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Grand Exalted Ruler Randy Shook Receives Presentation From CHEA Historian Steve Lobdell

The Mother Lodge of Tennessee, Memphis Lodge No. 27, was instituted in 1887. Back in the day when the Elks held their Grand Lodge Reunions in different cities, each Lodge would have a Convention Badge made, which would be traded with fellow Elks, from other Lodges. CHEA Historian Lobdell presented a Reunion Badge from Memphis, the Mother Lodge of Tennessee, which came from the Grand Lodge Reunion, that was held in Atlantic City in 1911, to GER Shook.

Historian Lobdell went on to say, "Your Installation last year in Minneapolis, Minnesota as our Grand Exalted Ruler, was a momentous moment for you I'm sure. You have the distinction of being one of three, Grand Exalted Rulers ever to be installed in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, throughout the history of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The first Grand Exalted Ruler to be installed in Minneapolis was Grand Exalted Ruler Meade D. Detweiler in 1897. In honor of your visitation I would like to present to you, his Grand Exalted Ruler's ribbon from the Eleventh Annual Reunion in Minneapolis."

NOTICE FROM THE SPONSORS

PGER Grillo and PGER Duitsman have been concerned over the marketing strategy for the — My Elks app — that is being promoted by its platform, Giantkiller.

We want the membership to understand that neither we, nor Grand Lodge, is promoting or encouraging use of the app, but have given permission for Lodges to be approached, and make their own decision whether there is value to it.



Gilroy Lodge 1567 fifth grade Americanism Winner, whose American Essay "What does the Bill of Rights Mean to me?" won first place and was invited to read her Americanism Essay to the attendees at the 109th California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention. The young essay writer captivated the over 1,200 convention attendees with her essay, which gave her a standing ovation. She is pictured above with GER Randy Shook, receiving congratulations and a pin.



San Diego Lodge 168 presented a copy of the new Drug Awareness Coloring Book to Saanvi M. of San Diego. Her 2022-2023 winning poster, was selected to be included in the newest edition of the Drug Awareness Coloring Book. Pictured is Drug Awareness Chairwoman Kathleen Kuttler and Saanvi.



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

President's Message



Marty Mello, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Greetings and Aloha!

Debra and I are extremely proud and honored to have been elected to serve as your President and First Lady of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for the 2024-2025 term. A Big Thank You to Ted and Jeanie for your year of leadership and for letting Debra and I be part of your team.

This journey through Elkdom has been amazing, we have already represented our Association in Nevada twice, once for the Area 7 Regional Hoop Shoot finals in February, and at their State Convention in April.

The CHEA Convention in May was filled with business meetings and informational sessions, with many members attending and eager to learn. The presentations from our Association Committee Chairs were exciting, and informative. A Big Thank You, and Congratulations to Fresno Convention Chairperson Fran Musetti, who is retiring from this position. She, and her committee did an outstanding job on this successful convention.

First Lady Debra, and I, thank every one of you for your amazing support and the confidence you have instilled in us. We fell in love with the Elks from the minute we joined, and we continue to live it daily, which brings me to my slogan for this year.

"Elkdom, Love It, Live It, Promote It"

With the help of our nineteen newly installed Association Vice Presidents, known as Mello's Promoters, we plan on promoting Elkdom and the programs of Elkdom throughout our Communities, Districts, and Association. Our goal is to help you help your Lodge succeed and be successful while having fun. If your Lodge is successful, and you are having fun, it becomes contagious and everyone wants to get involved, including new officers, committee members, and members. The future of our Order depends on your success.

As is the custom, I have chosen five programs on which to concentrate our emphasis this year: **Membership/Lapsation**, with a focus on Orientation, **Major Project**, **Veterans Service**, **Youth Activities** and **Public Relations**. I have chosen these committees, because each has a special meaning to me, they encompass many of the other committees in our Order. Each has made me proud to be an Elk, and I know you feel the same way.

Our Association has had a plus membership for the last three years, and our goal is to have a fourth year as a plus in membership. Our Major Project is one of the premiere Major Projects in all of Elkdom, and is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2025. Wouldn't it be great to have the biggest party for our Purple Pig this year, by surpassing last year's Exalted Rulers March total of \$4,045,762.04. We have until May of 2025 to raise the funds. It is possible, let's give it our best shot.

"As long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them" has been the Elks promise since I

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Tim Martin • Executive Director • The California-Hawaii Elks Association

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June 30-July 3	Grand Lodge Convention Austin TX
July 19-21	Northwest District - Eureka
August 2-4	Orange Coast Dist - Garden Grove
August 9-11	South Central District - San Pedro
Aug 16-18	Northeast District - Auburn/Grass Vly
Sept 6-8	South Coast District - El Cajon
Sept 13-15	Bay District - San Francisco
Sept 20-22	Inland District - Kern River Valley
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have been a member. We owe our Veterans more than we can ever re-pay them for the sacrifices they have made for our freedom. Youth Activities is an incredibly special committee to Debra and I, we have been involved with the youth programs from day one, when we became Elks. Youth Activities includes committees and programs administered by our Lodges. Finally, Public Relations is the key committee to promoting these committees, keep our members, and the public aware of who we are, and what we do. Let's all work together as a team, **Promoting the Elks** to our communities, using it to get and keep our members involved.

As Debra and I journey throughout the Association's Districts, we look forward to visiting your Lodges, and communities, to see and hear how your Lodges are **Promoting Elkdom**. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible, seeing how your Lodges and Districts are making us one of the largest Associations in Elkdom.

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Elks National Foundation
Kealoha Arelliano, PER • Chairman

What a fabulous year Elks National Foundation had this past year!

For those of you who attended the Association Convention in Fresno, and attended the Exalted Ruler Major Project March for CHEMPI, a total of \$4,045,762.04 was raised to help the many children with disabilities we serve, throughout California and Hawaii, Walk, Talk, See and Play! **The Elks National Foundation kicked off the Exalted Rulers March, with a donation of \$1,045,980!** Please share this with your Lodges, so they better understand the impact of our donations!

With the beginning of a new year, comes new opportunities for your Lodges to give back to your community! **Please apply for the \$4,000 Beacon, and \$2,000 Spotlight Grants.** All Lodges are eligible, even if your Lodge did not meet the GER's Goal of \$4.80 last year. Please go to applications on: elks.org/cip/dashboard, and apply. Both your Lodge, and your community will benefit! If you have any questions regarding the Community Investment Programs, please contact CHEA Vice Chairman, Jere Williams, DDGER from the Bay District at: pokyplr@gmail.com.

Our goal this year is to have every Lodge apply, and receive a grant to donate to their community! We would also love to hear your success stories, so that we can share with others, and highlight what you are doing!

