing for our Homecoming

in Santa Clarita on March 11th and 12th. The weekend is hosted by our Santa Clarita Lodge, Association Vice President John Rivetti with his wife Terri, and the Metropolitan District. The weekend is business early in the day, fellowship in the evenings. Please join us for Friday dinner at the Santa Clarita Lodge, reservation are required. As a member in good standing, on Saturday morning, I encourage you to attend the CHEMPI Board of Trustees meeting starting at 8:00 a.m., and the CHEA Board of Trustees meeting starting at 9:00 a.m., at the Hyatt Hotel in Valencia. These board members conduct the business side of our Association. Please join us on Saturday night for the President's Homecoming Dinner, reservation are required.

On Sunday morning, our planning for the new year begins with the Orientation for the 2022-2023 Association Vice President Designates from every district. First Vice President Bradford "Brad" Smith, and his First Lady Agnes, along with our Sponsors, will prepare the next A.V.P. Leaders to continue the great works of our Association.

Our local Lodges have nominated and elected our new leaders for the coming Elks year. I congratulate each of you for accepting the responsibility to lead your Lodge in the year ahead. I have been blessed to sit and talk with over 140 of our current Exalted Rulers during our visitations to each district. Thank You to these women and men who have given of their time and energy guiding our Lodges. Thank you for living our motto this year, 'The Future of Elkdom Begins with You'.

Our goals this year have been simple. Get our Lodges open and continuing to serve their members and communities. Continue to honor and serve our Veterans and First Responders. Be a PLUS 1 Association in Membership. Improve our Public Relations efforts, letting the public know what we are doing as a force in our communities. Promote the 'Rituals of the Order' to our Lodge officers and impress our new members by inspiring the next generation of active members and officers. Lastly, with our amazing family of Association Vice Presidents, The Volunteers, promote the finest Major Project, 'The Purple Pig', to ALL of our members. We are asking you to donate 'just a little more' to reach our 4 Million Dollar Major Project Goal. I ask for your help.

In May we will be holding our annual convention in Fresno. This is your opportunity to be part of the future of our Association. Take part in the seminars. Break down the specific information from our committees in the breakout sessions. Bring your questions for the presenters in every session and take the information back to your Lodges and share the information, energy and enthusiasm with your officers and members. You will have the opportunity to meet and speak with our National President, the Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills and our First Lady Amy. They are a fun-loving couple from Idaho and would love to speak with you and present you with their pins.

This year we have traveled to the Southeast District with A.V.P. Christy Williams and First Gentleman Dick at the Moreno Valley and Redlands

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# CHEA President Jay Larkins Upcoming Schedule

Feb 18-20 • West Central Coast District • Simi Valley 2492

Feb 25-27 • Southeast Bowling Tournament • Laughlin, NV

Feb 26 • Western Region Hoop Shoot Semi-Finals • Provo, Utah

Mar 11-12 • Homecoming • Metropolitan District • Santa Clarita 2379

April 28 - May 1 • Utah Elks Association Spring Meeting • Provo, Utah

May 18-21 • CHEA Convention • Fresno, CA

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Lodges, and to the South District with A.V.P. Bob Simendich and his First Lady Nancy at the Yucca Valley and Indio Lodges. We enjoyed lunch and dinner at Chili's. Then, northward to the Grand Opening of the New Paradise Lodge 'Rising from the Ashes' with A.V.P. Henri Brachais and his First Lady Patsy, and ALL of the wonderful North District members and guests. We also finally visited the San Gabriel Valley District with A.V.P. Diane Stoner and the Arcadia Lodge, then to the West Central Coast District with A.V.P. Kris Picard and her First Gentleman David Coleman at the Simi Valley Lodge. Off to Nevada for Elks Bowling in Laughlin, benefitting our Purple Pig, and Hoop Shoot in Boulder City crowning our C.H.E.A. Hoop Shoot Champions that will represent all of us in Chicago at the National Finals.

First Lady Ginger and I look forward to seeing each of you.

Elks Make Lives Better!

#### **Elks National Foundation**

By David Coleman, PDDGER • CHEA ENF Chairman



Hello my fellow Elks,

Wow, 2021 is over and we are on to 2022! The Elks National Foundation is having a great year. As of today's writing we are at \$875,007.07, which has already surpassed last year's total donations, and we still have two months left in this fundraising year. For

those of you who were able to attend the CHEA Mid-term Conference in Riverside yousaw just how much our members and Lodges support the various programs that are under the ENF hierarchy.

Here are the Top 10 Lodges and their Year (2021) over Year (2020) increases:

Lodge	Members	12/31/2021	12/30/2020	Increase
1. Honolulu 616	3980	\$64,596	\$46,115	\$18,481
2. Oceanside 1561	362	\$18,035	\$ 3,060	\$14,975
3. Carmichael 2103	1230	\$27,056	\$12,655	\$14,401
4. Vista 1968	904	\$14,714	\$ 1,858	\$12,856
5. Pasadena 672	722	\$17,397	\$ 5,397	\$12,000
6. San Luis Obispo 32	2 1945	\$17,787	\$ 7,239	\$10,548
7. San Pedro 966	2014	\$11,782	\$ 1,500	\$10,282
8. Sunnyvale 2128	159	\$15,285	\$ 5,263	\$10,022
9. Fullerton 1993	757	\$15,977	\$ 8,397	\$ 7,580
10. Petaluma 901	985	\$ 8,362	\$ 1,150	\$ 7,212

All of our CHEA Lodges are working hard to drive their numbers to new highs and meet the GER's Per-Capita of \$4.80. We only need two more Lodges to reach 100% of all Lodges donating to the ENF for 2021-2022

Just a reminder our Elk's fiscal year doesn't end until March 31, 2022. There are still two months remaining to ask our members to support the Elks National Foundation and the programs it supports.

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple. Enrolling online is easy by going to enf.elks.org/recurring and start your gift today!

Members can donate directly to the Foundation by mailing a check to the ENF office, if their Lodge is closed, or they can use the online donation form at the ENF website enf.elks.org/ MyLodge. Both methods ensure that the donors and their Lodges will get credit for this fundraising year

If you have any questions regarding the Community Investment Program, please feel free to reach out to our CHEA Vice-Chairman Vicki Zellner at: vicki.zellner@yahoo.com.

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





Santa Clara Lodge 2347 had the Del Mar High Schools Sax Ensemble provide holiday music at the Christmas Dinner, where we presented Bill Burkhead, the Performance Arts Director, with a \$7,250 ENF Grant donation to their Performance Arts Program. With Del Mar H.S. families being significantly hit by covid induced financial hardships, this influx of funds was vital to the continuation of this school year's Performing Arts Activities.



Placerville Lodge 1712 used a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant to support MJ's Project. MJ's Project provides basic life essentials such as food, clothing and personal care items to homeless and at-risk teens in the community. Pictured are (I-r) ENF Grants Coordinator Monica Cummings, MJ's Project President Nikki Gardea, and ER Jack Cummings.

Clovis Lodge 2599, using a Beacon Grant, completed their 42nd annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway. The Lodge partners with Clovis Unified School District to distribute food boxes to deserving local families who are experiencing food insecurity. The Lodge put together 150 boxes containing more than \$75 of food and a \$10 gift card. Additionally, over forty merchants supported the event along with many private citizens, our local Boy Scout Troop, and our Lodge members.



