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2026 Rose Parade Elks Volunteer Decorating Schedule

Dry Decorations

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

Shift 1: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 13th, 2025

Shift 1: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 20th, 2025

Shift 1: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



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Floral Decorations

Friday, December 26th, 2025

Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Saturday, December 27th, 2025

Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Sunday, December 28th, 2025

Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Monday, December 29th, 2025

Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Tuesday, December 30th, 2025

Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025

Shift 1: 8:00 am until complete.

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

Shift 1: 7:00 am tear down.

Lunch Breaks: 12 pm - 12:30 pm

Dinner Breaks: 6 pm - 6:30 pm

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For more Information:

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President's Message



Scott Stephens, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Dear Fellow CHEA Members,

First Lady Mary Kay and I have started our official visitations around our two great states. First up was the Metropolitan District, where Vice President Anthony Roman and his wife, Naomi, did a fabulous job. We attended the Elks Luncheon Club at the Burbank Elks Lodge, where Mary Kay and I were the guests of honor. Then off to the Glendale Lodge for dinner, as well as dancing, and we met some very dedicated and enthusiastic Elks. Saturday, we toured the Nethercutt, had lunch at San Fernando (they opened especially for us) and Saturday evening was my official dinner at the Burbank Elks Lodge.

Shortly thereafter, we attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City. Cliff and Bonnie Wadley took very good care of us. In between all of the meetings and events, we did have a little free time to visit Kansas City Lodge Number 26 (home of President Harry S. Truman) and I bought a t-shirt with "The Buck Stops Here". We were also able to watch the very talented Santa Clarita Ritual Team. They took third place, and we are so very proud of them. I was also honored to carry the California flag across the stage, because we were once again ranked Number 1 in Membership Growth!!! That led to a standoff between the New Jersey Elks Association President Bill Dow, Jr. and myself, as our Association President, for the highest gain next year.



Four years in a row we have been Number 1, and we're not done yet. Let's **Thrive for Five**. A huge thank you to our Membership-Lap-sation Chairman, Nicole Sato, and her Vice Chairman, James Warrick, for this huge accomplishment. James is now the Chairman, and we are looking for great things in Membership, particularly in the area of Orientation. Can we continue to be Sold on Membership and be Number 1 again?

Lastly, Congratulations to Liz Dye from Redondo Beach Lodge, for winning the national 11 O'clock Toast Contest.

A week after Grand Lodge, Mary Kay and I were invited to the San Diego Lodge, to celebrate Past President, Chuck Nolan's 85th birthday, an honor we gladly accepted, because Chuck was my President as a Vice President, and he taught me so much.

A week later, we were off to the Great Northwest District. Vice President, Henry Geiger, his wife Tiffany, and the entire Crescent City

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CHEA President Scott Stephens Upcoming Schedule

Sept 5-7	South Coast District
Sept 12-14	Bay District
Sept 19-21	Inland District
Sept 26-28	Hawaii District
Oct 3-5	North District
Oct 9-12	Elks Camper Rally • Hemet
Oct 16-19	Arizona Mid-Term Meeting • Tempe, AZ
Oct 24-26	East Central District
Nov 7-8	CHEA Mid-Term Conference • Santa Clara
Nov 14-16	West Central District
Nov 21-23	San Gabriel Valley District
Dec 5-7	North Central District
Dec 12	Roses for the Living • Burbank
Dec 13	Rose Parade Float Decorating
Dec 30-31	New Year's Celebration • Pasadena
Jan 1, 2026	Rose Parade • Pasadena

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Pearl City Lodge 2669
Celebrated the 250th Anniversary
of the United States Army in the
Rotunda of the Hawaii State
Capital Building.

Leading the ceremony was
Exalted Ruler Leroy Harris,
retired Army, wearing the
distinguish medals he received
while on active duty.



Elks National Foundation

Jere Williams, PDDGER • Chairman

The Elks National Foundation allows the Lodges of the California-Hawaii Elks Association to give members the opportunity to build our communities where we live and work. The examples of what is available to us through the Grand Lodge, and ENF, were on display at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Nearly 6,500 Elks attended the Convention and were treated to booths passing out flyers on ENF, CIP Grants (Community Improvement Program), Drug Awareness, Veteran Services, and Scholarship programs. On the Sunday morning of the Convention, Fidelity Grant donors were treated to bagels and coffee with the Executive Board of the Elks National Foundation. It was truly refreshing to see how many Elks are invested in our mission of charity and how fervent they are in their beliefs. While my wife and I were enjoying our coffee and bagels, a gentleman and his wife asked if they may be seated at our table and we graciously said yes. After a brief conversation, the gentleman began telling me about his years of service in the ENF. His strength and vitality, describing what ENF meant to him, truly inspired me and made me ask myself, "How can I be better a better ambassador for ENF?" Finally, I looked at his name badge to see who I was talking to and realized he was Past Grand Exalted Ruler, John Amen who has been instrumental for years in the growth of the National Foundation. Between my discussions with PGER Amen and the breakout sessions at Grand Lodge, I returned energized and ready to continue the work of the Elks National Foundation.

As our Association moves forward this year, we are currently at 22% of Lodges making the new Per Capita set by our New Grand Exalted Ruler, Bryan Klatt. This translates to \$5.15 per member and, so far, we have collected over \$291,000. Please continue to have fundraisers and events to assure your Lodge qualifies for CIP funding for next year. The Fidelity Club goal of 5% for the entire Association and individual Lodges is coming along well. I look forward to further progress by the Lodges in this endeavor as we move closer to Mid-Term Conference and the ENF Dinner.

Concerning the CIP Grants, currently 71 Lodges have been approved for grants totaling \$559,500, and many other Lodges are pending for their grants. Remember, that a final report is required by the Grand Lodge upon completion of your grant. While the Beacon, Spotlight, Gratitude, and Impact Grants have individual guidelines, the following apply to all CIP grants to qualify under the IRS-defined charitable categories:

1. Relieve the poor, distressed or under privileged
2. Advance Education or Science, but not through Scholarships
3. Lessen the burden of government
4. Combat juvenile delinquency.
5. Combat community deterioration.
6. Lessen neighborhood tensions
7. Eliminate prejudice and discrimination.

Steve Graham and I welcome any success stories you have and please send us pictures and a short synopsis of your event so we may forward these to the Elks Magazine (state and national).

Finally, our Association President, Scott Stephens, wants to remind all Exalted Rulers and District ENF and Grants Chairpersons, that August is FIDELITY MONTH!! All donations are tax deductible and

CHEA benefits greatly with the increased donations to ENF. Any questions on the Fidelity Club or CIP grants, please contact myself (pokyplr@gmail.com) or Steve Graham (coachgraham22@gmail.com). Let's stay "SOLD on Elkdom".



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, used a Beacon Grant to support at-risk youth with backpacks, back to school supplies and a barbeque. The Lodge, for eleven years in a row, has supported the Child & Family Center's Family Fun Night, this year providing 300 backpacks filled with school supplies and a family barbeque dinner. Pictured above are Lodge volunteers who helped with the event.