It's important for all ENF Fundraising Chairpersons to register online, even if they are returning. This will give Jere, and myself a contact at the Lodge and District level. The registration is found at elks.org/enf/ENFChairmanRegistration.cfm. If you are having difficulties registering, please contact myself or Jere.

Do you have the tools you need to introduce the Elks National Foundation to your membership? To help promote ENF in your Lodge, please review the ENF Educational Resources available on-line under my ENF!

In July, at the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, we will be told what the new Grand Exalted Ruler Per Member Goal will be. Jere and I are looking forward to learning more ways that we can support you this next year, and continue to increase the awareness of Elks National Foundation.

Thank you for your continued support of ENF!

"I have found that among it's other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver" ~Maya Angelou



Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 on a Lodge Family Night, had the Riverside County Sheriff's Deputies CORE Team informed members of the criminal activities in our area. The work the Sheriff's Department does in the schools, and providing us with information on how we improve our safety.

San Pedro Lodge 966, along with National Veterans Service of the South Central District, held a barbeque lunch on Memorial Day at the Long Beach VA Community Living Center, which is home to more than one hundred disabled veterans residents, their families and Staff.

In other news, recently the Lodge donated a \$3,000 Freedom Grant to the San Pedro Hotel (a Volunteers of America Los Angeles project) housing eighty previously homeless veterans. Additionally, Lodge members donated clothing, toiletries, one hundred pairs of Addidas shoes, and a pallet of dog food for veteran's emotional support dogs, provided by local charity, Pedro Pet Pals.



Simi Valley Lodge 2492 sends care packages for deployed military. The Lodge contributed \$1,000 to "For the Troops," a dedicated team of volunteers in Simi Valley, committed to sending WE CARE packages to our locally deployed military. The care packages contained basic necessities, goodies, games, and—most of all—a show of support for their service. Pictured are members of the Simi Valley 2492 Elks Riders who presented the donation.

Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 celebrated Youth Night 2024 by awarding \$37,000 in scholarships and grants to local students and youth support organizations.

Drug Awareness Contest winners were also recognized along with American Essay winners, in a night that celebrated a younger generation dedicated to enriching their community. The event featured keynote speaker Wing Lam, Founder of Wahoo's Fish Taco, who advised students to "find out what you can do better than anyone else, and do it!"

Brawley Lodge 1420, held an eight mile walk from Westmorland to Brawley on Memorial Day to honor the fallen heros. They were supported in their effort, by local Police and Firefighters.

Torrance Lodge 1948 used a \$4,000 ENF Beacon Grant and a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant, to purchase food, clothing, and personal items, which was donated to the Rainbow Services for abused families, at the Beacon Light Mission.

In other news, the Lodge used a \$2,500 Gratitude Grant to purchase, and donate necessities, to help young families and senior citizens, who are struggling financially.

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Piggy Bank Frank Almazan, PDDGER • Chairman

Let me introduce myself, I am Frank Almazan, the new CHEA Chairman for Piggy Bank, and my CHEA Vice Chairperson is Debbie Smith. We thank you for participating in our efforts to raise the funds for our Major Project.

Elk members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, we appreciate all you do in fundraising for the kids, through direct donations, or recurring donations through CHEA, money raised is so the kids can walk, talk, see, and play!

Lodge Piggy Bank chairmen, when you fill out a Form 11, make sure I, my vice chair, as well as the CHEA Office all receive copies of your request. That is the most efficient way to get your request acted upon quickly by the appropriate persons.

Some upcoming events include the Southern California Bowling Association tournament in early November, the Southeast District Elks Bowling Club Tournament in February 2025, and the Elks RV Camper Rally in Hemet. October 3rd to the 6th. All are fun events to attend and help out our CHEMPI kids!

The Leading Knights Challenge will be from November 1st, 2024, through January 31st, 2025, with awards given in each division.

The new date for the Wahoo Tacos event is yet to be set, once available, announcements will be made, and a notice will appear in the CHEA magazine February 2025, and CHEA website.

If Piggy Bank information is needed about our committee or materials, contact me at: bigfda@roadrunner.com or my Vice Chair Debbie. We will work with you to get your Lodge what is needed for your fundraising events.

Lodge Piggy Bank chairs, if you have not received an email with your Chairman's manual, and two fundraising idea books, please contact your District Piggy Bank Chairman. We have emailed all of the information to all nineteen district chairs. If you have issues getting any Piggy Bank materials, please contact me, I will get it done for you.

If you want to learn more about our Piggy Bank program, log on to the CHEA-elks.org website, click on Major Project, then click on Purple Pig and read away. Recurring Donor, information is also available on the website.



Kern River Valley Elks 2358 supported the local Little League, with a check for \$500.

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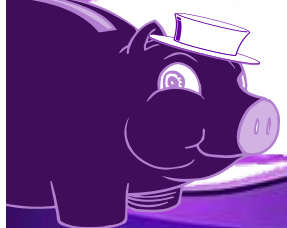


Honolulu Lodge 616 May 1st was May Day, or Lei Day at the Lodge, where new and senior Lodge members came together to create handsewn beautiful floral leis, to give to staff, as well sell. In all, raising \$500 for Major Project. The fragrance of beautiful Plumeria blossoms filled the Lodge with all in attendance, benefitted from the beautiful aromas.



Redondo Beach Lodge 1378 hosted a Youth Recognition Night. Most Valuable Student Scholarships were given out to local high school students. A Legacy Award, which is a Scholarship available to a child or grandchild of an Elk. Additionally, recognition awards were given to Eagle Scouts in Troop 378.

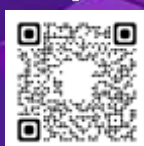
San Pedro Lodge 966, along with members of the National Veterans Service of the South Central District, held a barbecue lunch on Memorial Day at the Long Beach VA Community Living Center. The center is home to disabled veterans. More than one hundred residents, their families and staff were fed at the luncheon.



Save the Date!

2024 Elks Rally!

October 3rd - 6th, 2024
Golden Village Palms
Hemet, CA



Stay Connected: ElksRally.org

Be an Early Bird, Register by July 31st to save!



Membership Retention and Lapsation

Nicole Sato, PER • Chairman

Hello fellow members!

I'm happy to report that as of the latest email from Grand Lodge regarding year end 2023/2024 Membership Gain, the unofficial Overall and Top Three Associations are as follows: **Overall: +15,461**
California-Hawaii: +3,764
New Jersey: +2,569
Arizona: +1,470

While these are unofficial, congratulations and well done!

In this article, I wanted to take a deep dive into orientation. This is a critical piece of the candidate process. Your orientation team and officers are the face of your Lodge, and they need to be passionate and enthusiastic. If you are not a part of this team, consider it! Even just being a positive person as candidates check-in for orientation adds to their experience.