Gardena Lodge 1919 held its 7th Annual Merry Beary Event at Harbor Regional Center in Torrance. All 120 Build-a-Bears were donated by Elk members, friends and family. We give these bears to 3-6 year old developmentally disabled children. It was our second year of doing a drive thru pick up. Pictured above is Santa along with Lodge volunteers.

### **Piggy Bank**

Roy Stout • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



You may recall that this time last year I was discouraged that the trends of all our numbers were heading south. Well, this year the numbers are heading in the opposite direction, which is a good thing.

As 2021 came to a close, our fundraising is up almost \$500,000 for a 64.7% increase in donations over December 2020. Seventeen of our nineteen Districts are showing increases instead of 16 Districts showing decreases like last year. The top three Districts increases in fundraising are outstanding:

Hawaii District Up 806.6% \$17,787 22.35 per capita Bay District Up 323.6% \$45,633 24.97 per capita Orange Coast Up 136.3% \$25,161 16.80 per capita

Thank you, thank you! We are going to make that \$4,000,000 goal due to all your generous contributions. So keep up the good work and we will see you all in Fresno in May when we celebrate finally breaking that \$4,000,000 barrier. Please stop by our booth while you are in Fresno.

Although the participation in the Leading Knight's Challenge was significantly better than last year's, many Lodges still did not participate. Was your Lodge one that did not participate, why? Ask your Leading Knight! Why wouldn't your Leading Knight want to participate in this easy, fun, and rewarding way to raise supplemental funds for the Purple Pig? Besides it benefits them during their participation in the Exalted Ruler March in May.

Don't forget our wonderful therapists are available to speak about the marvelous work that they do. Please consider requesting them to attend a districtwide clinic or any Local Lodge Purple Pig Fundraising Event. They love to speak about their work. When they do, you see exactly why they are so good and so passionate at what they do. Just complete a Form 11 from the website and send it to Fresno. They will get back to you as soon as they possibly can. Attaching the face of a therapist to the miraculous work that they do, just makes our fund-raising efforts so much more meaningful.

That is it for now, hope to see all of you soon.

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 special needs can walk, talk, see and play."





The newest members of a BLT Commitment Trust
Leigha Davis From and Thomas Pennington From II · San Rafael 1108



On Tuesday January 11th, Chili's hosted the 8th annual fundraiser for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. also known as the Purple Pig. It was great to see all the excitement throughout the Association.

The results are showing numbers like the pre-pandemic times in that \$3,458 was raised from the event. This brings the 8 year total raised to \$28,258.

The top 4 restaurants that reported the most event day sales are as follows:

- Hawaii Kahala \$3,295
- Santa Clarita/Golden Valley \$1,691
- Escondido \$1,544
- Santee \$1,089

For the first time, Chili's hosted one of CHEA's physical therapists that works here in San Diego and one of the families she takes care of that lives here in Escondido. (photo below) They are a great representation of why I hold these fundraisers and your support helps pay for these therapists to provide the care these children need at no cost to their families.



# Megan Macleod

Director of Professional Services for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project

I am very honored to step into the position of Director of Professional Services for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. I would like to share a bit about my background and history with The Major Project.

I have been taught the value of service to my community from a very young age. Both of my parents were medical doctors and I grew up watching them provide free medical services in our community throughout my entire child-hood. It was instilled in me at a very young age that we are put here on this earth to be of service.

I attended Boston College in Boston, Massachusetts for my undergraduate degree and the University of Southern California for my graduate degree earning a Masters Degree in Physical Therapy. During my clinical internships it became very clear to me that I had a passion for working with children. I began my career at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, working both in-patient and out-patient pediatric rehabilitation. I received wonderful mentorship and training during my years at this renowned medical center. I felt confident to go out on my own and obtained my non-public agency license which allowed me to directly contract with school districts. I soon had contracts with several school districts in the South Bay area of Southern California. After several years of rewarding work with children with disabilities in their educational environment I felt that something was missing. I knew that the key to providing the type of therapy that would maximize the functional independence of these children was to engage their families.



I began providing physical therapy services to children in their homes. As I worked closely with parents and extended family members to educate and empower them to continue therapy after our sessions I began to see very good progress and carry-over of the home programs I would provide. The work became highly rewarding as I was welcomed into the homes and felt like part of these families.

In 2013 I became aware of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project and the wonderful work this program was doing. I could not believe that all of these skilled clinicians and pediatric vision screeners were providing therapy services and vision screening free of charge to families all due to the generous donations of the Elks of California and Hawaii. I had to be part of this organization.

I picked up the phone and contacted the then Director of Professional Services, Pat Baglietto, and before I knew it I was also part of the Major Project's family of therapists.

I began serving the Southern California South Bay territory and knew right away that I had found my dream job. A little over a year into my career with the Major Project I became a team leader in this role. I supervised and collaborated with wonderful therapists throughout California and Hawaii in this role while also maintaining a caseload of my own.

I feel rewarded by every part of the Major Project from providing physical therapy services, speaking at Lodge events and attending conventions. I enjoy promoting the Major Project but more importantly, it is always so inspiring to get to meet the amazing Elks who make it possible for everyone on staff to follow our passion to serve and make a difference in the lives of so many children and families.

Well, fast forward through several years that flew by and it became apparent that our beloved Director of Professional Services, Pat Baglietto, after over 40 years of service to the Major Project, was ready to begin to move into retirement. Pat began a very thoughtful process of providing mentorship to me so that I could eventually take her place as the next Director of Professional Services. I feel confident and prepared to take over this important leadership role for the professional staff of the Major Project and I owe that to Pat

I know that I have been blessed with such a passionate and skilled team of therapists and vision screeners. It is with endless gratitude for the encouragement and support given to me by Pat and our Executive Director Timothy Martin. I thank them both for their confidence in me as the next Director of Professional Services

Quote from Pat "My transition into retirement from the position of Director of Professional Services is filled with wonderful memories and confidence in the success of the future of the Major Project. I know I am leaving the Major Project in very capable hands. Megan has proven to possess good leadership skills but even more importantly she has the passion in her heart to lead the professional staff forward serving the children of California and Hawaii".



Bottom row (l-r): Colin (son), Lauren (daughter), Bill (husband) Top Row (l-r): Megan, Katherine (daughter), Niki (daughter)

# **Membership Retention and Lapsation**

Diane Pryor-Stout, PER • Chairman



Happy New Year! It is 2022. Although, as Elks, our new year will start April First. That's exciting news for all Elk members. As we look back on the past year, we were masked up but still continued to grow in membership. You as members of this great fraternal organization of Elks continued to support all our programs.

Local Elk Lodges help communities with food, clothing, youth activities and so much more. This support was given as outreach programs in your cities, towns and municipalities. You should all be proud of your hard work done. Thank You!

Open, or closed due to many variants, the good works of Elkdom continued meeting the needs of our members and the communities we live in. You, the members of your Lodge and the Lodge Officers that you have elected, are going to meet the needs of your Lodge and Grand Lodge programs going forward next year. That sounds fabulous, and it is!