Santa Cruz Lodge 824, using a Beacon Grant, Lodge volunteers in July, served lunch to 140 patients and staff of Palo Alto VA Hospital.

Palo Alto Lodge 1471, using a ENF's \$ 3,500 Gratitude Grant as well as Lodge member donations, presented Eastside College Preparatory School, with a \$10,000 donation to support the summer program for students who live on campus. The funds will be used to purchase items students need in the dorm, bed sheets, pillows, blankets, personal toiletries, school supplies, and food.

In other news, the Lodge hosted Veterans from the local VA Hospital for a BBQ TriTip dinner and gave them gift bags filled with snacks and commissary bucks.

Mount Shasta Lodge 2333, held a 4th of July weekend event at the Lodge, raising \$1,300 for the Elks National Foundation. Information regarding ENF was explained to the community and potential new members.

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Piggy Bank

Bob Farrens, PDDGER • Chairman

Thoughts running through the mind of an Exalted Ruler at the Exalted Ruler March.

"How did Saturday morning get here so fast? What happened to Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Everything has been moving so fast? Last year when I was Leading Knight I had a great time. This year as Exalted Ruler I have my Officers and Members asking me where they should be, and what time they should be there, as well as what they should be wearing. I don't really know where I'm supposed to be and I can't even remember what I told them.

Now my Association Vice President is trying to herd our District's Exalted Rulers into the chairs and wants us to line up alphabetically. I remember doing that in the second grade; I wonder if they still do it the same way? Then, to make us feel better, our Vice President lets us know that if we are not in line like we should be, it will be our fault that things get messed up. Great, I just remembered that two of my PERs are now on the CHEA Committees and they are here watching me. If I mess up everyone will know.

I've been awake since two a.m. I can't go back to sleep worrying about what I'm going to say when I'm on the stage. My PERs told me to say something about what makes our Lodge special, keep it short and positive, remembering they are watching. I don't want to mess that up, but what am I going to say? I've written down a lot of thoughts, but now I can't find my notes, and I can't remember what I wrote down.

Why is it so hot in this room? I'm wearing my brand-new Exalted Ruler's Blue Jacket and I'm going have to take it to the cleaners, I'm sweating so much. There seems to be blue jackets everywhere. I'm surrounded by blue jackets.

Now our Vice President is handing out cards showing what our Lodges have donated. He lets us know that our Lodge's totals are on our card, but not the Per Capita. When I asked how I am supposed to figure that out, he tells me it's fourth grade math. Just divide the total amount by the number of members and that gives you the Per Capita. Sounds like algebra to me.

I'm watching the therapists present this year's Theme Child, and I realize that they are now starting to move the Exalted Rulers out of the chairs and line them up for the March. As the line starts to move, I realize I can't remember what I'm going to say. As I get closer to the steps leading to the stage there is someone checking to make sure I'm in the right place in line and I start to feel better as I know I am in the right place, and then she tells me to watch the steps as I'm climbing them, so I don't trip and fall. They wouldn't have told me that if it hadn't happened before; would they?

Now I'm on the stage walking towards the microphone when I look out and see the crowd. There must be a thousand people looking at me and I still don't know what I'm going to say, and then I'm giving my numbers and am turning to leave the stage,



and I'm shaking hands with the Grand Exalted Ruler, our Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Jim and Bob, and then the CHEA President and the CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman.

Someone's directing me to the steps off the stage and someone else just took my card saying that it goes back to CHEA for their records. Then it was over. What did I say? I'm sure my PERs will let me know, but this has been a truly, wonderful, amazing day. I'm so proud of what my Lodge is doing to help the children."

I want to thank everyone who donated to the Piggy Bank last year. It was a wonderful year for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. This year is off to a great start. I have been to several Piggy Bank Fundraising events, and the enthusiasm of our members is amazing. The Leading Knights Challenge starts this year on November 1, 2025, and finishes on January 31, 2026. The funds raised on this challenge need to be sent to the CHEA Office by February 15, 2026, and designated Leading Knight Challenge.

I would like to encourage our members to enroll in the Recurring Donor Program. The Recurring Donor Program provides a steady flow of funds to the Piggy Bank. It is very simple to enroll online or with a phone call to the CHEA Office.

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Sacramento Lodge 6 hosted a Hawaiian Ohana Luau Dinner. A night of island-inspired cuisine, music, and a deep sense of community. This cultural event was grounded in the Hawaiian concept of Ohana, which means "family". It reflects the values of the Elks and our mission to serve not just our own, but everyone in need. The evening raised \$1,260 for the Major Project.

Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, held a Purple Pig Luau and had a Hula of a good time. To everyone who joined us for dinner, dancing, and shenanigans, over \$4,000 dollars was raised for the kids!



Scholarship and Vocational Grants

Rich Wallace, PDDGER • Chairman

The California-Hawaii Elks Association Vocational Grant Program is available year-round and offers need-based financial support to residents of California, or Hawaii, who are U.S. citizens of any age, and pursuing an eligible vocational or technical program (certificate, diploma, or Associate degree) lasting two years or less.

Eligible fields examples:

- Skilled Trades
- First Responder Academy Training
- Cosmetology and Barbering
- Medical and Dental Technology
- Truck Driving and Automotive Repair
- Media and Film Studies
- And many more hands-on, career-focused programs

Award Details:

- Grant Amount: \$500 to \$1,000 per academic year (based on program length and cost).
- Renewable: Yes — recipients may apply for a second year of funding if continuing in the same program.
- Payment: Funds are paid directly to the school to cover tuition, fees, books, supplies, and room/board (if living on campus).

Application Checklist:

Applicants must submit the following through the Elks Lodge in their legal residence area (only one Lodge may receive the application).

Signed and dated application (submitted to the Lodge Scholarship Chair, Exalted Ruler, or Secretary).

Personal statement (up to 350 words) describing accomplishments, financial need, career goals, and course plans.

Academic transcripts, or work record, from the past two years, or a brief explanation if returning after a gap.

School acceptance letter or enrollment confirmation with program details.

Pamphlet and/or description of the course of study from the institution.

A Call to Action for All California-Hawaii Elks Lodges:

Help spread the word! If you know someone who could benefit from vocational training support, encourage them to contact their local Elks Lodge or visit chea-elks.org to learn more and download the application. Or contact Harvey Boelts or myself directly.

Together, we can help build stronger futures — one skilled student at a time.

The **Elks National Foundation (ENF) Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship** is a prestigious, merit and need based

award presented annually to outstanding United States high school seniors. Here's a breakdown of the current program details:

What It Is and Who's Eligible:

- Open to high school seniors in the U.S., including home-schooled students; high school graduates are not eligible. U.S. citizenship (not just legal residency) is required at the time of submission — familial relation to the Elks not necessary.
- The application evaluates candidates on scholarship (academics), leadership, community service, and financial need.