The content of orientations should be no longer than an hour; longer than that, it's very difficult to retain attention. Have a variety of presenters. We've all been to a convention where a speaker droned on and on. Think about how quickly you tune out. The attention span of an adult is on average 8-10 minutes.

Exalted Rulers should make attending orientations a priority. Your enthusiasm can be contagious and when the leader of the Lodge asks for help, it's harder to say no. Would you say no if Association President Marty Mello asked you to help with something?

Have a sign-up list at orientation for volunteer opportunities. They're eager and excited to become members, ready to jump right in. They all said in their interviews that they want to give back; remind them of that! Partner new volunteers with positive members who can support them during their first volunteer experience, and not treat as an opportunity to spread negativity or raise internal politics. Think about the first time you volunteered, and why you came back a second time.

House Rules, go over them at orientation. We all have those rules that are specific to our Lodges. No hats on Fridays, collared shirts on Saturdays, whatever it may be. Share those important details, so that they don't get caught off guard later down the road, and have a negative experience. One thing Lodges often forget, and this goes with visiting elks also, is that new members and visitors are not mind readers. They are coming in blind and do not know all the rules. These are teaching moments and not chastising moments.

The same goes for bylaws and statutes, if I had a dime for every time someone told me new members do not know anything about being an Elk, I'd be able to pay for the upcoming 2025 Anaheim Association Convention. Of course, they don't know the statutes; they're brand new. One of the most common rules most new members don't know is that you have to have your physical membership card, and it must be signed. Give them some time to learn the ways of Elkdom and to learn the ways of your Lodge before judging.

Energetic and engaged Exalted Rulers, officers, and members are magnets for volunteers. Stay positive, be open-minded, and ask for help. No one wants to work with a jerk. The most successful Lodges have leaders that people just enjoy, and want to work with. Be the person you want to work alongside. Positive energy is key.

Lodge Learning Seminar's are coming! The first one will kick off on Saturday, August 10th at Sacramento 6 Lodge. I hope to see you all at one of the five opportunities across the Association between August and January 2025!



Burbank Lodge 1497 celebrated a once in a lifetime Centennial Anniversary Dinner in May. The 100 years of Elkdom and service to the community was celebrated with members and guests, which included Grand Exalted Ruler Randy P. Shook and First Lady Wanda Shook. Past Grand Robert Duitsman and Past First Lady Beth were also able to attend. The Past Association Presidents from the Metropolitan District, Hugh and Dale Scanlon, Skip and Karen Henke, Jay and Ginger Larkins along with other dignitaries from the California-Hawaii Elks Association, the Metropolitan District, and the Lodge were in attendance.

Grand Exalted Ruler Shook spoke briefly and a presentation of the Lodge's history was given by Historian, PER Robert Ramsey. The Lodge is dedicated to continuing support of all Elks programs as well as to continue to serve our community for the next 100 years.



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 Youth Activities Committee donated thirty brand new scholastic books to Peter's K-3 Elementary School for their "Positive Behavior Book Vending Machine. Pictured (l-r) Youth Activities Chairman Karen Stuetz-Garland, Librarian Estella Bennett, and Leading Knight Chris Garland.

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Public Relations

Dennis Hunter, PDDGER • Chairman

I am honored and excited to have been chosen as the Public Relations Chair for CHEA. Congratulations to our new Association President Marty Mello and First Lady

Debra. President Marty has chosen as his theme for the 2024-2025 fraternal year: ***“Elkdom – Love it, Live it, Promote it!”*** which fits right into the public relations realm.

Promoting Elkdom, to me, is so important because it covers all aspects of our fraternal organization, from membership to charitable contributions. It is key to retaining existing members, and recruiting new members. Existing members are proud to hear what their Lodge is doing for their community, and will encourage their families, and friends to join them. Prospective members are drawn to a vibrant, and successful fraternal organization, by hearing what Elkdom actually means to their communities.

More than a decade ago, right after my wife Karen, and I joined the Eureka Lodge 652, I had members of a local service club ask me the question: “Is this an old man’s drinking club?” Fortunately, after I explained what we do as the largest philanthropic fraternal organization in the United States, five of them actually joined our Lodge, and are still active today. But, that question made me realize, that most of our community had no idea of what goes on in Elkdom. I’m sure that something similar has happened to you. So it’s time to get out there, tell our story, and become an effective public relations team.

What IS public relations? In one word, it is Communication. We need to communicate what we do to our local community. We also need to communicate what we do to our members as well. There are many more ways to effectively communicate to our community, and our members than several years ago. Social media has opened up many new communication methods, but don’t forget we can still implement the traditional methods of public relations. Elks.org has great tools to help your public relations efforts on the local level. These tools are divided into “Click” Marketing and “Brick” Marketing. I encourage you to use them.

Congratulations, and best wishes to all new, and returning Chairpersons, as we begin a new, and exciting year. I look forward to working with each of you. Remember, as Patrick Akes, our Grand Lodge Area 7 Public Relations & Marketing Chair, still says: It’s GREAT to be an Elk!

Thank you and Mahalo!



Ontario Lodge 1419, for the second year, the Lodge hosted the Run For The Wall, a four day event, which involved more than 800 motorcycle riders. The riders come from across America, gathering in Ontario for the start of the ride. The ride spans from Ontario to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC. Focusing on honoring veterans, POWs, MIAs, while facilitating the healing of veterans.



Lodge Activities

Rudy Guerra, PDDGER • Chairman

First off, let me introduce myself, my name is Rudy Guerra, a 28-year member of our Order, a four-time Exalted Ruler, and a two-time District Deputy from the East Central

District.

I’ve been retired since 2020 from the Oil Industry, after thirty-three years. I’ve been married to wife, Cindy, for 35 years, we have two children and nine grandchildren.

I’ve coached about every sport, ages range from eight to Junior high school. If you’ve ever met me, you’ll know I love meeting new people, my thought is that you can never have too many friends.

This 2024-2025 Elk year as your CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman, my goal is to empower local Lodge Activities Chairs to involve themselves, and get their hands dirty, don’t hesitate to share ideas, but more importantly, execute them, take this opportunity to try new functions, and ideas, you’ll never know if it’ll work if you don’t take a chance. Be a leader, show your Lodge that they have the right person for the job.

If we all try to promote our Lodges, and give back to your community, it’ll show to all that your Lodge can be, and will be that “Beacon of Light” that they can rely on.

Suggestions:

- 1) Acknowledge our First Responders, just to say thank you (Drive up lunch box)
- 2) Our Veterans (Breakfast, Honor Flight)
- 3) Our Youth (Scholarship, Hoop Shoot, Scout Meeting)
- 4) Community (Trunk for Treat, Pop up during Farmers Market, Float for Parades, Easter Egg Hunt)

Some small ideas to help get you started. Seems like a lot of work but I promise you, with the right committee you could have the time of your lives. And your community will know who you are and what you represent.