As we approach the end of this Fraternal year, please reach out to members that may have felt unsure about attending meetings and events. They were the friends that filled your table and the great conversations we've had with each other are not gone; they were just put on hold. Now is the time to reach out to our members and ease their concerns.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks continued to grow in vast numbers. You, the members, must be proud to be an Elk because you are sharing the great works that the Elks do. As a result, we are increasing in Membership nationwide. California is number one in Membership growth!!!!

Don't leave anyone behind that shows interest in your Lodge. Ask that special friend that you know who would make a great Elk and would be an asset to the growth of your Lodge to become a member.



Ontario Lodge 1419 gave a \$3,500 donation to Mercy House, which provides housing and comprehensive services for a variety of homeless populations. Pictured above (I-r) Bob Camu, PER, Debra Porada, Ontario City Council, Judy Connor, Mercy House and FR John Riccardi.

In other news, the Lodge participated in a canned food drive with Feeding America with many cases of food donated by Lodge members.

## **Lodge Activities**

Kathy Grant, PDDGER • CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



Greetings Members,

Welcome to 2022. Hope your holiday season was fun filled and healthy!

It's that time of the year to start choosing new officers and chairpersons. Please pick a Lodge Activity Chair that is enthusiastic and energetic.

You should be getting together and start working on your calendar for the year. It's a good time to invite your current officers and those who may become an officer to this meeting. First enter your mandatory activities and then you can start planning social events, which will bring in your new members. Don't just add the events you have been doing in the past, come up with some new ideas. Ask your membership for ideas. Our membership has been growing and this is a great time to get those new members involved. I know we still have some restrictions because of the "Virus", that has not gone away, but by following the guidelines you can keep your members safe and still host events.

Exalted Rulers, I hope you have started working on your entry for the All-American Lodge Contest. If you have misplaced the form, you can find a copy at Elks.org and get a copy. Believe me you have done the work so get the recognition. Exalted Rulers ask your Officers and Chairpersons to help you with this. It must be mailed to your District Deputy, postmarked no later than April 1, 2022. Your Lodge **CAN** become an All-American Lodge.

Now is the time to make a resolution that you will get involved with your Lodge and execute a new activity involving your new members. They joined your Lodge to become involved they just need to be asked. Everyone loves a party!



**Banning-Beaumont Lodge 1839** donated fifty toys to the Banning Chamber of Commerce. Elks Brigg and Kelliey Matthews, shown above, had the honor of representing the Lodge as Santa and Mrs. Claus for nearly 300 children.

#### **Veterans Service**

Vance (Vinny) DeWitt, PDDGER • ENVSC Chairman



Aloha Brother and Sisters

We are starting the New Year with many projects for our veterans. Please take a moment to write down your hours and donations received for what you are doing for our veterans. Also, please take a moment and write out what you're doing for our veterans. I would love to see what you

are working on and talk about it when I see you next.

Elk Grove Lodge 2577, has partnered with the volunteers of America Veteran Services Division, helping newly housed veterans with welcome home kits. They also partnered with the American Legion bringing \$108,000 to Veterans in need from the Dixie fire. Additionally, they also put \$5,002 into the Mather VAVS program.

Quincy Lodge 1884 turned the Lodge into an evacuation site with fifty cots. Their veterans' programs brought to bear close to \$145,000 in donations for veterans and the community. Unfortunately, three Lodge officers lost their homes in the wake of the Dixie fire.

Thank you, Metropolitan District and Bruce Troe, for 100% reporting. I'm always working on getting every Lodge and district to report. February will bring virtual ENVSC training and hope to see everyone attend.

I want to remind CHEA Lodges that we need to step up our game for our veterans. Unfortunately, during these covid times, we have sidelined the aid we give. As a result, the number of veterans we help and their needs have increased while we are pulling back. The times require us to think outside the box to provide services while keeping ourselves and the veterans we serve safe.

Third-quarter reporting brought us to 21,836 participants, 50,696 hours, and \$446,585 in donations, with 13 Districts reporting. Thank you for all your hard work for our veterans.

Orange Lodge 1475 Veterans Committee has selected and given out a Local Heroes Scholarship of \$1,475. The scholarships are used for books, materials, or a computer to help them further their studies. Because of the pandemic we were unable to recognize the Local Heroes Scholarship winner last year. The 2020 winner is US Army veteran Samuel Johnson and the 2021 winner is US Army veteran Tony Stambuk. Sam is attending Masters University working toward a theology degree. Tony Stambuk is going to Orange Coast College and majoring in psychology. Both men reside at the Orange County Rescue Mission.

Earlier this year the Lodge selected the Orange County Rescue Mission to receive the \$2,500 Freedom Grant. The Rescue Mission is set up to help the men, women, and children who have become homeless and need help.

The Orange Elks Trustees voted to donate \$2,000 to the Pure-Game S.T.A.R. (Stop, Think, Act & Reflect) Sports Camps. PureGame conducts after-school and school break camps for low-income youth in Orange County where they can participate in mentorship, skill building, and character development education.



Ventura Lodge 1430, using the ENF Beacon and Gratitude Grants, presented to Kim Evans, Executive Director of Ventura County Collaborative's Operation Snowflake, a check for \$1,000 and \$2,000 worth of gift cards to local stores. The gift cards and check were to assist active and retired military families in Ventura County with help during the holidays. Pictured above with Kim Evans is Susan West, Lodge Grant Chairman.



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, as part of the Leading Knight's Challenge, held two Purple Pig events in January, a dinner and a Purple Pig Race Night. Between the two events, \$3,975 was raised. Shown above are some enthusiastic Purple Pig supporters at the races.

In other news, the Lodge held its annual Silent Auction in early December, raising just under \$5,000 for ENF. The Purple Pig was not forgotten, thanks to ladies in the Lodge. A bake sale and sale of gently used purses and jewelry brought in \$2,600 for the Purple Pig!

San Pedro Lodge 966 members have been very active in recruiting new members to the Lodge. Since the beginning of the Elk Year (April 1st) through January have added 307 new members with another 57 waiting to be initiated.

## **Hoop Shoot**

Mike Rittenhouse • CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman



#### **YAY FOR HOOP SHOOT VOLUNTEERS!**

A BIG "Tip of the Hat" goes out to the hundreds of California-Hawaii Elks Association Hoop Shoot volunteers during this most challenging Hoop Shoot season! All of the hard work

during the past few months of organizing and coordinating the Lodge, District and Association contests has resulted in lifetime experiences for thousands of California-Hawaii boys and girls, ages 8-13 who participated.

The obstacles placed before us due to COVID have been great, but not insurmountable. While many school districts have closed their gymnasiums due to CDC mandates, our committee chairpersons have scrambled to find other gyms that did allow our contests to take place. Several local, and some district contests were held at outdoor sites to give the children a chance to participate and compete. With our gritty Elks volunteers leading the way, we have continued to help create gritty kids!

Due to the size and geographical distances of our Districts, our Association championships, have been split into a semi-state competition with the Northern California-Hawaii Districts first competing and then comparing the final scores of their winning contestants. The Southern California Districts this year will compete on the following weekend. The scores of the NorCal/Hawaii winners will then be compared to those of the SoCal winners to determine our six Association champions. The results of the California-Hawaii semi-state contests were not yet available for print in this magazine issue.