Application Timeline and Deadline:

- For the 2026 competition, the application opens on August 1, 2025, and closes on November 12, 2025 at 11:59p.m. Pacific Time.

Awards and Tuition Support:

Elks National Foundation awards 500 national Scholarships each year:

- Top 20 finalists: \$30,000 over four years (about \$7,500 /year), selected at Leadership Weekend in Chicago.
- 480 runners-up (semi-finalists): \$4,000 total (across four years), guaranteed after reaching semi-finalist round.

A Call to Action for All California-Hawaii Elks Lodges:

Help spread the word!

If you know any high school seniors planning to begin a four-year program next year who could benefit from an Elks' Scholarship, encourage them to start their Scholarship application on Elks.org. Together, we can help build stronger futures — one skilled student at a time.

What Are the Legacy Awards?

- These are national Scholarships of \$4,000 (\$1,000/year for 4 years) awarded through the Elks National Foundation (ENF) to eligible high school seniors.
- Winners are selected by a professional committee based on the core values of the Elks: Knowledge, Charity, Community, and Integrity.
- A total of about 350 awards are granted each year in the Legacy contest.

Legacy Award Eligibility Overview:

- Must be a high school senior planning to enroll in an accredited U.S. college or university. Students from Guam, Puerto Rico, Panama, and the Philippines may apply to institutions in their respective regions.
- Must be a child, grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined on or before a specific cutoff date. The Elk must have maintained a paid-up membership for two contiguous years up to March 31 of the award year. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
- If both parent and grandparent are Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Lodge.

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Public Relations

Dennis Hunter, PDDGER • Chairman

The California-Hawaii Elks Association holds four Public Relations Contests each year in order to recognize those Lodges who are publicizing our Order.

Best Web Site Contest: Lodges may submit their **Lodge Website or Lodge Facebook page** but not both. Your site or page will be judged on Content (news of Grand Lodge, State and Local programs); Layout (menu, accessibility, readability); Design (special presentation methods); Graphics (pop up or scrolling messages, use of graphics or photographs); and telling of the Elks Story. All entries must be received by September 1, 2025.

Lodge Bulletin Brochure: Be sure to include three consecutive issues of your Lodge Bulletin, published between April and December. Must be submitted to be received no later than February 1, 2026.

Community Service and Image Brochure: Please include Public Relations materials: newspaper articles, Lodge Bulletin articles, radio and television announcements, thank you letters, etc. since April 1st. Items must be submitted no later than February 15, 2026.

Single Best Event Brochure: Submit the one most outstanding or continuing event that has contributed the most to your community and the Lodge this year. Entries must be received by February 15, 2026.

These Contests are open to all Lodges and we encourage you to participate. The rules for each Contest may be found on the www.chea-elks.org website under Public Relations. You compete only against Lodges in your Division (based on number of members). Your District Public Relations Chair has entry forms and complete instructions on how to enter these Contests.

The Best Web Site Contest winners will be announced in the next issue of the CHEA Magazine, and at our Mid-Term Conference in Santa Clara on November 7th and 8th.

The other three Contest winners will be announced in a future issue of the CHEA Magazine, and at our CHEA Convention in Palm Springs on May 13-16, 2026.



El Cajon Lodge 1812, along with other **South Coast District Lodges**, **San Diego Lodge 168**, **Vista Lodge 1968**, **Chula Vista Lodge 2011**, responded after a private business jet crash in San Diego on May 22, 2025. The Cessna Citation 550 jet, crashed in the Murphy Canyon military housing neighborhood around 3:45 a.m. after hitting power lines in heavy fog, killing all six people onboard and destroying multiple homes and vehicles. The South Coast District Elks donated a combined total of \$19,000 to the Armed Services YMCA to help the affected families recover and rebuild.

President's Message

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Lodge were so excited to have us there, because he is the first Vice President to come from that Lodge in twenty-one years.

We were joined by, Past President Tim Jaeger & Sandy, plus Exalted Rulers and members who drove up to six hours, to share this extraordinary weekend with us. The Crescent City Emblem Club ladies make a mean, green bean dish. Thank you all very much

The business of Elksdom is going strong. Nicole Sato and Bryan Baker are again bringing the Learning Seminars to a District near you. Please check the CHEA website for the flyer and information on each of them. This was a huge success last year and many of you have been asking for more training, so please bring as many members as possible.

I'll end with stressing the importance of donating to the Elks National Foundation, via the Fidelity Club. The California-Hawaii Elks Association receives around \$2 for every \$1 we donate to ENF. That's TWICE the BANG for your Buck, for all CHEA programs, including our beloved Purple Pig program. Now that we are in our 75th year of CHEMPI, let's double what we can do for our children with disabilities. Will you join me in being SOLD on ENF?

Mary Kay and I look forward to seeing many, if not all, of you in Santa Clara for the Mid-Term Conference, November 7th and 8th. Until then I hope you'll stay **SOLD on Elksdom!**



Orange Lodge 1475 in July was recognized by the Orange Chamber of Commerce and received the Best of Orange Award in the Association/Non-Profit Organizations category. This award was voted on by the citizens of Orange. Pictured (L-R) are Gary Doeberiner, Lynn Butler, Julie Sutton, Sean and Renee Chavarria, Salina Miller, Julie Brown, Jennifer and Kelley Martinez, Tracey Nowakowski, Janine Strom and Clark Balvanz.

In other news, the Lodge supported the Jasper Ray Foundation. Jasper did not reach his second birthday because of a 100 percent preventable tragedy. Drowning is the number one cause of accidental death for one to four year-old children. The Lodge made a \$1,500 donation to the Jasper Ray Foundation. The donation will go to the Youth Center of Orange for swim lessons at their summer swim camp.

Paradise Lodge 2026 presented a \$2,000 Beacon Grant to the Paradise Boys & Girls Club. The money will be used to help the Boys & Girls Club's Camp Jamoa, a seven-week summer camp program for local children.



Membership Retention and Lapsation

James Warrick, PDDGER • Chairman

SOLD ON ORIENTATION!

How do Elks engage new members? Is it a “turn in application and you’re in” process that becomes in the front door and out the back? Or, is there a buddy system where new members have someone to help them become an active part in the Lodge? The Modesto Elks have new members complete an interest survey, then upload into a Google Drive document and use Sign Up Genius for volunteer opportunities. Santa Clarita Lodge has a quarterly “Welcome Wagon” Orientation for new and current members. Santa Maria features both the new Grand Lodge Orientation Video and a slide show of events happening at their Lodge. Santa Ynez holds an annual membership appreciation free dinner to reinforce participation and volunteerism. Santa Barbara Elks show an in-house video to explain things they do at their Lodge. San Francisco Elks use the “Second Step” listed on the CHEA Website under Membership. The month after formal Orientation and Initiation, Carmichael Lodge invites new members to a second informal Orientation pizza night, where they may sign up to help with specific events.