Just like our Lodge Chairman, our District Chairmen are here to prove that they are the best persons for the job. We’re here to provide you with all the information you’ll need to ensure your success.

Association President Marty Mello could not have said it better, ***“Elkdom” Love It, Live It, Promote It!***

Promote It:

The first thing that comes to mind is Charity, Friendship, Socializing, Family, Brotherhood, Volunteer, Community, Unity, Comradery, Faith, Integrity, Giving, Veterans, and our Youth.

So many thoughts come to mind when you’re promoting, and that’s what Lodge Activities offers us.

In conclusion I’m truly grateful for this opportunity, to serve as our Association Lodge Activities Chairman. My goal is to empower every Elk Member, to get involved with ideas that’ll make your Lodges more inviting and much more fun!



Ritual Contest
 Jeffie Moffit, • CHEA Contest Chairman

Ritual Contest Results

Ritual is very alive, and doing well in our California-Hawaii Elks Lodges. Thirteen ritual teams took part in this year for competition at the Association Ritual Contest, held in Fresno this May. The winning team will represent California-Hawaii at the Grand Lodge Convention, being held in Austin, TX in July.

Thank you very much, to every Lodge Officer, Candidate, Coach, all of the spouses, families as well as Lodge Members that support the amazing work that goes into impressing the new members in each of our Lodges. Impressing our new members during their Initiation is what all of this hard work, and endless practice is all about.

The District and Association contests serve to reward the teams that take extra pride in performing the Initiatory Ritual from memory. With all of the practice that the officers go through to do the Ritual in an impressive manner, the initiates gain so much from the experience. Officer camaraderie is the main reward, but there is also the fun gained from time spent practicing one of the most important ceremonies we have in Elksdom.

It has been an honor to chair the Ritual Committee this past year for President Ted Talbot, and First lady Jeanie as well as an honor to work with some of the finest people.

Vice Chair Tim Egan, Training Chair, Nancy Kulinski, and Vice Chair of Training Greg Carlson, are awesome Elks. We had ten Floor Judges, ten Word Judges, and two awesome gentlemen for our Tilers. We had one of the best Calculators ever, Tom Cole, with a really great helper in Rochell Zenger. A big thank you to Clovis, and Merced Lodges for the use of their stations. Thank you to Rick Schaneman, for taking charge of the contest site, making sure the doors were open for us, and for having the wall moved at one of the contest rooms for the second day. Thank you, thank you everyone.

All teams perform on Thursday to determine who the final four will be, and those final four compete on Friday, to determine the Association winner. All-State Officers and Teams coming from the Thursday competition, are listed below by Division.

All-State Officer winners for the Grillo Division are:

- Inner Guard • Jennifer Van Dyne • Garden Grove 1952
- Chaplain • Sharon Violana • Garden Grove 1952
- Lecturing Knight • Terese Caiazzo • Garden Grove 1952
- Loyal Knight • Alice Salinas • Garden Grove 1952
- Leading Knight • Chris Garland • Garden Grove 1952
- Esquire • Tina Duarte • Garden Grove 1952
- Exalted Ruler • Tony Lopez • Garden Grove 1952
- Candidate • Elizabeth Dos Remedios • Alameda 1015

All-State Officer winners for the Duitsman Division are:

- Inner Guard • Michael Lawrance • Santa Clarita 2379
- Chaplain • Ilia Piedra • Santa Clarita 2379
- Lecturing Knight • Denise Davis • Santa Clarita 2379

- Loyal Knight • Lesley Dale • Roseville 2248
- Leading Knight • Mike Brandriff • Santa Clarita 2379
- Esquire • John Rivetti • Santa Clarita 2379
- Exalted Ruler • Wayne Edwards • Santa Clarita 2379
- Candidate • Michael Fisher • Santa Clarita 2379.

The All-State Teams are:

Grillo Division

Garden Grove Lodge 1952, with a score of 97.4023

Duitsman Division

Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, with a score of 97.9547

The competitors for the Friday Final Four, from the Grillo Division was Alameda Lodge 1015, with a score of 95.7006, and from the Duitsman Division was Roseville Lodge 2248 with a score of 96.1084. The four teams competed to determine our Association winner.

11 O'clock Toast Contest: OPEN TO ALL PER'S IN EACH DISTRICT CONTEST: CHEA 11 O'clock Toast Winner – Wayne Edwards, Exalted Ruler, Santa Clarita. Wayne will represent CHEA at the Grand Lodge Convention.

THE FINAL FOUR

The “**Bud Tari Perpetual Trophy**” is presented to the highest scoring, and most underappreciated member of the ritual team in the Final Four, The Candidate.

Winner – Maria Snider – Garden Grove 1952

Most Impressive Esquire in the Final Four, Highest score possible is 50.0000: 48.574 - John Rivetti - Santa Clarita 2379

The **Gerald Strohm Award** is awarded to the Most Impressive Exalted Ruler in the Final Four, Highest possible score is 50.0000: 48.375 – Wayne Edwards – Santa Clarita 2379

Final Four Contest Results:

4th Place – 95.7149 – Roseville Lodge 2248

3rd Place – 96.0719 – Alameda Lodge 1015

2nd Place – 97.8565 – Santa Clarita Lodge 2379

The 2024 California-Hawaii Elks Association Ritual Champions, who will represent all of us at the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, TX, with a score of:

98.1283: 1st Place - Garden Grove Lodge 1952

**Good luck to CHEA Ritual Champions
 Garden Grove
 in the Grand Lodge Ritual Contest!**



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Government Relations

David Coleman, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha!

You did it! We had a goal of all 164 Lodges submitting their Charitable Reports in CLMS and you did not let us down. 100% reported!!

Thank you to all of the Secretaries and Charity Report Coordinators for all of their hard work to get those figures entered for last year, and then review and finalize the report to Grand Lodge. Alyssa and I thank you very much!!!

We wanted to thank those of you who stopped by our Government Relations table at the CHEA Convention. It was wonderful meeting you and talking with you. We hope that we were able to give you valuable information to assist you, and your Lodge for the current Elks year. We were surprised at how many members did not know what can be reported into CLMS under the Charity report. All of you that attended the convention can submit your hours and miles to get reported, as we discussed Charity numerous times, and you all participated in some way. The same with your Lodge meetings and clinics as well. They all go under the "9999" Category for Categories Not Listed.

Some events that can be reported are: Flag Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, 4th of July, Memorial Day, Bingo, Lodge Room Donations to Youth Groups such as Scouting, Scholarship Awards, First Responder Dinner, or Awards Night, Major Project Donations, ENF Donations, Veterans Activities, and many, more.