These six Association champs will travel to Las Vegas for the West Region 7 finals held on Saturday, February 26th. The six winners of the West Regional will take their talents and dreams on to the Elks National Hoop Shoot Finals in Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, April 30th.

A real round of applause to all the Lodge secretaries, chairpersons, and the CHEA District Chairmen for their endless efforts to see that each Lodge completes their reports and advance their winners! What a wonderful group of Elks!

Thank you...Mahalo!





West Central District Lodges held a districtwide Toy Drive and a few "Drive Through" Toy Drives for families of active-duty military, the VA Hospital, JW House and Fisher House. This was done through the PDDGER's Mike Davis' First Lady, Francine Davis' Elks Charity "Helping our Vets by Helping Their Children", which collected and donated over 1,500 toys for Christmas and collected over \$15,000 in donations to help military families and their children. Pictured (I-r): Tina Flanigan, District Business Practices Chair Lori Marshall, Roger Marshall (aka Santa), Kara Gerdes, DDGER Mike Davis, First Lady Francine Davis and District Public Relations Chair Angela Moore.



Carmichael Lodge 2103 used a Beacon and Spotlight Grant in December to participate in a Sock Drive for the Homeless Assistance Resource Team. Lodge members donated personal undergarments along with a check in the amount of \$5,500, to Irene Hronicek, HART Vice-Chair. The funds will be used to wash sleeping bags, pay for new cots, and to utilize the traveling shower. Pictured above (I-r): Irene Hronicek HART Vice-chair, with Lodge members Diane Bristow, Erin Matz, Bethel Kingsbury, and Rosa Umbach.

In other news, the Lodge Youth Memorial purchased 800 water bottles for two local elementary schools. The bottles became necessary during Covid, when children were not allowed to use the school water fountains.

Gilroy Lodge1567 hosted three students, their families, and teachers at the Americanism Essay Awards Family Night Dinner that was held at the Lodge. With many Lodge members attending the dinner, they heard each of the students read their essay. The Lodge recognized the students' teachers and the principal for their encouragement of the students' participation in the essay writing contest. They also donated a soccer ball to each classroom.

Pictured to the left (l-r) are Kimberly Larner, 5th grade Teacher, Mel Baker ER, Mitch Marinovich, Americanism Chair, Niki Estacio. Students Yael G., Nikolina R., and Abigail M.

# Area 7 Grand Lodge Public Relations, **Membership and Marketing Chairman**



Jim Miller, PDDGER

Welcome to a new calendar year CHEA. The end of our Lodge year is also approaching. The good news is CHEA leads the nation in new members. The probable cause of that is that CHEA also leads the nation in public relations.

To grow, we need to let the country know what we do as an organization.

The Lodge Bulletin Contest along with the Best Event and Best Brochure Contest are coming due in February. Go to the website chea-elks.org, to review the rules of the contests and get the address of where you should mail your material to.

I hope all of you are posting results of your Hoop Shoot Contest. This is a great event the Elks do and we need to let our communities know about it.

In closing, I would encourage you to review other bulletins in your area to see what you are up against. There are some very good bulletins out there. See you all next fiscal year.



Orange Lodge 1475's Christmas Basket Program delivered 250 Baskets to help make Christmas a little more magical for the residents of our community. Don Westerfield, Colin Smith, Michael Cash, and Adam Thomasson (pictured above) along with many Lodge volunteers, made the Basket Program a success.

In other news, before Christmas, the Lodge had nineteen members place 80 wreaths at the Fairhaven Cemetery. This was part of the Wreaths Across America's Program.

Lodge member and detective with the Orange Police Department, Christian Vaughan used his networking to obtain approximately 30 new children's winter coats from the Corona PD. The coats were donated to the Sky View Elementary School for homeless and displaced children.

Santa Monica Lodge 906 delivered sixty homemade ham dinners to the West LA Veterans building 209 for a pre-Thanksgiving dinner. This building houses 60 formerly homeless vets in their unit that the Lodge adopted over 7 years ago. Each vet also received a thanksgiving card with words of inspiration and thanks from students at New West Charter High School.

In other news, the Lodge hosted local veterans for their annual Veterans Dinner. Every vet received dinner and a flag patch. The Lodge also hosted special guests Lt. Mary Vaca, 250 Quartermaster Company and Lt. Evin Young, Indiana National Guard.



Santa Maria Lodge 1538, realizing that the Santa Maria Police K-9's didn't have bullet proof vests, raised \$10,500 for custom vests and other much needed supplies for our four-legged officers.

In other news, the Santa Maria Elks Motorcycle Club held a very successful Toys for Tots fundraiser, raising \$27,000 in cash, 103 bicycles, helmets, locks and over 300 toys were collected.

For the second year, Elks Recreation put on their Haunted Hills Spooktacular experience at the Elks event center. Over the nine nights, 10,000 plus visitors enjoyed the drive through experience. Haunted Hills was followed by Christmas in the Country, also constructed at the Elks event center. Between Thanksgiving and December 26th upwards of 20,000 people enjoyed the holiday lights' drive through which featured live animals, including camels. Local businesses, organizations, and families, build, maintained and operated their displays.



Sacramento Lodge 6 held its PER Purple Pig Night with special guest Joe De Pinto, a 45 year member, who challenged members to dig a little deeper for the children served by the Purple Pig. The evening brought in a total of \$6,279. Pictured above is Joe Di Pinto with Kathy Smith.

In other news, the Lodge had the honor to host and assist the Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Motorcycle Riders at the Lodge. The Riders were on an eleven day ride, which began in Eugene, Oregon and would end in Indio, California. During the ride, the riders stopped at twenty-five families who lost a service member. In the twelve years of the ride more than 900 fallen service members have been honored.

# **BLT Legacy Giving**

Lynn Glick, PDDGER • Vice Chairman



Greetings Elks:

I hope you are all in good health and good cheer. The New Year brings many things; a new set of officers, new members, new hopes and dreams. This can also be a good time to review your estate planning, your insurance beneficiaries,

and your charitable gift giving plans.

When you review your plans, you should consider the BLT Benefactor Program. This important program ensures the future of the Major Project. When you make a contribution through BLT you are paying it forward and ensuring the Major Project can continue its important work well into the future. While there are many ways to do this, one of the easiest is to name the Major Project as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, or your retirement policy. You can also make a gift of stocks or bonds. To become a member of this program, all you need to do is notify the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) Office in Fresno that you have made a provision in your estate plan for the Major Project. You do this by sending a signed and dated statement to the CHEA office in Fresno indicating that you have included a gift to the Major Project in your estate plan, by making it a beneficiary of your will, trust bank account, retirement account, insurance policy, charitable trust, or any other means.

Remember that 92% of every dollar you contribute goes to directly benefit the children who we help, so you know that your gift will be put to good use.



Gilroy Lodge 1567 presented a \$250 donation to Orchard Valley Youth Soccer League to help support the TOPSoccer (An Outreach Program for Soccer). The TOPSoccer Program is a community-based soccer program that is designed to meet the needs of children aged 6 and older with physical and mental disabilities. Photo (l-r) Wayne Weller PDDGER, Rachael Beaulieu, OVYSL Secretary, Elisa Andrews, OVYSL Treasurer, Mel Baker ER.