To engage new members, several Lodges use vehicles like Mailchimp, Constant Contact, text messages, and Zoom. Many Lodges also post photos of new members and list sponsors’ names on the Bulletin Board to promote a feeling of importance and belonging.

After interviews and Orientations, a meeting for the purpose of Initiation into the Order, may take place on any day, at any Lodge. How about a daytime “Round Up Day” Initiation at 10:00 am on a Saturday, followed by a picnic lunch? Invite other Lodges in the area to participate. Maybe dedicate the class of new members in honor of your District Deputy or some other leader within your District. The impression produced upon the minds of the candidates will help them become “SOLD on Elkdom”.



San Diego Lodge 168 held their annual Youth Night Awards dinner and ceremony. Hoop Shoot Awards were recognized, eleven Americanism Essay Awards we presented, eight Drug Awareness awards were presented, and thirteen Scholarship Awards were given out. A total of \$17,000 in award monies were presented to the students.

Fremont Lodge 2121 used a Gratitude Grant to partner with Abode Services to help create a resource area for the children at the Cedar Property facility. The focus has been on creating a positive learning environment for these children. The Lodge purchased two bookshelves for the facility and craft projects for the children. They also helped secure donated books to fill the bookshelves. The focus is to help open the world of learning and creating to the children who have faced much adversity in their young lives.



Lodge Activities

Rudy Guerra, PDDGER • Chairman

Celebrating Our Lodge Activities and Honoring Our Members

As we look back on the past few months, our Lodges have been full of activity, community service, and heartfelt moments.

Association Vice President Visitations Complete

We successfully completed the Association Vice President visitation, and it was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Lodges and all the hard work of our members. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for these important visits.

Father’s Day Celebrations

This year’s Father’s Day gatherings were a special day filled with family, laughter, and gratitude for the fathers and father figures who continue to inspire us with their love and support.

Grand Lodge in Kansas City

A highlight of the summer was the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City, where we joined in celebrating and congratulating our incoming District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers. It was a proud moment for our Districts and an inspiring reminder of the strength of Elkdom nationwide.

Independence Day Festivities

Lodges came together to honor our great nation on Independence Day. Our celebrations reflected the patriotic spirit of the Elks and our commitment to our communities and country.

Lodge Activity Reporting – A Call to Action

While only four of our Districts submitted their Lodge Activity Reports, we know we can do better. Every Activity—big or small—should be reported. From Veterans Breakfasts to Friday Night Dinners, every event showcases the heart of our Lodges and the dedication of our members. Sharing these Activities not only tells our story but also strengthens our presence in the community.

Remembering Dear Friends

Lastly, our hearts are heavy with the recent passing of our dear friends, Karen Buchanan and Denise Silva. They will be missed by all who knew, loved, and appreciated their friendship, and contributions to our Lodges. Their memories will continue to inspire us.

As we move forward, let us honor our friends, support our Lodges, and continue building the legacy of the Elks.



San Francisco Lodge 3 concluded more than three years of volunteer work with the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, which ended its “pop-up food pantries” due to the end of emergency funds that began in response to pandemic. Since January 2022, San Francisco Elks have volunteered their time, helping serve fresh and packaged foods to over 6,000 local residents in need.

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Government Relations

Alyssa Santos, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings fellow Elks ,

I'd like to share some information I received while attending training for the Government Relations State Chairmen at our Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City.

Letting your local government - City Council and Chamber of Commerce know what you're doing for the community is essential.

Included in the Government Relations Manual, available on elks.org, are examples of letters you can send to share the good works we are doing. Doing this brings awareness to our organization to those that aren't familiar with the Elks. Honestly, it is beyond impressive how much each and every Lodge is doing for their community. It is essential that we record our mileage, hours spent volunteering, cash, and non cash contributions, to grasp how much of what we are doing contributes and makes a difference.

You can use the following information, but I'd suggest you highlight your Lodges individual contributions in your letter as well.

Below are the numbers compiled by the Office of the Grand Secretary for the 2024-2025 fraternal year for California and Hawaii. You can find this information on elks.org under Grand Lodge Reports - Charitable Reports.

Program participants: 1,503,177
Elks who worked: 392,155
Helpers of Elks who worked: 474,639
Total Workers: 866,794
Elks Donated Hours: 1,146,547
Helpers Hours Donated 648,570
Total Hours: 1,795,117
Cash value of Donated Hours: * \$53,763,754
Elks Miles Traveled: 3,502,787
Helpers Miles Traveled: 1,448,161
Total Miles Traveled: 4,950,948
Cash Value of Miles Traveled: *\$2,921,059
Cash Contributions: \$10,272,709.00
Non Cash Contributions: \$12,379,712
Total Contributions: \$79,337,234

A reminder that it is crucial to update your charity records on a regular basis to make sure all of your events are included.

This is a perfect time of the year to spread the word of your Lodge and participate in things like National Night Out, Summer City events, Back to School Events, and attend local Chamber of Commerce events. Be sure to invite your local city officials to your Lodge picnics, fundraising events, and your ongoing Lodge events, so they can see what we are all about and hopefully begin to partner with us. Together we strengthen our ability to do more for those in need.

Our Grand Exalted Rulers theme for the year is **"Be the Difference"**, a great slogan that needs to be shared as we really do make a difference in our communities.

A reminder, please look for the Government Relations Table at the Mid-Term Conference in Santa Clara. Stop by and say hi to Vice Chair Kris Picard and myself. We are here to help you .

*The Federal Government has determined that the cost of work done by charitable organizations like the Elks, would average out to \$29.95 per hour, if performed by social care and government agencies. Miles computed at .59 per mile.

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Chico Lodge 423 was honored to host the Vietnam Memorial Moving wall. Chico Elks Veteran, John Herbert's effort and dedication from the first phone call, to the last bolt—held the whole project together. Visitors found names, left flowers, and for many, for the first time felt their service was seen.

Elk Grove Lodge 2577 hosted a dinner for the local Elk Grove Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for foster youths. Members of the Lodge and community learned about the CASA program, and their areas of need in which the Lodge may be able to consider assistance.



Orange Lodge 1475, answered Orange Mayor Dan Slater's call for help to clean trash along the 55 freeway. Pictured (L-R) in the freeway cleanup project are Donna English, Andy Benvin, Alan Knacker, Mayor Dan Slater, Sean Chavarria, Mike Isaac, Robert Paul and Doug Redding.

Gilroy Lodge 1567 awarded over \$14,000 in Scholarships to local high schools students and students from the local community college who are transferring to a four year college to pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy.



Youth/Soccer Activities

Jim McCloskey, PDDGER • Chairman

Our first quarter of the Elk year has come and gone, and Vice-Chairman, Adrienne Castaneda and I would like to thank everyone who assisted in collecting the information for the District reports. We were pleased to see each of the nineteen California-Hawaii Elks Association Districts had reports submitted by their respective Chairmen. Reporting of our activities maintains the non-profit status of the Elks. It recognizes the efforts made by the members, Lodges and Districts, and reflects on the viability of our programs.

As we move into the second quarter, Lodges are presented with many opportunities to expand their Youth Activities programs. Early planning and follow up is necessary to assure successful presentation of Activities throughout the year. Lodges need to have events scheduled on the Lodge calendar and presented to the Board with a plan to permit proper funding of the projects. Promote the projects within the Lodge membership to encourage interest in the Youth Activities program.

Many of our Youth Activities are school-based, and schools are becoming more protective of their instruction time. With summer breaks ending soon, early contact with the appropriate administrators is a must in order to coordinate with their schedules and to allow the Lodge time to order supplies for the Activity. One successful event can open the door for future opportunities to continue involvement during the course of the school year.

We are seeing an increase in reporting and requests for information on Soccer Shoots, and there is still time to plan for a Soccer Shoot event. Lodges are taking advantage of partnering with established leagues or Parks and Recreation programs to include a Soccer Shoot Activity, and to help secure a venue and recruitment of participants.

Our Youth Activities programs are fulfilling experiences for our youth, build strong ties with the community and provide a wide range of exposure for the Elks organization.

"Our Youth – Our Future"



Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elk's Lodge 2591 gave more than 1,000 backpacks, filled with essential school supplies, to students from grades K–12. The event extended beyond school supplies, offering free haircuts and sharing Drug Awareness resources to support children as they head into the new school year. Pictured above are Lodge volunteers who assisted with the project.



Santa Maria Lodge 1538 supported three Challenger Little League teams and held an awards banquet in their honor at the Lodge. This organization was founded in 1989 and is an adaptive baseball program for children with physical and intellectual challenges. The game is played with a softer ball, all players bat and round the bases, no outs are made.

In other news, the Lodge has introduced two new family-oriented summer events, Splish Splash, a water park on the lawn with water slides, pools, slip n' slides, all things water. Families enjoy fun afternoon of water play, hot dogs, hamburgers, and sodas. June through September the Lodge has a family friendly Movie Night on the lawn.



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 Youth Activities Committee donated 144 playground balls to six Title 1 Elementary Schools in the Garden Grove School District. Pictured is Peter's Elementary School Principal Jean Camp, Exalted Ruler, Chris Garland, and Youth Activities Chairman, Karen Garland.



Paradise Lodge 2026, presented \$8,400 in Scholarships to (L-R) Madison Vannucci, Catrin Cassings, Molly Boutelle, Jan Keller, Scholarship Chair, Melody Franco, Tanner Stratton, and Noah Perez.



Veterans Service

John Hardman, PDDGER • Chairman

Aloha Brothers & Sisters,

At the 2025 Grand Lodge, I was able to attend training and seminars related to Veterans. On the Veterans News webpage, you can find links to some of the events and activities - <https://www.elks.org/vets/news.cfm?StoryID=145266>. In addition, if you go to <https://www.elks.org/vets/> you can find information on all of our programs - Emergency Assistance, Focus Grants, Freedom Grants, and Veterans Leather.

All of this information provides insight and ideas on how we, as Elks, can help Veterans. Please take the time to look at each of these. Share them with members and non-members at your Lodge events.

Here's some information on what we, as Elks, accomplished in 2024-25:

Welcome Home Kits: In 2024-25, there were 4,252 kits distributed. 43.5% of this included a bed. The average amount spent was \$367 per kit. A total of \$1,560,000 spent on kits for Veterans. 569 Lodges in 45 states have participated.

Elks Emergency Assistance Fund: Financial assistance directly to veterans to help them exit or prevent homelessness. Veterans registered and receiving services from the VA in thirteen metropolitan areas with the highest number of homeless veterans are eligible. Assistance is used for rent, security deposit, or utilities. Average amount awarded was \$1,659.

Freedom Grants: There will be 1,003 grants awarded in all 50 states. 108,249 veterans were served. 12,445 Elks were involved for a total of 672,158 Elk volunteer hours. Elk involvement has increased 33% over 2023-24.

Elks Voluntary Service: The cornerstone of the ENVSC, is a facility-based volunteer program. It was started by the VA in 1946. Volunteers are required to be certified by the national ENVSC office and undergo training the local level. Volunteers receive monthly stipends to help fund activities and support for veterans at local facilities. In 2024-25 at 413 facilities, a total of 744,842 veterans were served. VA Medical Centers (VAMC) and State Veteran Homes account for 69% of the facilities. Each VAVS Rep/Deputy Rep served 168 veterans monthly. On average, 2.3 visits a month. 119,097 Elk volunteer hours. A total of \$1,280,926 spent.

Focus Grants: Lodges in the thirteen metropolitan areas with the highest number of homeless veterans are eligible. In California-Hawaii those areas are San Diego, Los Angeles, Loma Linda, and San Francisco. Lodges can apply for between \$5,000 and \$10,000. In 2024-2025, forty-one grants were awarded to Lodges in twelve focus areas. 8,147 veterans experiencing homelessness were served. 1,074 Elk were involved for a total of 22,017 Elk volunteer hours.

Veterans Leather Program: In 2024-25, 1,305 wheelchair gloves were distributed. 228 hides (crafting leather) were distributed to hospitals and clinics. 34,044 square feet of

leather was donated to Help Heal Vets (they make the gloves). 8,425 hides donated by Elks. 8,929 craft kits were distributed.

In closing, my Vice-Chair, Dan Baccelliere, and I commend each of you members 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!



Riverside Lodge 643 Veterans Committee put the Elks spirit of service into motion by delivering over \$2,400 in food, toiletries, and household essentials to the U.S. Veterans Pantry at March Veterans Village.



Glendale Elks 1289 donated \$6,000, from a combination of Beacon and Spotlight Grants, plus solar lighting and a dog waste station to 4 Paws 4 Patriots. 4 Paws 4 Patriots pairs a disabled Veteran with an untrained dog, trains them together to become a service dog team. Pictured (L-R) Lodge Members Garry Ackerman, John Rieger, PER, Penny Rieger PER donating the check and station to Tim LaBlanc, Veteran owner of 4 Paws 4 Patriots, and volunteer, Rita.

Eureka Lodge 652 received a donation of \$600 in non-perishable food items for the Eureka Veterans Medical Clinic's "Little Food Pantry" from the Eureka 4th Degree Assembly, and Arcata and Fortuna Councils of the Knights of Columbus. The "Little Food Pantry" was established by the Lodge Veterans Committee to provide essential food assistance to Veterans facing difficult circumstances.

San Rafael Lodge 1108 held their Annual Veterans Dinner as well as a Silent & Live Auction Fundraiser raised \$12,000 for the Lodge's Veterans Services program. This unique program focuses on providing furnishings and housewares through in-kind and cash donations to formerly homeless veterans who receive an apartment through Section 8 vouchers. Over the past several years, over 100 veterans have benefitted.

Santa Monica Lodge 906, working with the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration's Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) to provide thirty-five Welcome Home Kits through Elks Veterans Services program for homeless veterans transitioning to new homes on West Los Angeles campus.



Drug Awareness

Susan Good, PDDGER • Chairman

CHEA Elks: Join us once again as we burst with pride and share the exciting news we received during the two-day national training our Elks National Drug Awareness Program (DAP) provided for State Chairs from throughout the country just before Grand Lodge began in Kansas City, Missouri!

Here is a taste of the exciting announcements:

New DAP Contest Theme!

Our new 2025-26 theme for our DAP Poster, Essay, and Pre-High School and High School Video Contests is **"Drugs Are a Grave Mistake!"**

Spread the word about our four Contest categories available to as many young people in your community as you can—at public and private schools, at Boy's and Girl's Clubs and at City Recreation Departments, and, of course, at your Lodges to the children and grandchildren of your members. We have contest categories for students from Third Grade through High School and the chance to win very impressive monetary prizes. Did you know that our CHEA Drug Awareness Contest Prizes are amongst the highest in the Order?

All of the information you need regarding the Contests, including rules, entry forms, and parental release forms is on our chea-elks.org DAP website. Entries are due to your District DAP Chair by December 15th. District Chairs will then judge the entries from their Districts and send the winning one in each Contest to CHEA Vice Chair, Patty Hamilton, and to me. We then have the difficult task of selecting the top three in each category and forwarding our CHEA First Place Winners on to the National DAP Program to compete with other First Place winners across the country for the opportunity to be honored as the National Poster, Essay, Pre-High School Video or High School Video Winner of the Year!

Please distribute the entry materials in your community now, if you haven't already. The young people in your Lodge service area are counting on you!

Speaking of National Winners...

Imagine our joy when we learned that for the third year in a row, our CHEA entry in the 2024-25 Pre-High School Video Contest is the National First Place winner! The coveted national recognition belongs to the individual and creative efforts of a Sixth Grader named Conner D. from Saint Therese Academy in San Diego for his video titled *"Big Dreams."* His entry was submitted by our CHEA DAP Vice Chair Patty Hamilton and we extend a big "thank you" to our Lodge Drug Awareness Chair, Kathleen Kuttler, Past CHEA Drug Awareness Chair and Past Exalted Ruler, and Sarah Lynn DePaul, 2024-25 Exalted Ruler, both from San Diego Lodge 168, for giving Conner the Contest information and the opportunity to be our Elks National Drug Awareness Pre-High School Video Contest Winner! For a special treat, watch Conner's winning video on our chea-elks.org website.

Enrique S. Camarena Nominations

Our Elks Second Quarter is in full swing, and it is easily one of our busiest times of the year. In addition to securing entries for our four DAP Contests, we are tasked with reaching out to our local law enforcement leaders to identify nominees from amongst their colleagues who have made outstanding contributions to increase the awareness of the danger of drugs and to prevent our young people from succumbing to drug abuse in the first place.

Send your completed nomination packets to your DAP District Chair who will then forward all nominations received to DAP Vice Chair Patty Hamilton and myself no later than October 15th. For the award criteria and nomination forms, go to one of our two Drug Awareness Program listings (either under Committees or under Youth Activities) at chea-elks.org.

Red Ribbon Week

Our annual Red Ribbon Week celebration to promote Drug Awareness and encourage drug-free living nation-wide is from Thursday, October 23rd to Friday, October 31st. For ideas and resources for ways your Lodges can make a difference in your communities during Red Ribbon Week this year, go to the website of one of our Elks Drug Awareness Program partners, the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) at www.dea.gov/redribbon. There you will find twenty ideas for activities, a media toolkit, sample proclamations, and press releases, etc.

National Substance Abuse Prevention Month

Another one of our Elks DAP partners, the government agency SAMHSA, which stands for Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, designated October as "Substance Abuse Prevention Month." The purpose of the designation is to raise awareness about the importance of preventing substance abuse among individuals, particularly youth. For resources and ideas for activities for your Lodges during the entire month, in addition to Red Ribbon Week, go to your browser, search "Substance Abuse Prevention Month," select the link to SAMHSA, and you will find website graphics, flyers to download, etc.

As always, Vice Chair Patty Hamilton and I are just a phone call, or email away, if you need an answer to a Drug Awareness Program question and/or have suggestions for ways to enhance our CHEA DAP Program. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



Merced Lodge 1240 held a Drug Awareness program event for students with special needs in grades Pre-K through Second Grade, enrolled at Merced County Office of Education. There were 890 participants, which included the school staff and parents. The activities included unlimited rides at the Kiddieland amusement park, admission to Applegate Zoo, making anti-drug designs and turning them into badges to wear, obtaining Drug Awareness coloring books and bookmarks, photo booth, and other activities. Funding for this Drug Awareness event came from Merced Elks Bingo, Elks National Foundation Beacon, and Spotlight Grants.

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



Marty Mello • Woodland 1299
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Deborah Brown	3	Ellen Burk	1240	Suzanne Mallory	1900	Nick Moretta	2389
Edward Gilbert, Jr.	6	Danny Fialho	1240	Mike Patterson	1900	Joseph Vela	2389
Don Beck	423	Larry Shankland	1240	Eddie Edwards	1913	Helen "Cookie" Akesson	2444
Sid Brown	423	Robert & Eileen Riedel	1282	Tom, Rebecca, Guy & Rudy Kunkel	1913	Steve Hearst (4)	2477
Scarlett Rhoads	423	Venita Brazier	1285	John Bliss	1918	Daniel Hoffman	2477
Tray Robinson	423	Marla Buckmaster	1299	Lance Slimmer	1952	Lyssa Wright	2477
David Millwood (18)	616	Marty & Debra Mello (11)	1299	Kurt Mayo	1959	David Coleman	2492
Jim (Pam) Olson	652	Mike Harvey	1342	Kathy Torres	1959	Kari Sears	2492
Neil F. Yeager	672	Jerry Baltz	1378	Michael Donohue	1991	Donald Kammerer	2577
Marietta Parkinson	794	John Hillman	1424	Tom & Julie Pintarelli	1991	Patricia Krueger	2599
John Scally	824	Seth Mallory	1471	Brenda Sherman (2)	1991	Kim Riehl	2599
Mike Szeles	824	Alan J. Gussin	1475	David Ayala	2011	Gerald Droze	2616
Les Yeffa	824	Gunther Schroth	1475	Ken Petri	2046	Carl Dandy	2704
Cindy Spickler	832	Gordon Belt	1497	Jayne Roszhart	2050	Edward Giannelli	2704
Robert Cones	836	Charles Buel	1561	Gerard Finnerty	2128	Kathy Rogers	2790
Frank Frazier	906	Greg & Sandy Koester (2)	1561	Michael Sullivan	2230	Meredith Thomas	2790
Ken Getzin	966	Sharon Dearborn (2)	1767	Lesley Dale	2248		
Arthur Kurrasch	1015	Mark Layman (4)	1786	Roberta "Bobbie" Flatt	2248		
Howard Weinman (6)	1015	Laurence Ashbacher	1812	Walter A Flatt	2248		

CHEMPI Latest Century Club Donors (\$100) • (June 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025)

Edward Gilbert	6	Chris Geelan	583	Carl Peterson (2)	832	David Leonard	1285
Laura Jean Jenkins (2)	6	John Jessup	583	Cynthia Spickler	832	Lori Willingham	1285
Kelly Strong	6	Suzanne La Salle	583	Kenneth Spingola	832	Roberta Crawford	1298
Janine Wilson	6	Chris Petrotta (2)	583	James Atwood	901	Gene Quesnoy (5)	1298
Eric Barron	423	Gary Schindler (2)	583	Benjamin Dillingham	901	Scott Reeder	1298
Cathy Bechtel	423	David Millwood (9)	616	Julie Ferrari	901	Mike Saulque	1298
Denise Dykhhouse	423	Brett Engel	652	Nadine Hess	901	Marla Buckmaster (2)	1299
April Gill	423	Bill Lambo	652	Kenneth Hillman	901	Edward Silva	1328
Karen Hamar (3)	423	Ernie Nunes	652	Charlotte Kobayashi	901	James Brosius	1342
Pamela Hileski	423	Jim Olson	652	Elizabeth Beers	906	Jerry "Gene" Day (2)	1342
Jan Jordan	423	Don Stocker	672	Gary Bennett (7)	906	Chad Everett (2)	1342
Rosada Koshak	423	Brenda Caldera (2)	794	Donald Checchi	906	Joyce Gloth (2)	1342
Steve Laird (2)	423	Colleen Daddario (2)	794	Audrey O'Donnell (5)	906	Mike Harvey	1342
Suzanne Lightner	423	Sue McKee (2)	794	Patrick Parins	906	Dale Huckaby	1342
Bernard Lightner	423	Marietta Parkinson (2)	794	Rosie Rangel (2)	906	Mary Jayne Fusick (2)	1342
Ron Magoon (2)	423	John Pollock	794	Irma Santiago (4)	906	Sylvia Martniez (2)	1342
John McMakin	423	Patty Saladera	794	Gloria Steck (6)	906	Mary McCaig (2)	1342
Tammy Meigs (2)	423	Rachel Snell (2)	794	Michelle VanLerberghe (2)	906	Eddie Pacheco (2)	1342
Jim Perez	423	George Will (2)	794	Leslie Chapman	1240	Michelle Pacheco (2)	1342
Donna Perez	423	Jim Baker	824	Cathy Climer	1240	Dana Romero	1342
Linda Reynolds	423	Kevin Lohman	824	Bert Crane	1240	Jerry Baltz (4)	1378
Barbara Ross	423	Mary Rose Mackenzie	824	Danny Fialho (6)	1240	Andrew Kjos (3)	1471
Laura Yanez	423	Ian Mackenzie	824	Steve Jones	1240	Seth Mallory (2)	1471
Bennie Copeland	439	Louis Paolino	824	Vivan Passwaters	1240	Barbara Weller (2)	1471
Jack Meylink	538	Gary Pezzi	824	Hubert Walsh	1240	Bill Andrew	1497
Justin Arenault	583	Karl Philipovitch	824	Burling Bowne	1250	Gordon Belt (4)	1497
Mike Brittingham	583	John Scally	824	Blair Etzler	1250	Danny Blanch (4)	1497
Michelle Brittingham	583	Georgann Scally	824	Johnny McGinnis	1250	Michael McBride	1497
Wayne Brown	583	Dannette Shoemaker	824	Bob & Eileen Riedel (5)	1282	James Sigler	1497
Thomas Dorsey	583	Marcus Supan (2)	824	Theodore Blocker	1285	Rose Sigler	1497
Jim Everett	583	Mark Swanson	824	James Collins	1285	Susan Mandler	1538
Ken Galasso	583	Christine Walker	824	Virginia Crapo	1285	Victor Costello (6)	1539
Paul Garcia (4)	583	Dennis Pangburn	832	Jeff Gorman	1285	Robert Medellin	1539

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David Marano	1567	Victor Long	1959	Raymond Rush	2059	Clint McDonald	2444
Jake Parsons	1587	Dennis Moder	1959	Mike Bianchi	2091	Elaine Thomson (2)	2444
Ron Ramos	1587	Patrick Piekarski	1959	Aaron Grech	2091	Rod Wilbert	2444
Carol Allen	1608	Erlinda Puig	1959	Mike McCurdy	2091	Douglas Brown (2)	2477
Kelly Butterfield	1608	Dave Reynoso	1959	Eric & Carmen Thorsen	2091	Gary Erland (4)	2477
Sandra Erickson	1608	Victoria Rivea (2)	1959	Regina Devine (2)	2103	Darryl Kopacz (3)	2477
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Ross Nakatani	2697	Marvin Elrod	2699	Patricia "Patti" Powell	2704		

Lodge Group Donations Exceeding \$150

(April 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025)

Orange Coast District Golf	\$5,000.00	Orange Coast Dist
South Coast District	\$1,652.00 For Elks Rally 2024	South Coast Distr
San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 3 Bingo	\$5,395.00	San Francisco 3
Chico Elks Ladies	\$250.00	Chico 423
Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643	\$11,469.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Riverside 643
Redwood Roamers RV Club	\$400.00	Eureka 652
Allensby Charitable Trust	\$1,000.00	San Rafael 1108
Ontario Elks Lodge No. 1419	\$2,638.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Ontario 1419
Ventura Elks Emblem Club No. 157	\$500.00	Ventura 2393
Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740	\$4,870.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Hemet 1740
Hemet Elks Auxiliary	\$374.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Hemet 1740
Newport Harbor Nauti-Gals	\$1,000.00	Newport Harbor 1767
Big Bear Lake Elks Bingo Players	\$1,152.00	Big Bear Lake 1787
Madera Elks Bingo Club	\$664.50	Madera 1918
Gardena Elks Lodge Bingo Players	\$2,254.00	Gardena 1919
Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959	\$2,080.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Huntington Beach 1959
Huntington Beach Elks Bingo Players	\$13,488.51	Huntington Beach 1959
Vista Elks Bingo Patrons	\$2,500.00	Vista 1968
Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993	\$15,101.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Fullerton 1993
South San Francisco Bingo Players	\$2,160.00	South San Francisco 2091
Scott Watson Traveling Elks	\$240.00	Carmichael 2103
Santa Clarita Bingo Patrons	\$2,677.00	Santa Clarita 2379
Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389	\$2,675.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Yucaipa 2389
Sky Forest Elks Golf Tournament	\$500.00	Sky Forest 2393
Elk Grove Bingo Players	\$1,677.44	Elk Grove 2577
Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge No. 2591	\$2,050.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Lake Elsinore/Wildomar 2591
Southeast District Golf League	\$294.00	Southeast Dist
Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697	\$4,708.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Moreno Valley 2697
Santee-Lakeside Elks Lodge No. 2698	\$3,861.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Santee-Lakeside 2698
Wapiti Wanderers	\$1,083.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Santee-Lakeside 2698
Sutter Lakeside Hospital	\$1,000.00	Lakeport 2704
Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801	\$2,040.00 for Elks Rally 2024	Temecula 2801



Ventura Lodge 1430 used their Spotlight Grant to assist veterans in Ventura County. The Veterans Administration's Clinic in Ventura and Gold Coast Veterans Foundation held a Stand Down to assist veterans with housing, funds, and services needed to keep them housed. The Lodge handed out 200 backpacks filled with lunches and grocery store gift cards. Shown above is Exalted Ruler, Susan West.

In other news, the Lodge, presented a Gratitude Grant check to Flow Surf Academy (FSA). FSA has numerous Ohana Surf days throughout the summer for special needs athletes and their families. Along with learning how to surf, everyone receives breakfast, lunch, and snacks, at no cost.



Needles Lodge 1608 presented Olivia Rodriguez a \$500 Scholarship. Olivia, a graduate of Needles High, will be pursuing a degree in the field of Dentistry at Mohave College. Olivia is pictured above with Exalted Ruler, Brian Dooley, and Lodge Secretary Adela Owensby.

Mount Shasta Lodge 2333 presented Jessa Walker, a Mount Shasta High School graduate, with a \$500 Scholarship. Jessa, was a top rated student in South Siskiyou County.



Chico Lodge 423 had twenty-eight volunteers work an average of four hours each, cutting out a total of 4,000 stars from local retired flags. This program supported by Starsfortroops.org, who pass the legacy their embroidered Stars hold on to those who defend them.

Ontario Lodge 1419 was recognized for its support of the Caramel Connections Seeds Of Joy community garden. The garden, is a volunteer-driven program in Ontario, that aims to improve health and combat food insecurity by teaching local families how to grow their own organic produce.



Sacramento Lodge 6, hosted the New Traditionalists (TNT), a youth honor jazz band, which performed at Elk 6's GreenHaven Pocket Farmers Market to raise money for the refurbishment of donated instruments for deserving students.

Santa Maria Lodge 1538 Golden Circle of Champions founded at the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, supports children battling cancer. Champions is now Golden not only nationwide but is being supported by rodeos in Canada. Every July, Golden Circle hosts the local children, along with their families, at a luncheon held at the Lodge, presenting each of the twenty-five children with a check for \$1,000.

In other news, the Lodge held its semi-annual Swap Meet in the Lodge parking lot raising \$2,400 for Golden Circle. In July the Lodge held a Christmas Craft Fair as a fundraiser for Golden Circle, raising \$2,500.



San Francisco Lodge 3 held its annual Flag Day celebration. They were grateful for participation from many other patriotic groups, namely Sea Scouts Ship 22 & 100, Boy Scouts Troops 3 & 345, Mission High School US Army JROTC, United States Military Veterans, United States Army, and other members of the United States Armed Forces. The Flag Presentation was conducted by the Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts Troops. Immediately following the Flag Day celebration, the Lodge also celebrated the United States Army's 250th Birthday, which included young active military personnel speaking about the positive impact of service is in their lives, and a formal swearing in of a group of new Army recruits. AUSA President Mark Benton also announced awards of nearly \$300,000 in Army ROTC Scholarships to two local high school students who will be attending UC Berkeley.



Madera Lodge 1918 donated \$500 from their Bingo Charity fund, to Northern California Special Olympics. Their Summer Games athletes were able to purchase new polo shirts.



Sunnyvale Lodge 2128 awarded Scholarships to Dhruti Halam-bi, Brian Bahr Goldshtein, and Armaan Gomes. The Lodge invited the students, their parents, and school counselors for dinner. The Lodge presented each student with a Certificate of Achievement, as well as a check for \$1,000.

San Clemente Lodge 2068 donated \$1,750 of Gratitude Grant funds to the Shea Center in San Juan Capistrano. The Shea Center is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through therapeutic horse-related programs.

In other news, the Lodge donated the balance of their Gratitude Grant, another \$1,750, to the Little Ones Animal Center in Huntington Beach. Little Ones Animal Center is a compassionate, unique, non-profit organization, a no-kill facility in Orange County.



Honolulu Lodge 616 Elk Ladies got together on July 1st to acknowledge and celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the official acceptance of women becoming bonafide members of the Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks. We came with our most interesting 'Fascinators' or Favorite, Fancy or Fun hats! All enjoyed a delectable array of desserts and lovely finger sandwiches, we left absolutely, happily stuffed! Mahalo nui loa to the Lodge for holding this event for us!

The 57th Annual California Elks Rally

will be hosted by the Golden Village Palms RV Resort, located at 3600 W. Florida Avenue, Hemet, CA 92545.

Whether you prefer RV camping, hotel accommodations, or just want to join us for the day, there are options for everyone.

Get ready for fun, fellowship, and a fantastic cause! We're thrilled to invite you and your members to the 57th Annual California Elks Rally, taking place from October 9-12, 2025!

This year's Rally promises a memorable experience packed with:

**Activities • Games • Delicious Food
... and overall FUN!**

The best part? All net proceeds from the Rally will go to support the Purple Pig, helping us continue our vital work for children with disabilities.

For all the details, including schedules, registration, and accommodation information, please visit our official website: www.ElksRally.org. Also sign up for catered meals because they do sell out!

We can't wait to see you there for a weekend of camaraderie and support for a wonderful cause!



**RV Camping • Hotel Options
or just come for the day!**
Golden Village Palms RV Resort • Hemet
Net proceeds go to the Purple Pig



Chico Lodge 423 Officers, Elks Ladies, and friends, were proudly represented in this year's 4th of July parade in downtown Chico. Featured was Will Patrich, 2025 California-Hawaii Theme Child who is from Chico. Pictured above is Theme Child Will, his twin brother, and parents.



San Pedro Lodge 966 donated \$1,000 Freedom Grant funds to Volunteers of America, Los Angeles (VOALA), to help support transitional housing and provide supplies for unhoused Veterans in San Pedro. In addition to the monetary donation, the Lodge collected clothing, toiletries, and small household items, from Lodge members which were also donated to support the unhoused Veterans. Pictured above are Gloria Lockhart of VOALA and Joe Mendoza, Exalted Ruler.

In other news, the Lodge used a \$9,000 supersized Beacon Grant to provide 260 hygiene bags and new socks to Curt's Kitchen, a meal distribution center in San Pedro for food insecure community members, some of who are also unhoused. Funds were also used to provide 100 newborn baby supply bags to Harbor Pregnancy Help Center, in the neighboring community of Wilmington, for new mothers needing additional support with their newborn babies. Both Curt's Kitchen and Harbor Pregnancy Help Center also received a \$735 donation each, from the Beacon Grant, to support their programs in the community.