Our Lodge Charitable Donations for the fraternal year 2023-2024, totaled \$73,755,591. That was down over \$27 million from the previous year, with the biggest decline in Patriotic Programs.

Did you know that on average our Lodges nationwide, only report about 35% of what they could report on, whether it is hours donated or dollars given? Just think what our numbers would be if we increased that to say 50% or 60%. That would be huge!

We are asking all members, and committee chairmen, to fill out the Data Collection form, located in the back of the Government Relations manual, on page 19, Appendix Page 8, whenever they have an event at your Lodge, and turn it into your Lodge Secretary/Charity Report Coordinator for entry into CLMS.

Lodge Secretaries, again we cannot stress if you do not have the time to do these entries yourself, you can appoint a Charity Report Coordinator. The information is below on how to do that within the system. They will only have to access to do reporting on local charitable event data, nothing else in CLMS.

Step 1 - Under Staff Tab in CLMS, Appoint Local Charitable Report Coordinator

Step 2 - Select name of individual on drop down menu, select "Appoint Local Charitable Coordinator."

There is a Government Relations report that is due monthly to the District Government Relations Chairman, who will then

compile and send a monthly report to me and my Vice-Chairman, Alyssa Santos, copying their DDGER and AVP. Now it is also included in the new Grand Lodge Government Relations manual if you need a copy.

Please feel free to reach out to me, or our Vice-Chairman, Alyssa Santos if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you at the CHEA Mid-Term Conference in November, which will be held in Burbank. We will have a table set up for our committee. If you have any questions, feel free to stop by and speak with us.



BLT Legacy Giving

Lynn Glick, PDDGER • BLT Chairman

I am proud to serve as the Chair of Bequests and Living Trusts for the fraternal year 2024-2025 along with my vice chair, Robyn Sembenini. I want to present our program, goals, and aims for the next fraternal year.

The purpose of the BLT fund/program is to ensure that there will always be funds available to continue the work of our CHEMPI therapists for our kids, if current funding falls short. In other words, we want to fund the program for our grandchildren's children and beyond.

Our overall goal is to increase the amount of money that is left to the Major Project through our BLT programs. We will be taking several steps to achieve this goal. But most importantly, we want make sure that you, our members, know about the various BLT programs in which you can participate.

I'd like to discuss some of the easiest ways that you can support our BLT programs. First, and the most common way to do so, is to name CHEMPI/Major Project as a beneficiary of your estate upon your passing. There are many ways to do this, and your estate planner can help you figure out what will work best for you.

Another way to donate, if you have a life insurance policy, is to designate CHEMPI as one of the beneficiaries of that policy. CHEMPI need not be the sole beneficiary; it can simply receive a portion of the insurance payment.

You can also donate directly to the CHEMPI/Major Project. Any money you donate over \$500 will automatically be placed into the BLT Legacy Trust Fund. While we like to recognize your gifts to support this program, if you wish to remain anonymous, you can. Just let the CHEA (California-Hawaii Elks Association) office in Fresno know and you will receive recognition, or not, depending on your wishes.

Finally, you can participate in the Commitment Trust program. We will detail this program in subsequent magazine editions. Robyn and I look forward to serving as promoters of the BLT and hope that you will also help promote these programs which are so vital to helping our kids walk, talk, and play.



Youth/Soccer Activities
Ben Ortega, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha,

Hot on the heels of a successful CHEA Convention in Fresno, and just as the dust settled, we're off to the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas.

The Association Convention offered many opportunities for networking, meeting old friends, and making new friends—it never stops. More importantly, it allowed those who attended to collaborate, exchange ideas, work on new ways to expand our organization, by communicating better within, and with those outside our circles. Our Order is more diverse than ever, we all come from different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. This diversity creates the strength, and creativity, to tackle complex, as well as difficult challenges, together we will learn from one another to make a lasting impact on our youth.

It was a privilege to be part of the Elks National Youth Week activities at the Norwalk Lodge 2142. The Lodge organized a series of engaging events, bringing parents, children, and families together. A visit from the local Sheriff's department, which dropped off coloring books. The nightly events included a Game Night, Karaoke, Arts and Crafts, Movie Night, and a closing ceremony to honor, and celebrate youth talents. This event not only showcased youth projects, and accomplishments, but also fostered a sense of community, and trust. I strongly urge more Lodges to organize National Youth Week events, as they can significantly contribute to our organization's growth, and impact. Thank you, Exalted Ruler Scott Ludwick, for a great program. You are a Shining Star in your community.

I want to congratulate Jenny Buford, Drug Awareness Program at Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444, who held their Lodges Youth Appreciation event. Jenny spoke about the Drug Awareness Program, and how their Lodge engages in the community. Awards were given for the Drug Awareness Essay Contest. Keep up the good work, Jenny.

Youth Recognition is critical as it supports their self-esteem, helping build stronger relationships among their family, friends, and fellow students. Although this recognition may seem simple, it will encourage, and propel them to accomplish bigger, more creative ideas. Whether it is social or academic challenges, we, as Elks, try to help balance these pressures by recognizing them for their accomplishments when, and where we can. This will create a sense of belonging, fostering positive youth development. Not only should we, in the words of the late Steve Jobs, "Think Different," but we should also always promote "Think Positive."

I am grateful to all of the committee chairs, both District, Lodge, and the members doing the work in the field in your communities, for your support throughout the past year under Past Association President Ted Talbot, we look forward to continuing that partnership under President Marty Mello's leadership. Thank you for all of your efforts, which allowed us to serve, and reach out to more youth in our communities. You all should be commended. Your continued efforts will make great things

happen. Reflecting, we made both small, and significant gains. Youth Soccer Shoot participation was up Association wide, with plans to continue focusing on the Soccer Shoot program participation, providing districts with the support they need to get their programs on solid footing. The Soccer Program is year-round, starting April 1st, ending March 31st . If you need additional information, please send me an email to: garfieldbulldog@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing CHEA Elks in Austin, Texas. The Grand Lodge Convention promises to further our mission, connect us with new friends, and like-minded members from across the country.

Let's go out and do the good work for our Youth and Country.



Scholarship
Bob Farrens, PDDGER • Chairman

The California-Hawaii Elks Scholarship Committee is proud to announce that four of the Top Twenty Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship winners are from the California-Hawaii Elks Association. This is the second year in a row that we have had four winners, and the first time we have had two top twenty winners from the same Lodge. The Elks National Foundation no longer awards a first, second, or third place scholarship.

Jad Abdel Nour from West Covina Lodge, Ella Brie Mayor from the Simi Valley Lodge, Najman Mahboub, and Rebecca Wang, both from the San Jose Lodge, each received a \$30,000 Scholarship award for finishing in the top twenty.