In other news, the Lodge helped support the Toy Drive of the Charity Project, "Helping our Vets by Helping their Children" that was created by the First Lady Francine Davis to the DDGER of the West Central District.

Additionally, the Lodge made a charitable donation of \$500 to The Blue Star Moms of South Bay. This donation will cover the cost of postage sending twenty "Care Packages from Home", to the sons and daughters serving in our military.



Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 opened their Christmas tree lot in December to serve the local customer base of repeat customers. Monies made from the sale of Christmas trees, support many Lodge charities. Pictured above, (l-r) Trustee Kathy Moye, Lodge Member as Santa and Jane Watson.



Fremont Lodge 2121 had member Eileen McDonald take a number of the basketballs that were not used last year for the District Hoop Shoot contest and presented them to the residents at Camp Sweeney in San Leandro. Camp Sweeney houses low risk juveniles that are serving time, in hopes of rehabilitating the youth and keeping them out of prisons. We cannot show the faces of the boys, but it was a good way to make an impression on these boys and help share our message. Eileen McDonald is shown above with her grandson and son-in-law, as well the young men from Camp Sweeney.



Garden Grove Lodge 1952, using a \$5,000 Beacon Grant, provided an assortment of household items to the local Tustin Veterans Outpost which houses 25 veterans. Shown (l-r) are sisters, Rhonda Ashlock and Karen Hustead, in front of a table of donated items.

### **Drug Awareness**

Dave Provan, PDDGER • CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



### **Enrique Camarena Award**

The CHEA Drug Awareness Program has selected Deputy Josie Sanguinetti, Marin County School Resource officer as the recipient of the 2021-2022 Enrique Camarena Award.

Mrs. Sanguinetti's name was submitted by the San Rafael Lodge 1108 Drug Awareness Chairman, Dr. Lynn Fox. Mrs. Sanguinetti is a mother and 20 year Deputy with the Marin County Sheriff's Office. She has been the Marin County School Resource Officer for five years. She is involved with drug prevention education for students, parents, teachers, PTSA and community members on the dangers of all drugs, most recently vaping and cannabis dangers.

She has worked with students in the criminal division to provide new education on drug prevention and other youth programs. She has worked extensively with prescription safe Marin, educating others on the reduction of prescription drugs, use and misuse, especially in their youth programs. Mrs. Sanguinetti is one of the most respected law enforcement people in Marin County, having been nominated and received, many awards for her accomplishments and success in the drug prevention field with all age groups. She has a stellar reputation for being accessible as well as knowing and understanding her community and their needs.

Deputy Sanguinetti is an outstanding role model and was a Director for the Marin County Sheriff's Youth Academy and the high school population. She is a member of the Marin Alternative Education Programs reaching youth of all backgrounds, ages and special needs. She leads drug prevention classes, school assemblies, parent meetings and school events. She makes the children her priority. She is a member of the Marin County School Law Enforcement Partnership Program, working with youth and families in handling juvenile referrals.

Deputy Sanguinetti's nomination for this award came with numerous letters of recommendation, including: Lori Frugoli, Marin County District Attorney and former Enrique Camarena Award winner; Mary Jane Burke, Marina County Superintendent of Schools; Mark Dale, Founder of Families for safer schools; and Sheriff's Sergeant Heather Rock.

#### **Counterfeit Pills: What You Should Know**

There is a rapid and rampant increase of overdoses, some leading to death, among our youth that are unknowingly using counterfeit pills, laced with Fentanyl. As our nation remains in the midst of an Opioid crisis, another disturbing trend has emerged, the selling and use of counterfeit medication. These pills, which are often sold online, look like legitimate prescription medication, such as Oxycodone or Adderall. People buy them believing that they are similar to the pills you get from the doctor. But, many of these fake pills actually contain different ingredients and laced with dangerous, and sometimes deadly amounts of the synthetic Opioid, Fentanyl, or Methamphetamines.

• According to the DEA lab testing: 2 out of every 5 pills with Fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose.

- More than 9.5 million counterfeit pills were seized so far this year which is more than the last two years combined.
- Criminal drug networks are mass-producing fake pills and falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills to deceive the American public.
- Counterfeit pills are easy to purchase and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including minors.
- Most of these pills are produced in other countries: mainly China, Mexico and India. However, an increasing number of pills laced with fentanyl are being produced in the U.S.
- These pills are usually produced in substandard conditions, labeled incorrectly, and may include dangerous unapproved substances. There is no quality control mechanism in the illicit labs producing counterfeit pills to ensure dosing is not lethal.
- Online sales via internet, marketplaces, and social media are the major sources for obtaining counterfeit pills. A significant number of high school and college students purchase Adderall and Xanax from the Dark Web drug markets and/or through social media referrals.

According to Kent Gade, National Director of the Elk's Drug Awareness Program; "I encourage each and every Elks Member to visit the following websites: www.justthinktwice.com (for teens); www.elksteenzone (for teens); www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com (for parents, caregivers and teachers); www.campusdrugprevention.gov (for teachers and college campus advisors); and join the already two thousand plus individuals who have subscribed to the new Drug Awareness YouTube channel."

District and Lodge Chairs (or any concerned member) should visit www.dea.gov/onepill for your very own tool kit. All are encouraged to visit all the Elks Drug Awareness Program websites so that you may educate yourself on the works of the Drug Awareness Program.



Roseville Lodge 2248 held a Halloween party benefiting ENF. Part of the fun included attendees going to jail for a small donation and selling "get out of jail free cards" and posting bail for a larger donation. The Exalted Ruler and her Knights wore English Judge wigs and gowns befitting their status as judges of the costume contest, but the big winner was ENF, as \$700 was raised. Pictured are the Judges (I-r): Leading Knight Shannon McCann, Lecturing Knight Art Sanchez, E.R. Elisa Ungerman and Loyal Knight Joe Van Zant.

In other news, the Lodge donated a gas barbeque to the Veterans Home of California, Yountville.