Additionally, sixty-nine other California-Hawaii students, were awarded \$1,000 each for four years, for a total of \$4,000 each.

**The Four CHEA Scholars,
Each Winning a \$30,000 Scholarship**



Jad Abdel Nour
West Covina Lodge

Ella Brie Mayor
Simi Valley Lodge



Najman Mahboub
San Jose Lodge

Rebeca Wang
San Jose Lodge



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Veterans Service

John Hardman, PDDGER • Chairman

Aloha Brothers & Sisters

What a great CHEA Convention. It was great talking to all my fellow Elk brothers and sisters and meeting members that are Veterans like Dan Baccelliere and myself. Lots of interesting questions and requests for information. As more and more VA Facilities are re-opening to pre-Covid levels, now is the time to reach out. What do they need? How can we help? Partner with your local VFW, American Legion Post, or other Veteran organizations. Lodges – reach out to each other, and across District lines. Remember - **So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be there to lend support, ensuring these brave men and women will not be forgotten.**

At the CHEA Convention we had the honor of naming the 2023-24 Male and Female National Veterans Volunteer of the Year, and the CHEA Veterans Volunteer of the Year. National Veterans Volunteer of the Year are Stanley Huls, Roseville 2248, and Samantha Arrieta, Culver City, 1917. CHEA Veterans Volunteer of the Year are Peter Behr, San Rafael 1108 and Meredith Thomas, Van Nuys-Reseda 2790. Congratulations to these four individuals. If they are from your Lodge, make sure you congratulate them, and shake their hand.

I would like to share with you an excerpt of an article recently written by Hannah Graber, a Programs Associate for ENVSC at Grand Lodge. We all do a lot for veterans, but for VAVS Reps/Deputy Reps, it's like a second job. Contacting the VA Facility Director, setting up a business relationship, and helping where they can. Many times, the VAVS Rep/Deputy Rep will reach out to other Lodge members for assistance. The complete article can be found here - <https://www.elks.org/members/NewsStory.cfm?StoryID=139890>

A few years ago, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission began offering Boost Grants to Voluntary Service Representatives who planned projects that go above, and beyond their typical monthly activities. This grant was created to build on the experience that current Elks volunteers have, and the relationships they have formed with the veterans they serve everyday.

When the VA in Manila, Philippines requested blood pressure monitors to help veterans maintain their health after their appointments, Voluntary Service Deputy Representative Aaron Key stepped up to provide them. He continued the project this year with funding from a Boost Grant.

At the South Orange County Vet Center in Mission Viejo, Voluntary Service Representative David Perry decided to apply for a Boost Grant to provide therapeutic archery lessons. This activity makes a great addition to other recreational, and social programs Perry hosts, like lobster fishing trips, football watch parties, axe throwing, and other activities.

If you'd like to learn more about Elks Voluntary Service or to find out who the Representatives are in your area, visit <https://www.elks.org/vets/vavs.cfm>. Note: **Boost Grants** are only available to VAVS Representatives/Deputy Representatives.

Representatives may apply for apply for an additional \$500 and \$1,000 in funds. Applications are due by February 15th each year. For more information on Boost Grants visit <https://www.elks.org/vets/boost/index.cfm>.

I know I say this every quarter, but, if you haven't already done so, check out <https://www.elks.org/vets>, and <https://www.chea-elks.org/veterans>. Both webpages have information, links, and ideas to help veterans. The webpage always has ideas and articles that may help your Lodge provide support to Veterans.

In closing, my Vice-Chair, Dan Baccelliere, and I commend each of you for all you do to help Veterans. Keep up the good work! Also, don't forget about submitting articles and pictures of your Veterans activities to Ted Olsen, CHEA Magazine Editor. Ted is always looking for new material!

Until next time, safe travels and **help a Vet!**



CHEA Veteran Volunteers of the Year are Peter Behr, San Rafael Lodge, and Meredith Thomas, Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge 2790 shown with John Hardman, CHEA Veterans Chairman.



Alameda Lodge 1015 welcomed home the United States Coast Guard Cutter Bertholf, after a 98 day Indo-Pacific deployment. The cutter is based in Alameda. This was the first Coast Guard national security deployment in the region this year. Pictured above (l-r) are Lodge members Sharon Young, Charles Carvalho, Ken Langford, Bertholf Officer Jeff Henderson, and Chris Cormier



Drug Awareness
Susan Good, PDDGER • Chairman

What a wonderful CHEA Convention we celebrated in May, and I thank all of you who were able to visit our Drug Awareness Booth! It was wonderful meeting you and talking about one of our favorite topics: Elks Drug Awareness.

It is my honor, and pleasure, to introduce myself to you as our CHEA Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Chair for 2024-25, as well as our new Vice-Chair and fellow PDDGER, Patty Hamilton. My home Lodge is the Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439, in the East Central District in Northern California, and Patty is from the El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 in the South Coast District in Southern California. We've known each other ever since we served as District Vice Presidents together under the leadership of then CHEA President, and now PGER Bob Duitsman in 2018-19, and we are excited to serve the Association again in this new capacity.

Patty and I have both benefitted from the leadership of those who have come before us, from John McEntire Jr., most recently, to David Provan, Diane Farrens, PAP Brad Smith, Kathleen Kuttler, and PAP Tim Jaeger. Both of us have also had the opportunity to serve as our District's, and our Lodge's Drug Awareness Chairs. From these experiences, we know how it takes all of us, working together, to come up with the best ideas and the best ways, in concert with the multitude of resources we are offered through the Order, and our national partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, to accomplish our mission to promote constructive, and cooperative approaches to the prevention of the use of illicit substances by the youth of our United States of America.

To this end, we encourage you to start planning your Lodge's fall school activities for Red Ribbon Week, October 23rd-31st now, while many of our schools are on summer break. Likewise, our School District Officials work year-round, so now is also a perfect time to meet with them, introduce yourselves and introduce them to our Drug Awareness Programs, including our Essay, Poster, and Video Contests, as well as to discover more ways you might partner with them on Red Ribbon Week activities.

This is also an opportune time to reach out to your local law enforcement leaders, to receive suggestions of one, or more, of their colleagues who have made an outstanding contribution in the field of drug awareness/prevention, your Lodge could consider nominating for our annual Enrique S. Camarena Award. Nomination forms and criteria are on the CHEA website. This year's deadline to submit nominees to your District Chair is set by him/her, but please keep in mind applications are due to Patty and myself no later than October 15, 2024. We included a photo on this page of this year's CHEA nominee, Robert T. Doyle, a retired Marin County Sheriff, by our booth at the convention with our GER Randy Shook. Check it out, and imagine your prospective nominee in a picture like that at our 2025 Convention in Anaheim! It can happen...