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Jeanine Gray	1919	John Jamie	1993	Michael Dreiling (3)	2248	Ed French (2)	2599
Annie Anderson	1959	David Lawhorn (2)	1993	David Eaton	2248	Bill Hall (3)	2599
Louie Beck	1959	Judy Lawson	1993	Kathy Goetzger	2248	Don Hazeltine (3)	2599
Katherine Bruce	1959	Kevin McIntyre	1993	Robert Hartley	2248	Patricia Krueger	2599
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Dan Reilly	1959	John Skehan	1993	Neil Amarante	2364	Kathy Gavin	2639
Victoria Rivera	1959	Allan Twardos	1993	Fernando Craff	2364	Jacque Holmes (5)	2639
Bonnie Stramer	1959	Kathleen Valletta	1993	Garrett Macias	2364	Karen Carricaburu (2)	2640
James Tone	1959	James Vecchio (2)	1993	Judy Macias	2364	Linda Houston (4)	2640
B.J. Atkins (2)	1968	Christina Carter	1996	Judith Smith	2364	Steve Larson	2640
Robert Borgman	1968	Donald Anderson (2)	2011	George Figueroa	2379	Hesperia Elks Lodge	2646
Donald Botsford	1968	Gerald Bellis	2011	Debbie Hager	2379	Robert Bonson	2646
Lawrence Boyle	1968	Angely Gonzalez (2)	2011	Jay Larkins	2379	Charles "Chip" Durham (2)	2697
Mary Brooks	1968	Patricia Nelson	2011	Steve Arbelbide	2389	Bert Agustinovich	2704
Jack Bruzas	1968	David Plotke	2011	Ron Park	2389	Walter Neumann Stephen Welch	2704
Sunny Cansler Thomas Champlin	1968	Susan Scieiber (2)	2011	Tom Ziech	2389	William Keith Baker	2724
Thomas Champlin Gordon Collins	1968	Patrick O'Keefe	2013	Paul Miller	2426	Gregory Heath	2733
Scott Cormany	1968 1968	Carolyn Carlton Joe Duzy (2)	2025	Corrine Rubino Art Tressler	2426 2426	Gregory Frederi	2733
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Douglas Thompson	168	Elizabeth Dye	1378	Edward C.A. Johnson	1811	Christina Carter	1996
John Areola Jr.	218	Bruce Harris	1378	Michael Angelo Silva	1811	Richard M. Dana	1996
Frank Chicago	218	Gail Harris	1378	Travis Ervin	1811	Philip A. Hawkins	1996
Nadine Steel	218	Lori A. Marple-Pereslete	1378	Joe Acosta	1812	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996
Shane Bagnall	322	Michele T O'Donnell	1378	Wayne Allen	1812	John R. Kemp	1996
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Deborah Ross-Monelo	522	Kevin Brown	1424	Mary M. Hutchscroft	1812	Janet L. Byrd	2011
Joan Toth	538	Eric L. Patton	1424	Susan A. Jimenez	1812	Phillip W. Byrd	2011
Paul Toth	538	Gerald Delker	1427	Angela Kittler-Roberts	1812	Sharron Cannon	2011
Frank Almazan	583	John D. McEntire Jr	1427	Stacey A Mackey	1812	Dale Crozier	2011
Janice Almazan	583	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Sharon Olson	1812	Charles Hall	2011
Michelle Brittingham	583	Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Caitlyn C. Powalisz	1812	Roy Jenness	2011
Mike Brittingham	583	Joanna Rentschler	1427	Kenneth Powalisz	1812	Christine Nelson	2011
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Chris Hubbell	583	George Van Hove	1427	Steve Roberts	1812	Greg J. Sacco	2011
Lisa Hubbell	583	Jessica Gracia	1430	Craig S. Williams	1877	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011
Gary Schindler	583	Robert K. Minder	1430	William J Brickey	1913	Hilary Fulton	2013
Betsy Hayden	613	Brenda Bernal	1436	Kimberly D. Zurn	1913	John Fulton	2013
Calvin Hara	616	Shelley Gonzales	1443	Caspar DeJong	1917	Roberta Munoz-Loney	2027
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Ines Greenwald	1443	Elissa Dorsey	1917	Gary C. Cunningham	2031
Kathryn Nicholson	616	Robert Beck	1474	Robert Duitsman	1917	Teresa M. Cunningham	2031
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Steve Buttress	643	Kealoha Arelliano	1475	C. Michael Melton	1917	Fran Hedberg	2031
Theresa Kokot	643	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Larry Faust	1918	Ron Hedberg	2031
Aron P. Andersen	672	Claudia Castillo	1475	Douglas Row	1918	Kathleen J. Grant	2050
Charles Rowe	672	Jorge Cortez	1475	Mildred Wright-Pearson	1918	Beth Long-Duitsman	2050
Don Stocker	672	Megan Cortez	1475	Marsha Aguon	1919	Sean Williams	2050
Bob Arthurs	759	Rose Cunningham	1475	Anita Chang	1919	Warren H. Guest	2059
Lisa Fleury	759	Bob Doberneck	1475	Jeanine Gray	1919	Kira Wagner	2059
Miles Nakatsu	759	Richard A. Ellifritt	1475	Eric Koyanagi	1919	Edward Burns	2091
Tim Jaeger	832	Mathew J Ferrero	1475	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919	Kimberley Collins	2091
Robert Nichol	836	Sean Gambill	1475	Cecilia Misner	1919	Gail Dekreon	2091
Joyce L. Byrd	888	Pamela A. Jones	1475	William "Bill" Misner Jr.	1919	Brian Rogers	2091
Jerry Hansen	901	Amanda Jung	1475	Leslie Ann Mitchell	1919	Paul A. Schlotfeldt	2091
Donald Checchi	906	James Jung	1475	Richard Monteverde	1919	Jere M. Williams	2091
Frank Frazier	906	Timothy H. Marsh	1475	Reyne Rocha	1919	Earl T. Bouchard	2098
Margaret Pickett	906	Joseph M Medina	1475	Alyssa Santos	1919	James Warrick	2103
Robert A. Pickett	906	Chris Michaelis	1475	Joyce Taylor	1948	Janice L. Brown	2117
Jaynee Roszhart	906	Teresa A Mountain	1475	Beverly A. Woulfe	1948	Linda Valenty	2117
Jose "Joe" Justiniano	966	Roslyn J Peggins	1475	James G. Anderson	1952	Gini Gustafson	2121
Michael Lindley	966	Tim Reissmueller	1475	Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.	1952	lan Lanouette	2121
Sean Mejia	966	Daniel Salas	1475	Rudolf "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Margie M Remelman	2121
Pamela Brodie	1015	Linda F. Salas	1475	Karen Lewin	1952	Mark Remelman	2121
Lynn Landry	1015	Colin Smith	1475	Mary Nicoll	1952	Diane Shaw	2121
Cathleen M. Myers	1015	John M. Smith	1475	William O'hearn	1952	Sheila Spangler	2121
James E Myers	1015	Janine Storm	1475	Henry "Rick" Ross	1952	Sterling Strickland	2121
Roy Stout	1015	Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	Robert Ruppert	1952	James Westfall	2121
Lee Watson	1015	Greg Peale	1497	David L. Skelton	1952	Donald Luepnitz	2142
Howard Weinman	1015	Myron G. Battles	1538	Lance Slimmer	1952	Tracy Reigle	2243
Charles Duncan	1073	Wes Brown	1538	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Elizabeth Schreiber	2243
	1108	Claire Duvall	1538			Fred R. Schreiber	
Robyn Sembenini				Roger Vulgamore	1952		2243
Patrick J. Stone	1073	Karen R. Feldpouch	1538	Gary Gersch	1959	Maria R Schreiber	2243
Joe Tato	1108	John Gilham	1538	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Robert "Bob" Burns, Sr.	2248
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Carole D. May	1561	Michael Noreen	1959	Kathleen M. Cobb	2248
Susan Gumm	1240	Wanda Cook	1570	Erlinda M Puig	1959	Lesley Dale	2248
Clinton Moore	1240	Hayley Hill	1613	Richard W. Tanguy	1959	Steven R. Dale	2248
Corey Pelletier	1240	Richard E. Hill	1613	Kathy Torres	1959	Cherie McCormick	2248
	1240	Debbie Driver	1625	Jose Torres	1959	Debra Evans	
Joseph Ragus							2274
Dave Wells	1240	Jerry Mundell	1625	Robert Cosh	1968	Michael C. Maglinte	2274
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Bob Evans	1643	Tex Perry	1968	Gregory J. Martin	2274
Mark Porter	1251	Michael W. Kearney	1643	Diane Phillips	1968	Nancy J. Simendich	2314
Timothy M. Mahoney	1258	Russell L. Lumpkin	1643	Patriicia Raetz	1968	Robb Allen	2358
C. Darrel Taylor	1258	James E. Miller	1643	Gordon Rantze	1968	Shirley Allen-Sparks	2358
Christopher Lewis	1259	Sheila Bourke Reed	1643	Bruce Scyphers	1968	Laurie Ashley	2358
Juanita McDaniel	1259	Donald D. Schultz	1643	David Slottje	1968	Leroy Bostick	2358
Harrision Clewley	1289	Michelle Solvin	1643	Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991	Larry Cotton	2358
Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	Diane C. Ward	1643	Robert Cassetta	1991	Tom Jefferies	2358
Dennis Troy, Jr.	1289	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Mark V Urban	1991	Ronald Keele	2358
Randy Wolff	1289	Michael Cosby	1691	Rich Wallace	1991	Fern Sammon	2358
Jason Hutton	1298	Deborah Elufson	1728	Judy Givens	1993	Terrence Sammon	2358
Lisa Ledesma	1298	William "Bill" Cook	1740	Richard N. Green	1993	Linda Schwass	2358
Jan Lee	1298	Judi McEvers	1740	Michael Mathers	1993	Michael Streeter	2358
Teresa Lewis	1298	Chip O. Purkey	1740	Diana Mondragon	1993	Pat Terrell	2358
Ron Marshall	1298	Angela Anderson	1767	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Kathy M. West	2358
Melanie McKimmons	1298	Rick Blake	1767	Claudia & Carlos Santos	1993	Henry Schmitz	2364
Jorge L. Montano	1298 '	Sharron Dearborn	1767 '	Scott Stephens	1993	Ray Broussard	2379
Dorothy VanWagoner	1298	Kaye Brandos	1804	Gerry Gouveia	1994	Diana Crovo	2379

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Debbie K. Hager	2379	Dan Hoffman	2477	Kraig Klapproth	2543	Laura Kniffin	2616
Melissa J Handy	2379	Inger S Hogan	2477	Kurt A. Lovett	2543	Lawrence Kniffin	2616
Ginger Larkins	2379	Sheryl Holloway	2477	Steve D. Martin	2543	Bridget Smith	2616
Jay Larkins	2379	Diane Jones	2477	Janet L. Rasmussen	2543	John Richard Smith	2616
Cheryl Laymon	2379	Ed Lees	2477	Cheryl L. Samuels	2543	Tom Warren	2639
Robert Laymon	2379	Greg Metzgus	2477	Lawrence Schwartz	2543	Nicole Ornelaz	2640
Ted Olsen	2379	David Naccarato	2477	Robin L. Sonntag	2543	Rose Marie Johnson	2646
Sandra Owen	2379	Richard Platt	2477	Bruce Wootten	2543	William A. Lansville	2646
John Rivetti	2379	Alexandra "Sandra" Rogers	2477	Margaret Yorio	2543	Arlene Degen	2697
Thomas Schmidt	2379	Gregory Sweet	2477	Evelyn Poppa-McKenna	2577	Christy J Williams	2697
John S. Giesy	2419	Lyssa L. Wright	2477	Mike Van De Pol	2577	Dave Hosted	2698
Caren Bowman	2444	Robert C. Brotherton	2484	Connie Flatley	2591	Karen Kaye	2698
Reem Agel	2477	David B. Coleman	2492	Jim Flatley	2591	Richard Yeager	2698
David Anderson	2477	Kris Picard	2492	Paul A. Parker	2591	Marvin Elrod	2699
John J. Betancourt	2477	Jay Dupler	2504	Howard Cook	2599	Richard Bielenberg	2704
Rita R DaCorsi	2477	Kristi Dupler —	2504	Lance E Hennesay	2599	Kaye Bruns	2733
Art Garcia	2477	Victor Gonzales	2504	Lisa A Hennesay	2599	Lance Erickson	2733
Terry Gicking	2477	Larry L. Fink	2543	Thom Richardson	2599	Susan L. Marple	2733
Gerry Gillies	2477	Marilyn J. Fink	2543	Rick A. Schaneman	2599	Robert B. Walker	2801
Peter Gordon	2477	Judy L. Harris	2543	James J. Williams Jr.	2599		



Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills and First Lady Amy visited Hawaii in January. Escorting them were PGER Bob Duitsman and his wife Beth. They toured the Iolani Palace built in 1879, which is the only Royal Palace on American soil and also viewed the Statue of Hawaii's King Kamehameha. They also visited the Punchbowl Military Cemetery and placed a Plumeria and Orchid Lei on the Elks Memorial. Other areas they visited, were the Arizona Memorial, the Royal Mausoleum where the Hawaiian Kings and Queens are buried and Kawaihao Church, the first Christen Church built in Hawaii in 1838 and today still conducts it's mass in the Hawaiian Language. Hosting their visitation to Hawaii was Peter Machado DDGER of Hawaii.

Elks Grove Lodge 2577, using Beacon Grant Funds, purchased sleeping bags, backpacks, puzzles, therapy stress balls and handmade throw blankets for veterans at Mather VA Hospital.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$1,000 worth in Visa Gift cards for veterans at the VA Northern CA Health Care system which supports two VA Hospitals and nine VA Clinics for the holidays.

Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 Yacht Club "Nauti-Gals" auxiliary held a 'QuarterMania' fundraising event for the Costa Mesa Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, to support their first annual "Shop With A Cop" event. A check for \$1,150 was presented to Ron Lawrence, Chief of Police.



Rose's for the Living held it's annual December luncheon to honor this year's recipient, Past Association President Jim Mason. PGER Bob Duitsman was the chairman of the luncheon honoring Jim. Pictured above is Rose's for the Living Honoree Jim Mason with members of his family.



Gardena Lodge 1919 held their second annual "Stuff a Stocking" Community Drive-Thru Event. Lodge Committee Chairmen such as Veterans, Hoop Shoot, ENF, Americanism, Drug Awareness, along with members stuffed stockings for 300 kids that came through in cars to ensure a COVID safe event. All that was given out was donated by members of the Lodge.



**Torrance Lodge 1948** initiated 35 new members in November. In attendance for the Initiation was PGER Bob Duitsman, District Leader Don Checchi, and DDGER Karen Buchanan.



**Needles Lodge 1608** held the annual Hoop Shoot Contest at the Needles High School. The Lodge had 105 boys and girls shooting during their P.E. class. The Lodge is very proud of all of the participants, especially the winners representing the Lodge in District competition.



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 donated Christmas food baskets and gifts for 170 Families. The Lodge, involved local elementary and high schools to collect canned food items and purchased \$5,000 of additional food items, including 200 hams, from Lodge Bingo proceeds. The Emblem Club supplied wrapped toys for small children and gift cards for teenagers of each family. Shown above is a group photo of a few Elk volunteers with the Pacifica Baseball Team.

In other news, the Lodge held its annual Children's Christmas Luncheon, each child received a gift, was greeted by Santa, and concluded with ten bicycle raffles.

**Fullerton Lodge 1993** hosted its 45th annual Hoop Shoot contest at El Dorado High School in Placentia. Thirty-one contestants participated. The Lodge partnered with Top Ballers Basketball League to put on the event.

In other news, the Lodge partnered with Pathways of Hope and distributed sixty-five Thanksgiving baskets to assist our local community. These baskets went directly to family shelters, to permanent housing program individuals, and to community members through the Fullerton Food Pantry.

Torrance Lodge 1948 hosted their fourth Annual Veterans Dinner honoring those who served our country. LOE President Michelle Johnson and her team of volunteers hosted the event.



Indio Lodge 1643 Veterans Committee held their annual Christmas Dinner for Marine families at the Twentynine Palms Marine Combat Center. Fifteen Marine families were given two bags of groceries, fresh fruit and all the children received gifts from Santa and Mrs Claus.

**Buena Park Lodge 2046** presented a \$2,000 check to Meals on Wheels Orange County, to help ensure that seniors, and those with disabilities in need receive their services.

Lompoc Lodge 2274 honored Veterans during their Veteran's Day celebration on November 11. The Lodge served a complimentary dinner to almost 200 Veterans and guests.

In other news, the Lodge hosted a Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor to award the rank of Eagle Scout to Felipe A.

San Pedro Lodge 966 on November 8 the Lodge held an open meeting to honor their Veterans. We were privileged to have members of V.F.W. Post 2967 of Wilmington, CA post the colors and Lt. Colonel Noland Flores (retired) address our Lodge.

Santa Maria Lodge 1538 on Veterans Day held the Michael Clayton Annual Veterans BBQ and ceremony, with over 1,600 Tri-Tip sandwich lunches served to local Veterans. Additionally, a dinner for 70 Veteran Lodge members was held that evening.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Food Basket Committee procured, assembled and distributed holiday baskets to 125 families for each holiday meal.



Honolulu Lodge 616 celebrated Veteran's Day with a dinner and the "Liberty Belles" entertained for an hour singing 'ole time songs from the era of World War II. Finishing the evening was the "Ryan Tang Trio" accompanied by their fabulous hula dancer "Raylynn Tang".



Hesperia Lodge 2646, was part of the Spark of Love Toy Drive. Our members donated 4 full boxes of toys. Pictured are two employees of the Fire Department, with Lodge Secretary, Darlene Voltz.

Lancaster Lodge 1625 held their annual Children's Christmas Party in their festively decorated banquet room. The children were greeted by the Lodge's Christmas Elves, who presented them with a variety of gifts. Tables were set up where they could color Christmas pictures and could write a letter to Santa. Each child was able to select one toy from those available.

Additionally, Lodge members received Angel Cards from the Antelope Valley Children's Abuse Shelter with their Christmas wishes. Lodge members purchased the desired gifts and delivered them to the abuse shelter.



Sunnyvale Lodge 2128 used a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant and membership donations, to purchase and donate a new barbeque to replace the old barbeque at the Menlo Park VA Hospital. This barbeque is used to serve all of the Veterans housed at the facility and their families when they visit. Pictured above is PER, Robert Maes, Veterans Chair and Eric Chin from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In other news, the Lodge dropped off a \$750 check and \$250 in food to the Menlo Park VA Hospital for their annual Veterans Holiday Party.

San Rafael Lodge 1108, using the \$10,000 ENF Focus Grant has been making a positive impact in local veterans' lives and homes. Formerly homeless veterans are usually placed in Section 8 Housing through the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and VA Supportive Housing programs. Veterans' Committee Chair Peter Behr, discovered that veterans are provided with a basic bed, at most, in their new apartments, when taking veterans shopping for bedding and kitchen essentials with the \$300 "Welcome Home Grant." Local Elks have been donating some furniture, kitchenware and dishes. With the ENF Grant, it's now possible to supplement these donations, and also provide small appliances such as microwaves and mixers, so veterans can really feel at home! Pictured to the right is Peter Behr delivering furniture.





Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 Volunteers delivered toys to the Temecula CHP office for the "CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive." Our members donated over three large boxes of toys for the children ages newborn to 16. All the toys were new, unwrapped and were given to needy families and children in the Temecula area. Pictured above (I-r) are Officers Mike Lassig and Greg Peterson, Lodge members Pete Recatto, Bob Walker, Sergeant Nathan Baer and PDDGER's Bob & Diane Farrens.



Santa Clara Lodge 2347 on Friday January 28th, sustained a devastating fire. Prepping for the monthly fish fry, something went terribly wrong and unfortunately, in a very short time, the Lodge was engulfed in flames. Santa Clara Fire Department and two San Jose Fire houses spent more than 16.5 hours fighting the flames and finally doused out the last hot spot at 11:30 am on Saturday morning.

We can all speculate on the possible cause but we need to wait until the Fire Investigator and Insurance Adjuster do their due diligence to determine the actual cause. Santa Clara Lodge was built approximately 67 years ago with cement perimeter walls. This proved to be our saving grace. The fire stayed within the 4 walls and did not spread to our covered patio, RV Park or very close neighbors.

The devastation inside is as you would expect from a 2-alarm fire. Thankfully, our two Officers that were in the Lodge at the time the fire started, are fine. No injuries were suffered except for the heartbreak of all our members. Thank you everyone for your kind thoughts, emails, phone calls and texts. The offers of support from so many Lodges and Elks are greatly appreciated. Elks are truly the Best People On Earth. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we begin the long journey to rebuild.

### A Santa Clara Lodge Update from ER Matthew Dutra

Thank you all for your prayers and words of concern. We will rebuild stronger and better than before. The main thing is that no one was hurt, property can be replaced, our friends and family cannot.

Many thanks to the Santa Clara Fire Department. During the fire, they went into our Lodge room and took memorial plaques, PER photos and our Lodge Charter. They also went into the office and saved the trophies, basketballs for our District Hoop Shoot, and our computers.

We are planning a barbeque for the Fire Department as soon as our patio area is declared safe.

Matthew Dutra, Exalted Ruler Santa Clara Lodge 2347



Weekend in Paradise! Thursday, January 27th through Sunday the 30th, the Paradise Lodge celebrated the Grand Opening of its brand new building. Thursday afternoon, Exalted Ruler Barry Avakian, and the rest of the 'Gang of Six', hosted the ribbon cuting ceremony. Local officials and CHEA dignitaries joined in the weekend long celebration that included guided tours, a Hawaiian

Luau, wine tasting, food truck, bands and great food.

The Saturday Western Night dinner was prepared by the Redding Elks Lodge Emblem Club, allowing the officers and members of the Paradise Lodge to just have a fun night. The contractor had only turned over the keys to the Lodge two days earlier. It was a race to be ready for the hundreds of visiting Elk members. The new R.V. Park was completely sold out and the local hotels were packed with Elks.

The Lodge had a massively successful opening weekend. During the dinner on Saturday night, Past Exalted Ruler Jim Saxton, A.V.P. Henri Brachais, CHEA President Jay Larkins and the Paradise Lodge officers thanked everyone for all of the contributions that had come to Paradise, from Lodges all over the country. The Camp Fire, November 8th, 2018, burned the old Lodge to the ground. During a pause in the celebration, a donation was started for the Santa Clara Lodge that suffered fire damage that evening. Several thousand dollars were donated on the spot from all of the members and guests present. Elks, the Best People On Earth!