Robert Doyle, left, is our 2024 CHEA Enrique Camarena Award winner. He was nominated by the San Rafael 1108. He is joined in this photo by GER Randy Shook.

As this column is being written, we're still in the process of having our great CHEA staff update our two CHEA website locations, where all of our Drug Awareness Activities, Contest Forms, Quarterly Report forms, etc. are located under "Youth Activities" and under "Drug Awareness." New items we're planning to add this year are a monthly Calendar of Possible DAP Events for your Lodges to choose from, a one-sheet with our key deadline dates, and our 2024-25 Aims, Goals & Objectives, submitted to CHEA President Marty Mello. What will probably not be there until after Grand Lodge, is the theme for our contests, because it will be officially announced while we're there.

Patty Hamilton, and I, are looking forward to working with you, answering your Drug Awareness Program questions, and hearing any suggestions you have for ways we can enhance our CHEA DAP Program, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



Fullerton Lodge 1993 Drug Awareness team participated in a resource fair, for the disadvantaged in Placentia. Vendors provided information on services, which included housing, health care, Medicare and social services. The Lodge distributed drug awareness materials to parents and age appropriate "stay drug free" information to children.

Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 on a Lodge Family Night, had the Riverside County Sheriff's Deputies CORE Team inform members of the criminal activities in our area. The work the Sheriff's Department does in the schools, and provides us with information on how we can improve our safety.

Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 celebrated Youth Night 2024 by awarding \$37,000 in scholarships and grants to local students and youth support organizations.

Drug Awareness Contest winners were also recognized along with American Essay winners, in a night that celebrated a younger generation dedicated to enriching their community. The event featured keynote speaker Wing Lam, Founder of Wahoo's Fish Taco, who advised students to "find out what you can do better than anyone else, and do it!"

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Vicki McCabe	266	Phillip Handley	832	Doug Conaway	1420	Jeff Cruikshank (6)	1475
Tom & Karen Ramos	266	Dvaid Grayson	1015	Gabriel Contreras	1420	Kelley Martinez (2)	1475
Jack Meylink	583	David Grayson	1015	Sam Couchman	1420	Jennifer Martinez (2)	1475
Michael Butler	583	The Blues Brothers (2)	1200	Andy Cruz	1420	Gordon Belt (8)	1497
Thomas Dorsey	583	Steve Chamblin	1250	Deidra Dubose	1420	Grant Osborn	1497
Jim Everitt	583	Lawrence Gaches	1250	Elizabeth Escalante	1420	Charlene Peale (5)	1497
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Dennis Barrett	614	Greg Martella	1259	Joel Gonzalez	1420	Susan Mandler	1538
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Alex Camany	614	Russell McKinney	1298	David Griggs	1420	Ed Kulik	1608
Elaine Dawson (6)	614	Darla Rains	1298	Jack Hart, Jr.	1420	Michael Bern (2)	1689
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Morgan Paul	1993	Reed Taylor	2031	Fern Sammon	2358	Linda Houston (3)	2640
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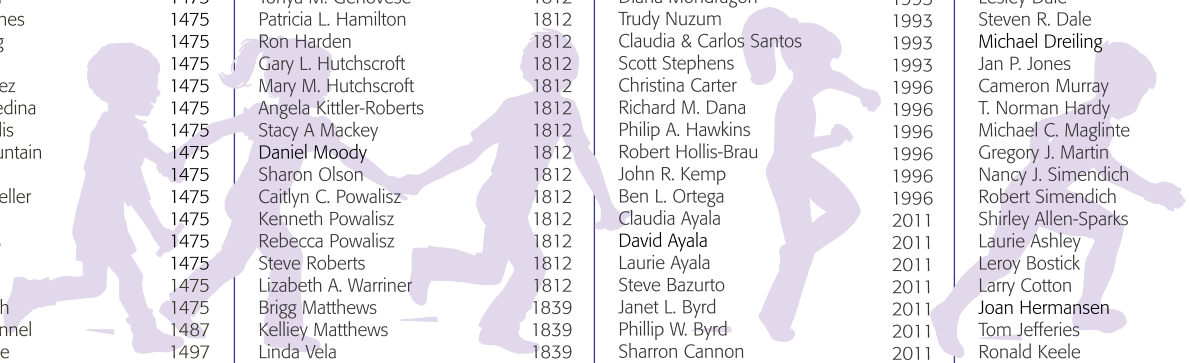
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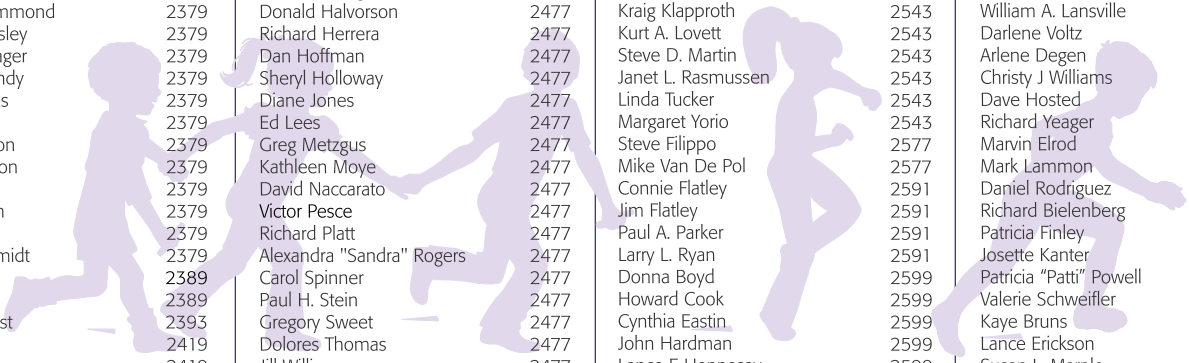
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Donna Leiby	1427	Russell L. Lumpkin	1643	David L. Skelton	1952	James Warrick	2103
John D. McEntire Jr	1427	Paula Piltz	1643	Lance Slimmer	1952	Charles Wood	2103
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Lodge Group Donations Exceeding \$150

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Barth Charitable Trust • Stockton 218	\$2,500
Bakersfield Emblem Club No. 186 • Bakersfield 266	\$300
Riverside Elks Lodge Bingo Players • Riverside 643	\$392
Santa Ana Emblem Club No. 530 • Santa Ana 794	\$250
Crescent City Emblem Club No. 175 • Crescent City 1689	\$250
Big Bear Lake Elks Bingo Players • Big Bear 1787	\$356
Torrance Ladies of the Elks • Torrance 1948	\$3,500
Kern River Valley Ladies of the Elks • Kern River Valley 2358	\$400
Santa Clarita Emblem Club No. 459 • Santa Clarita 2379	\$250
Santa Clarita Bingo Patrons • Santa Clarita 2379	\$1,375
Yucaipa Elks Bunco • Yucaipa 2389	\$710
Calpine Elks Bingo Players • Calpine 2432	\$1,479
Elk Grove Bingo Players • Elk Grove 2577	\$1,460
Iris Club • Stockton 218	\$200



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 presented an Americanism Essay Contest Award to Ngan Lieu of Thomas Paine Elementary in Garden Grove, for her essay titled, "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me". Her winning essay, was sent to the Association competition for further consideration. Pictured (l-r) Tom Terrones, Assistant Esquire, Paul Escobar, Head Tiler, Ngan Lieu, award winner, and Stephanie Janji, Americanism Chairperson.



Sacramento Lodge 6 is home to a martial arts club called the Chung Shin Tang Soo Do. Four members of the club, participated in an association tournament, with all four participants medal in each of their events. Brian Olden was awarded the Master of the Year for Region 1, which makes Master Olden the only Senior Master to be running a do jang (formal training hall) in the region. Pictured are John Paul Pressburg-Nevars, his wife Sharon, and their five-year-old daughter Ellie, Master Brian Olden, and James Nevars.

Canoga Park Lodge 2190, has recently installed seven new Eagle Scouts. Erick Lace, Metropolitan District Scouting Chair, himself an Eagle Scout, proudly presented the new Eagle Scouts with a US flag from the Lodge, and a Certificate of Recognition and Achievement from Grand Exalted Ruler Randy Shook.

Elks Rodeo Queen Crowned



Since its inception in 1947, the Elks Rodeo Queen campaign has stood as a beacon of community support, rallying behind local youth recreation organizations. For over eight decades, this tradition has not only crowned queens but also fostered a spirit of philanthropy, raising over seventeen million dollars to date. This year's campaign saw the participation of four talented candidates, each vying for the crown while championing the cause of youth empowerment. Through their dedication and the collective efforts of the community, the campaign achieved remarkable success, surpassing the one million dollar mark in funds raised this year alone, further cementing its legacy of generosity and goodwill.

The Elks Rodeo Queen campaign isn't merely about pageantry; it's a testament to the enduring commitment of a community to uplift its youth. The 2024 Elks Rodeo Queen, Tori Ortiz, was crowned on Friday, June 1st, 2024. Year after year, individuals from all walks of life come together, inspired by a shared vision of supporting local initiatives that nurture the potential of young minds. As Tori Ortiz receives her crown, she continues a legacy of service and solidarity, reminding us all of the profound impact we can have when we unite for a common cause. In an ever-changing world, the Elks Rodeo Queen campaign remains a steadfast symbol of hope, proving that even in the face of challenges, the spirit of giving knows no bounds.



Paradise Lodge 2026 Jan Keller, Scholarship Chair, presented scholarships totaling \$8,600 to students Jake F., Chole F., Paige M., Cali B., and Conor H., who was not able to attend.



The Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, an 81-year tradition in California, is not only a thrilling showcase of cowboy skill but also a vital pillar of community engagement and philanthropy, having donated over 17 million dollars to local causes through its annual Queen contest. The event, running from May 30th to June 2nd, featured PRCA, and WPRA, performances alongside special youth events, like stick horse races, silver dollar coin digs, and the ever popular Mutton Bustin', captivating audiences with displays of cowboy prowess, and live country music. Rooted in a rich heritage, it draws crowds from across the nation, offering more than just entertainment but a genuine western experience cherished year after year. Through the dedication of individuals like Paige Katich, and Reed Lemieux, who hold roles as Miss Mini Rodeo, and Jr. Barrelman, respectively, the rodeo extends its impact beyond the arena, inspiring youth involvement and community service.

Golden Circle of Champions

Embedded within the rodeo's legacy, is a profound commitment to giving back, exemplified by initiatives like the Golden Circle of Champions, the Elks Rodeo Charity of Choice, supporting children battling pediatric cancer, both locally, and nationally, this year raising over \$75,000. What started right here in Santa Maria, has now gone national with dozens of Rodeos across the country, now "Going Gold" raising the much needed awareness for pediatric cancer.



Merced Lodge 1240 Chairmen for the Bingo, and the RV Park Committee, presented two checks totaling \$2,000, to the Director of Turlock Unified School District Head Start Program. Pictured (l-r) Mark Theofanides, RV Park Committee, Judy Huerta, TUSD Head Start Program, Mais Alhamdani, Health Services Manager; Raelene Pritchard PER, working for the Head Start Program, and Len Samuelson, PER, Merced Elks Bingo.

Memories of the Fresno Convention



Introducing Rudy,
the new Theme Child



Marty and Debra enjoying the Rally



Presenting GER Shook with an image of the float



Waving goodbye after
a very good year!



GER Randy & Wanda Shook



CHEA President
Marty & Debra Mello



Little Rudy saying hello!



Installation of New Officers

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Honolulu Lodge 616 donated \$10,000 to a local charity, Ho'ola Na Pua, a 501(c)3 which helps provide refuge and special needs care to victims of human trafficking, most of whom are minors. In all, the Lodge has made over \$50,000 of donations to multiple other local charities like Project Dana, Malama Mentors, Polynesian Voyaging Society, Domestic Violence Action Center of Hawaii, Surfrider, and Residential Youth Services, and Empowerment. Pictured above (l-r) Shelley Hee, Trustee, Jessica Munoz, APRN, President of Ho'ola Na Pua, Jeffrey Renner, Exalted Ruler with his son.

In other news, the Lodge, in the spirit of being a good neighbor, had Lodge members participate in the Kapiolani Park cleanup in early May.



Kailua Lodge 2230 used a Kailua Community Fund, a fund which is funded by Lodge Members to help the community, donated \$1,000 to help sponsor the Boys & Girls Club of Hawai'i's annual Ocean Sports Day. Where children learned the importance of enjoying the ocean safely, while exploring new activities, such as canoe paddling, surfing, body-boarding, beach volleyball and more.



Simi Valley Lodge 2492 hosted the Scout Troop 616 Eagle Scout Court of Honor, to present certificates, and awards to four new Eagle Scouts. Pictured (l-r) are Eagle Scout and Lecturing Knight Trever Sherman, newly inducted Eagle Scouts Matthew B., Noah F., Wade B., Tanner L., Exalted Ruler, and City Councilman Mike Judge.



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, on Memorial Day Weekend, served local participating Scouts, a hot dog, chips and drink lunch after they placed flags on more than 7,000 Veteran graves in Eternal Valley Memorial Park.



Sacramento Lodge 6 has a Gold Star American Flag that is being escorted to Arlington National Cemetery to honor our fallen service members. The Gold Star flag will arrive in Washington DC on Saturday, May 25, 2024 when Tribute to Fallen Soldiers will lay a wreath at the 'Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers.