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Grand Exalted Ruler Timothy F. Jaeger Honored

Our esteemed Grand Exalted Ruler, **Timothy F. Jaeger**, was recently honored with recognition from **The White House** and received **Certificates of Recognition** from **Congressman Mike Thompson, Senator Christopher Cabaldon, Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry,** and **Assemblymember Damon Connolly.**

These distinguished honors reflect Mr. Jaeger's outstanding leadership, dedication to service, and commitment to making a positive impact in our communities. We congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition and celebrate this remarkable achievement.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 30, 2026

Mr. Timothy F. Jaeger
Petaluma, California

Dear Timothy,

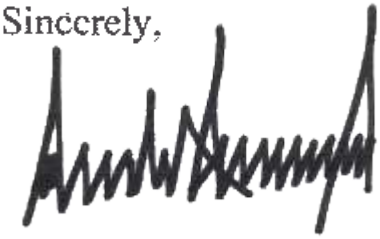
Thank you for your steadfast leadership and commitment to service.

For more than four decades, you have been devoted to serving others and uplifting the lives of those in your community. Your generosity and compassion define the American Spirit at its best.

Our Nation is strong because of patriots like you, who believe in the great American ideals of faith, family, service, and country first.

May God bless you and your wonderful wife, Sandy.

Sincerely,



President's Message



Lynn Glick, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association

Aloha CHEA Elks,

Grand Lodge in Chicago was filled with community building activities from the very first day. Jeff and I attended the Elks Memorial Building 100th Anniversary Rededication Ceremony on Saturday, July 4th. Everyone was dressed in red, white and/or blue and the building itself was draped in the same colors. The music and speeches were inspiring and gave me a new appreciation for all of the history that the building holds. If you were not there in person, I hope you were able to watch the live stream. If you did not catch the live stream, YouTube has an excellent video as well. If you are ever in Chicago, this building is a must see!

I was especially proud and honored to carry our state flag at the Opening Ceremony on Sunday night. I heard the cheering and felt all your love and support. It was great to meet other Association Presidents. I also had the privilege of escorting our newly installed Grand Exalted Ruler Timothy F. Jaeger. I first met Tim and Sandy at an Association Convention in Palm Springs and we formed an instant bond, as we are all from South Dakota. Other highlights from the Convention include the rally for Tim and Sandy headed by Michele Wilson and her amazing team of hundreds of volunteers. Speaking of hundreds of volunteers, I would like to thank all the members and spouses who came to Chicago, to attend the Grand Lodge Convention. We had a sea of blue coats at every meeting. One of the highlights, was sitting in on the various seminars sponsored by Grand Lodge Committees. The Membership and Marketing Seminar was especially informative. For the second year in a row, California-Hawaii was number one in the nation for membership gain, with a net gain of 1,215 members.

There were several highlights at Grand Lodge for CHEA members and Lodges. One of our members, Larry Nelson from Lakewood-Bellflower Lodge, received the National Veterans Service Volunteer of the Year award at Grand Lodge for his work as an Elks Voluntary Service Representative at the Long Beach Veterans Service Center. Congratulations to Larry for his exemplary service.

The Santa Clarita Lodge Ritual team came in third in the nation, and Jeanette Fisher from Santa Clarita won the All-American Esquire award. Congratulations to every Officer on the team, as well as their coaches, for a great performance!

Several Lodges in California received awards for All American Lodge. In Division 1, first place went to Duarte Lodge, in Division 3, first place went to Arcadia Lodge, and in Division 5, first place went to Orange Lodge. Congratulations to those Lodges for exemplifying Elkdom. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the fantastic job that Cliff and Bonnie Wadley, and their trainees Jesse and Karen Vargas, did to make the Convention wonderful for Jeff and I.

On membership, while we can all be proud of being number one in membership this past year, we need to maintain our momentum. As of April 1, of 2026, we were just 722 members away from

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CHEA President Elect **Lynn Glick's** Upcoming Schedule

August 28-30	Central District
September 18-20	Northwest District
September 25-27	Hawaii District
October 2-4	North District
October 8-11	Elks Camper Rally - Hemet
October 16-18	Arizona Elks Mid-Year Meeting
October 23-25	East Central District
November 6-7	**CHEA Mid-Term - Burbank**
November 13-15	West Central District
November 20-22	San Gabriel Valley District

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The 2026 58th Annual Rally at Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet, CA is anticipated to be our largest and best one yet! It's going to be a boot kicking good time raising funds for our Major Project. Last year we had almost 350 rigs and raised just over $100,000. This year we've added more events, more raffles, some amazing meals and camaraderie that surpasses everyone's expectations! The California Elks Camper Rally first got its start back in 1968. From day one, the idea has been simple: bring campers, friends, and fellow Elks together for a weekend of food, fun, games, contests, and plenty of good times—all while supporting the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project, the Purple Pig.



Countless folks stay in near by hotels or join us for the day. It's not to late to register, or come for the day, or weekend! To learn more about the Rally visit **ElksRally.org**. So saddle up cowboys and cowgirls and join us for the fun!



Elks National Foundation

Jere Williams, PDDGER • Chairman

What a wonderful time at the National Convention in Chicago. We witnessed not only Past State President Tim Jaeger become the new Grand Exalted Ruler, but California-Hawaii being first in membership and first in contributions to the Elks National Foundation. This shows the dedication that our members have shown the past year for the Elks National Foundation and our organization.

This fraternal year has started off well. The GER's per capita for the 2026-2027 Elk year is $5.25 per member. Lodges are starting to work towards this goal so their Lodges will be eligible for ENF Grants. Currently, Lodges have obtained 199 Grants totaling $515,500, so the work is underway to continue the improvement of our communities through ENF. The Grand Lodge and the Elks National Foundation are migrating their computer systems, so the Lodge and District information for ENF contributions is not available at this time. However, with the Mid-Term Conference approaching, Association Vice Presidents and ENF Chairpersons should be impressing upon their Districts the importance of Lodges making the per capita and the continuation of increasing the number of participants in the Fidelity Club.

Finally, please report all the good deeds your Lodges are doing with the ENF Grants to your District ENF Chairpersons, my Vice Chair, Steve Graham, or myself. We would love to get your stories and pictures in the CHEA and Grand Lodge magazines, so others can see the outstanding efforts of the California-Hawaii Elks.

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Gilroy Lodge 1567, used a $3,000 Gratitude Grant to donate money to Troop 711 for summer camp at Camp Hi-Sierra. Exalted Ruler Danny Mitchell spoke highly of the Scouts, who volunteer service at Rib Night dinners.

Clovis Lodge 2599 used a Beacon Grant, along with member donations to provided 1,200 backpacks to elementary school children.

Additionally, the Lodge members gathered again to support homeless Veterans in Fresno County. Members created Survival Packs that included a variety of summer essentials. The Lodge delivered the packs to WestCare, a Community Outreach program, who in turn, sent out trained outreach workers to distribute them to homeless Veterans.

Paradise Lodge 2026 presented a $2,000 donation to the Boys and Girls Club for the Camp Jamoa Summer Program. This was part of the ENF Gratitude Grant. The Camp Jamoa program provides full day camp for 1st through 7th grades, with hands on learning.

Norwalk Lodge 2142, using Spotlight Grant funds, has been providing lunch, once a month to the Space Force Delta 3 Security Force at Los Angeles Space Force Base.

In other news the Lodge donated forty cases of soft drinks to the Bob Hope USO at the Los Angeles Airport.

The Lodge, along with the help of an ENF grant, donated food to help fill the pantry of a Veterans facility.

President's Message

Lynn Glick, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association
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reaching 100,000. So, my challenge for this year is for CHEA to reach 100,000 members! Who is ready to bring in these new members? Remember that while this may seem like a small number, we cannot forget that to reach this goal, besides bringing in new members, we must also keep our current members. Our Association Membership Chair, James Warrick, has developed a few goals and suggestions to do this, which he will share with everyone throughout the year. Actions build community and actions build membership. Let's all create community activities that will bring in new members and convince our current members to stay.

We began our District visitations with a wonderful visit to the Metropolitan District, where we went to the Los Angeles Police Department Davis Training Facility. Seargent Doug Winger gave us a great tour of the facility. We watched new recruits learn how to maneuver a car to avoid obstacles among other exercises, and got to shoot non-lethal rounds at a target. The Elks Luncheon Club drew a huge crowd at the Burbank Lodge, and I was welcomed as a new member. Glendale Lodge hosted us at their dinner on Friday night. The Lodge was packed and the music was great. The San Fernando Lodge served us lunch and gave us a tour of their beautiful Lodge. This Lodge has fewer than 100 members, yet this year it awarded $95,000 in Scholarships to local students. One recipient started coming to the Lodge when she was just six years old for Thanksgiving dinner, distributing clothes and toys, with support from the Lodge, she is headed to UC Berkeley this fall. Talk about building their community. Finally, the dinner at Santa Clarita on Saturday night was special because I got to present my Golden Apple award for the first time.

I have asked the Association Vice Presidents to each pick one person from their District to receive the CHEA President's GOLDEN APPLE AWARD. These members should exemplify excellence in an existing, new, or revitalized Youth Activity or Veteran's program. I will present the award at the dinner during each of my official visits. I am proud to announce that I presented the first Golden Apple Award to Stacy McKenna from the Santa Clarita Lodge. Thank you Stacy, for all the work you do for you community.

We will be on the road for the next few weekends and hope to meet many Elks and grow our community. As we head into Fall, I would like everyone to keep in mind that Elks Share and Elks Care for their communities, their families and their members.

Glendale Lodge 1289 used the ENF Beacon and Spotlight Grants, to donate $6,000 to 4 Paws 4 Patriots Service Dogs for Disabled Veterans. The organization matches a Disabled American Veteran with an untrained dog, then trains the Veteran and dog together, to become a Service Dog Team.



Piggy Bank

Blanche Jorge, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings Elk members, thank you for giving so much to the CHEMPI Piggy Bank program. Your small change makes a big difference for disabled children who need medical care, special equipment, and support to better their lives.

We are so grateful for your kind hearts, and steady support. TOGETHER, we CAN help these special children grow, and smile.

Lodges, please continue to report your fundraising efforts supporting the Purple Pig. Submit a Form 11, to request a Therapist make a presentation at your Lodge. Advertise the event, serve hors d'oeuvres, and give your members a deeper understanding of the extent of the Therapists duties and commitment to the children. Please read the Canoga Park Lodge's article on page 7, the Lodge had a CHEMPI Therapist visit recently.

Other fundraising ideas to consider are Corporate Philanthropy, Corporate Giving, or Community "Give Back" nights. E-mail or call me. We will be enormously grateful, and will show them how much we appreciate their act of kindness and support.

Recurring Donors: If you are currently a **Purple Pig Recurring Donor** I would like you to consider "Bumping Up" your current monthly donation. Every increase, no matter the size, will increase our donations to the Purple Pig, we're going to call the program ***"Bump up the Pig"***!

Recurring donations go to your accumulative Millennium Club total and to your Lodge's Piggy Bank total for the donation year.

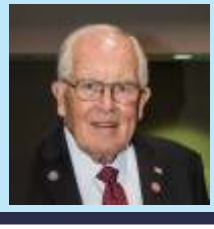


Logo design credit goes to Inland District Piggy Bank Chair, Kira Wagner, from Mojave Lodge 2059. The creation of a pin is under consideration.

SO LET'S *"BUMP UP THE PIG"*!

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A Decade of Dedication: Honoring Ted Olsen for 10 Years as Editor of the California-Hawaii Elks Association Magazine



For the past decade, the California-Hawaii Elks Association Magazine has informed, inspired, and connected members across two states through its consistently professional presentation and engaging content. Behind every issue stands Ted Olsen, whose dedication, creativity, and editorial expertise have made the magazine a respected and valued publication throughout the Association.

Ted brought more than 40 years of printing and graphic design experience when he joined Santa Clarita Lodge No. 2379 in 2009. Recognizing his talents, the Lodge immediately appointed him newsletter editor, a position he recently retired from. Under his leadership, the Lodge newsletter has earned multiple first-place Division III awards. Ted has also served as Public Relations Chairman for both Santa Clarita Lodge and the Metropolitan District and was elected Exalted Ruler of his Lodge for the 2014-2015 term.

His service has been recognized throughout Elkdom. In 2022, Ted was honored during the **Luncheon Club's Roses for the Living** celebration, and in 2025 he received the prestigious **Elks National Foundation Honorary Benefactor Award**, recognizing his outstanding generosity, commitment, and service to the Order.

As Editor of the CHEA Magazine, Ted oversees content submitted by 162 Lodges throughout California and Hawaii. Each issue requires coordinating articles, photographs, reports, and announcements from countless contributors. Ted expertly edits, organizes, and designs this material into a cohesive publication that reflects the accomplishments, spirit, and values of our Association. Working closely with CHEA Officers, Committee Chairs, District Leaders, and Lodge Representatives, he consistently manages tight deadlines, last-minute revisions, and a demanding production schedule with professionalism and grace.

Ted's contributions extend far beyond editing. Through the magazine, he helps unite Lodges across California and Hawaii, showcases charitable and community achievements, and preserves the history and traditions of the Association. His ability to transform hundreds of individual submissions into a compelling and informative publication has strengthened communication and fostered a greater sense of connection among members.

Those who work with Ted know the extraordinary commitment he brings to every issue. He is always willing to assist contributors, answer questions, provide guidance, and help Lodges present their stories effectively. His patience, attention to detail, and collaborative spirit have earned him the admiration and respect of Elks throughout the Association.

Beyond his Elk service, Ted is a devoted family man, proud father of three married daughters and grandfather of six. Continuing a cherished family tradition, one of his daughters is also a member of Santa Clarita Lodge No. 2379.

As we celebrate Ted Olsen's 10th anniversary as Editor of the California-Hawaii Elks Association Magazine, we recognize a decade of exceptional service and leadership. Through his talent, dedication, and countless hours of volunteer effort, he has elevated the magazine into a publication that informs, connects, and inspires members across both states.

Ted, thank you for your ten years of outstanding service, your creativity, your professionalism, and your unwavering commitment to the California-Hawaii Elks Association. Your contributions have left a lasting and immeasurable impact on our Association and the members it serves.



Public Relations

Bryan Baker, PDDGER • Chairman

Continuing the Conversation: Bringing Elkdom's Story to Life

In my last article, I talked about reframing Public Relations in Elkdom — shifting from promoting events to sharing the heart of our charitable work. This next chapter focuses on how we carry that mission forward in today's fast-moving digital world.

Audiences move quickly. They scroll past ads and repetitive posts, but they stop for content that feels genuine. When our Lodges show a variety of faces — members, families, youth, veterans, volunteers, and community partners — we present a fuller picture of our work and the people behind it.

The strongest PR comes from real moments: volunteers serving meals, delivering donations, supporting youth programs, honoring veterans, or partnering with local organizations. Short videos can be especially effective when they're concise — 15–30 seconds for quick updates, up to 60 seconds for a meaningful story.

Consistency also matters. Two to four thoughtful posts each week on Facebook or Instagram keep a Lodge visible without overwhelming followers. The same applies to email: a steady rhythm of relevant updates is far more effective than sending messages only when something urgent arises.

One challenge we continue to face is that many meaningful moments simply aren't captured. If only a few people appear in photos, or if every picture feels posed, the true depth of our work becomes harder to see. Candid photos and short clips — especially those involving families, youth, veterans, and community partners — help the public understand the full reach of our Lodges.

This is why every member plays a role in Public Relations. If you see a moment worth sharing, take the photo or short video and send it to your PR Chairperson, Exalted Ruler, or upload it to a shared platform such as PhotoCircle or Flickr. When more members help capture these moments, our story becomes richer, more accurate, and more inspiring.

As Association Chairman, I am committed to advancing this next phase by revitalizing the California-Hawaii Elks Association Facebook and Instagram platforms. I am working with CHEA Committee Chairs to ensure deadlines, announcements, and important updates are shared clearly and consistently. I am also collaborating with District Chairmen to help Lodges submit stories, photos, and videos that highlight real community impact. Some of these submissions will appear as regular posts, while others will be featured in a new short-form video series called **"CHEA ELKS CARE"**, celebrating meaningful service throughout our Association.

I am also pleased to share that "3 Elks and a Lodge" is planning its return — the reboot renamed "3 Elks and Some Lodges" spotlighting Lodge activities across California and Hawaii. I encourage members to work with their Lodge and District Public Relations Chairmen and submit their successes. Your stories matter, and we want to help share them.

Finally, less than 2% of our members currently follow the California-Hawaii Elks Association Facebook and Instagram platforms. This presents a tremendous opportunity for growth. Every new follower strengthens our collective voice and helps our message reach farther. Two QR codes are included below — one for Facebook and one for Instagram — to make following easy.



As we continue the conversation we focus on capturing and sharing meaningful moments together to show that our *Actions Build Communities.*

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Canoga Park Lodge 2190 held another successful Purple Pig Luau Night, combining fellowship, fundraising, and an inspiring look at the life-changing work of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI). More that $1,800 was raised for the Purple Pig.



Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 donated thirty-seven guitars to Guitars for Veterans, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping military veterans heal through the therapeutic power of music. Included in the group photo from the event featuring Veterans from Guitars for Veterans Kelly Marthaler (USCG), Michelle Bleeker, (Veteran Chair), Ming Chen (US Army), Randy Stanfill (USN), Troy Arrington (USN), and Dustin Case (USN).

Paradise Lodge 2026 held their Annual Car Show, this year naming it Celebration 2026, to celebrate the Year 2026 and our Lodge 2026. Proceeds were divided as follows, ENF $1,500, the Purple Pig $1,500, and $1,000 for the Paradise Elks Scholarship Fund.

Palm Springs Lodge 1905 joined with the Cathedral City Police Officers Association for a back to school backpack and school supplies program. The Lodge provided packs of pencils, glue sticks and drug awareness information to about 400 area school children.



Scholarship and Vocational Grants

Harvey Boelts, PDDGER • Chairman

Hello CHEA Members and family.

The CHEA Vocational Grant program is active and has a successful track record. Some of the grants that have approved this year are: Lineman, Cosmetology, Dental, Fireman, Real Estate Appraisal, Vocational Nursing, Phlebotomy, FCC Radio Operator, and Barber. Applications are accepted year-round. Please get the word out about this program. Have students fill out, and submit, the online application.

California-Hawaii Elks Association
Vocational Grant Program 2026

WHO MAY APPLY: Any prospective student residing within the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) jurisdiction, who plans to pursue an eligible Vocational/Technical course may apply. Persons enrolling in a 4-year course leading to a Bachelor's Degree are NOT eligible. All applicants must be citizens of the United States of America on the date the application is filed.

WHAT PROGRAMS ARE ELIGIBLE? An eligible program shall be defined as a two-year or less Vocational/Technical program, culminating in an Associate Degree, Diploma, Certificate, License, or other evidence of completion. This grant may not be used for courses at or below the high school level. If work-related certification or recertification is required, the job must require a high school diploma or equivalent, and the school must be in the United States.

Examples of courses approved recently are:

- **Vocational Nursing** - 2 year **Police Academy** - 6 month
  Cosmetology - 13 month **Electrical Lineman** - 3 month
  Veterinary Technology - 13 month **Fire Science** - 2 year

WHERE TO FILE: This application must be filed with the California-Hawaii Elks Association Vocational Grant Committee, online via the website (http://chea-elks.org/vocationalgrantapplication) or via vocationalgrants@chea-elks.org email.

HOW DOES THIS GRANT WORK? The grants range from $500 to $2,000. Each grant is for a one-year term, with the option to renew for an additional year. The sum of both years could be up to $4,000. After the California-Hawaii Elks Association Scholarship Committee approves, the Fresno office of the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) makes payments to the school. Payments are conditional upon the student's enrollment in the vocational/technical course in the school, as shown on the application. Payments cannot be made directly to the student. Upon the Elk's receipt of the "Verification of Enrollment" form completed by the proper school officials, a California-Hawaii Elk's Association check will be forwarded to the school to establish a credit for the student for that school year. Payments may not be used to cover charges incurred before grant approval. Unexpended credit is subject to withdrawal if the student's conduct contradicts the principles of law and order and morality supported by the Order of Elks. The grant may also be withdrawn if the course of study changes. Students cannot receive more than one Elks Association Scholarship/Grant in any fiscal year (April 1 - March 31).

The grant may be used for tuition, fees, room and board (if living on campus), books, and supplies. It may be used only for the usual and required costs of a student's planned courses. It may not be used for general living expenses, such as apartment rent, mortgage payments, car expenses, or childcare costs.

WHEN TO APPLY: Submit your completed application online to http://chea-elks.org/vocationalgrantapplication preferably before your course begins, and the school requires payment. The application must be submitted within one month of receiving or downloading it, because the California-Hawaii Elks reserves the right to change the program.

GENERAL INFORMATION: In the Applicant Statement portion of the application. Include details such as budget. Applications and all supporting documents must be written in English or translated into English. All applications become the property of the California-Hawaii Elks Association and will not be returned.

The California-Hawaii Elks Association Vocational Grant Committee will notify applicants via email within sixty days of receiving the application online. Applications can be submitted year-round; however, the California-Hawaii Elks Association Vocational Grant Committee reviews applications from March to December. Expect response times of more than thirty days during January and February. The grant program may end at any time during the year if funding is exhausted, or for other unforeseen reasons. Generally, applications are reviewed by the Grant Committee on the first day of each month. You may request expedited service, but please note that it cannot be guaranteed.

DO NOT INCUR EXPENSES BEFORE RECEIVING WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION VOCATIONAL GRANT COMMITTEE.

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Alturas Lodge 1756 awarded $28,000 in scholarships to five deserving Seniors of Modoc High School. Pictured (L-R) PER Doug Waterman, Katie Erquiaga, Nash McCulley, Allie Weber, Owen Romesha, Jayden Main, and Danny Parker PAVP.

In other news, the Lodge donated its $2,000 Gratitude Grant to High Plateau Humane Society to be used to further its Spay, Neuter and Pet Food Pantry.

Encinitas Lodge 2243 members assembled 120 fully stocked backpacks for children of active-duty military personnel stationed at nearby Camp Pendleton.



Lodge Activities

Lou Apodaca, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha!

How is your Lodge doing in Lodge Activities? There are actually many ways to increase your Lodge Activities, which will help your Lodge become a better functioning organization. After all, many of the activities we do are linked to this important program. For example; weekly Business, as well as Board meetings, Purple Pig events, ENF functions, Karaoke nights, Veteran's Barbeques, PER Picnics, Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot contests, Camping, etc. These are all Lodge Activities which should be reported!

By actively conducting and participating in Lodge Activities, you are increasing the well being, strength, and vitality of your Lodge. These functions are vital in helping to engage your membership in support of your Lodge. Schedule these type of events on your Lodge calendar, promote them and encourage members to volunteer to help with them. Engaging your members will increase their interest, and ultimately, increase their participation in your Lodge. If you are stuck doing the same things week after week, members can get bored and your participation may drop as a result. Keep activities fresh! Always be willing to try new activities, then sit back and watch your Lodge get revitalized. The more interesting and fun that you make it, the better the Lodge will be.

Exalted Rulers, if you have not appointed a Lodge Activities Chairman, please do so. It will help your Lodge in the long run! Better yet, also appoint a Lodge Activities Committee. A group of people working on your Activities will help introduce new and fresh ideas. Follow up by filling out your quarterly reports, filing them with your District Lodge Activities Chairman. Let others know about the great things your Lodge is doing. By conducting more Lodge functions, your Lodge will thrive, members will take notice, wanting to be a part of the fun. Other Lodges will notice and follow in your footsteps. Let's help make the Elks even greater than we are already. Taking the extra steps can, and will make that difference.

Always remember, in the words of CHEA's own Patrick Akes, ***"It's Great to be and Elk!"***

God Bless all of you!

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Ontario Lodge 1419 participated in a local Back To School event with the Lodge Drug Awareness information table. Members distributed Drug Awareness information, passing out pens, pencils and Drug Awareness comic books. Jerry Bogaczyk, Drug Awareness Chairman and his team participated in the event.



Membership Retention and Lapsation

James Warrick, PDDGER • Chairman

The California-Hawaii Elks Association led the way in membership growth last year, but we have some unfinished business. It is time to out reach out and attain 100,00 in membership. It is time to recruit your friends and neighbors to join you in interesting activities at the Lodge. And why not encourage inactive members to reinstate? The Lodge may also reach out to dues paying Stray Elks who may enjoy activities at your Lodge. Consider a special class of new members dedicated in the name of an outstanding member, award Grand Exalted Ruler pins at Lodge meetings, post photos on the bulletin board of you, and your fellow Elks, enjoying activities at your Lodge. Activities build a community of Elks.

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Orange Coast District Lodges were proud to award the very first Veterans Volunteer Award to Kellie Miller, a Navy Veteran and member of the Santa Ana Lodge. Kellie is well-deserving of this recognition due to her dedication, leadership, and effort, on behalf of Veterans. Pictured (L-R) Jack Ray, Past District Veteran's Chair, Kellie, and Dan Breece, Past District Veteran's Co-Chair.



Orange Lodge 1475 held an American Flag Folding Party, folding over two hundred and fifty flags. The flags will be given to the Orange Coast District for a Flag Disposal Ceremony. Pictured above (L – R) are Lodge volunteers Tracey Nowakowski, Heidi Laskey, and Jennifer Weerheim.



Youth/Soccer Activities

Jim McCloskey, PDDGER • Chairman

The Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago appears to have been a great success. At the Grand Lodge meetings, winners of the 2025 /2026 National Virtual Soccer Shoot Contest were announced, and congratulations are in order. Four California-Hawaii contestants placed in the National Championship Finals: Annabelle Hardy, 2nd Place Girls Under 8, Jackson Lodge 2426, Zachary Taylor, 3rd Place Boys Under 16, Arcadia Lodge 2025, and two 1st Place National Champions: Cody Crunk, Under 8 from Jackson Lodge 2426, and Adrian Figueroa, Under 10 from Lake Elsinsore/Wildomar Lodge 2591.

I would also like to thank the Lodges who put on their Soccer Shoots and submitted their entries, and look forward to the events for this year. The Soccer Shoot program continues to grow each year, and for more information, please contact your Lodge and District Youth Activities Chairs.

More news from the Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman, William Bohnett, Grand Lodge Advisors have approved that the Junior Golf Program now become a sanctioned Elks created Golf contest! This has created a new opportunity for many Lodges to expand their Youth Activities program. The District Youth Activities chairmen will be advised of the new materials, and the CHEA website Youth Activities/Soccer Committees page is being updated with new information and guidelines for Junior Golf contest events and Lodge entries shortly.

Our members have come home from Convention to the second quarter of our Elk year already a third of the way through. This would be a good time to review the Youth Activities planned on the Lodge calendars. Our programs include a wide range of events suitable for any Lodge's resources, large or small. Events and activities can always grow and improve. Ideas and updates for initiating or improving Youth Activities at the Lodge level are part of the presentations included on the agenda for the five **CHEA Learning Seminars** being presented again this year. The first is taking place at:

Petaluma Lodge 901 on **August 29th**, **2026**
Gardena Lodge 1919 on **September 26th**, **2026**
Ridgecrest Lodge1913 on **October 17th**, **2026**
Hollister Lodge 1436 on **January 23rd, 2027**
Yucca Valley Lodge 2314 on **February 20th, 2027**

Plan to attend one nearby and take advantage of how to use the information available to you, speaking with members of other Lodges and getting a new perspective of how to best present your activities to the community. Attendance is free and open to all.

Our Lodge programs are designed to reach out to our youth and their families at an early age to become familiar with "the Elks" brand. The strength and vitality of these activities is one of the metrics that can be used to judge the overall health of a Lodge. Junior Golf, Scouts, Antlers and youth recognition are good examples of activities that will grow with our younger participants and nurture their interest in the Elks organization, a good resource for future membership. Youth Activities programs can provide the opportunity to make the transition into the upper grades and move into high school, while continuing the connection to the Elks as these youth become adults.

*Remember, they are **OUR YOUTH – OUR FUTURE***

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Government Relations

Alyssa Santos, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings fellow Elks ,

Returning from Grand Lodge and a Government Relations Training , I am happy to share what our contributions were last year :

Program Participants: 1,436,036
Elks who worked: 377,334
Elks Helpers: 497,725
Total Workers 875,059
Hours Donated: Elks 1,122,863, Helpers 617,947
Total Hours Donated: 1,740,810
Cash Value of Donated Hours:* $52,167,209.50
Miles Traveled: Elks 4,112,409 , Helpers 1,971,833
Total Miles Traveled: 6,084,242
Cash Value of Miles Traveled:** $3,589,702.78
Cash Contributions: $13,125,552.00
Non Cash Contributions: $11,252,298.00
Total Contributions $80,134,762.28

**Federal Government 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.*

***Mileage computed at $.59 per mile*

Every month your Lodge Government Relations Chairman should be submitting their monthly reporting to the District Chairman. Listed below are some of the things noted in these reports.

East Central District, has been doing an incredible job of engaging their local City Council by many of their Lodges having their Mayors and City Officials in attendance at their functions. Discussions on how they can collaborate on city functions and also needs within their Lodges that the city can assist with.

Placerville Lodge is hosting two Sheriffs to speak to their members on crime, drugs, and homeless issues in their county. It has been well received in the past. As well they send the mission statement to their County Board of Supervisors, in return they are kept up to date on Emergency preparedness and Human Resources.

Currently there are thirty-eight Lodges out of our 162 that haven't begun to log their information, since the beginning of this Elk year. Lodge Secretaries, please get this information in while it's fresh in your mind. Appoint a Charity Report Coordinator to help take the burden off of you.

Please remember to stop by the Government Relations Table at the Mid-Term Conference.

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Veterans Service

Dan Bachcelliere, PDDGER • Chairman

Holy Cow! What a convention in Chicago. From the architecture to the atmosphere, this was one for the books. It all began, on a sweltering summer morning, as a crowd of 1,000+ Elk, and guests, gathered to honor our nation's Veterans and pay tribute to the 100th Anniversary of BPOE's Veterans Memorial and National Headquarters. I was blessed, to be among the flag bearers and privileged to raise "Old Glory" for the ceremony. Not only, was it the 250th birthday, of the United States, but a homecoming of sorts for me. It was forty-three years ago, I reported to boot camp, just 30 miles up the road. Luckily, this time, the weather was much warmer and they let me keep my hair.

With the Convention officially underway, it was time to get down to the business at hand and learn as much as possible about Elk's Veterans programs, over the next four days. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of ENVSC Director Mary Morgan, and Programs Associate Hannah Graber, the sessions were entertaining and educational. Many of the other Association Veteran's Chairs were also in attendance, so it was a great opportunity, to share and learn from each other.

The program I was most interested in learning more about was the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS) program. The Elks Voluntary Service program is the cornerstone of the ENVSC, and the reason so many Veterans, VA employees, nonprofit partners, and others, know about the Elks' commitment to serving Veterans. It is a facility-based volunteer program, aimed at assisting hospitalized and recovering Veterans, as well as any Veterans seeking care at Veterans' facilities. We have Elks stationed in hundreds of facilities, ensuring these Veterans have the ongoing support they need. If you are interested in becoming a Representative or Deputy Representative, or just want to know more about this worthwhile program, https://www.elks.org/vets/vavs.cfm is the place go.

Among the enlightening aspects of the training, was a particularly heartrending and heartwarming session with a California Elk, combat Veteran now turned PhD, Dr. Ryan Rogers. He spoke of his difficulties, returning to civilian life after combat in Iraq. His struggles eventually led to education and a doctorate program, with a focus on helping prevent suicide by focusing on the root causes for active military and Veterans. I was fortunate enough to get a copy of his book, ***A New Mission: Unpacking the Military Mindset and Building a Stronger Life After Service.*** I read the entire thing on the flight home. It is an easy read, because it is told from heart.

Finally, congratulations to all of the new District Deputies and Grand Lodge Officers/Committee Chairs. California is well represented, with a new Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, Art Echternacht and of course, our new Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady, Tim and Sandy Jaeger. I hope they have an exciting and blessed year, traveling the country, spreading the message. ***"Ready Elks – Let's Go!"***





Honolulu Lodge 616 donated $25,000 for the first Honor Flight from Hawaii to Washington D.C. in October. Twenty-five Hawaiian Korean and Vietnam War Veterans, will visit numerous Veteran Memorials in our Nations Capitol. Pictured is Exalted Ruler, John Mugnani, and Maggie Gaulker, President of Hawaii Honor Flight.

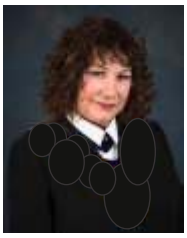
Pearl City Lodge 2669 participated with thirty-three other organizations in the Massing of the Colors, commemorating Flag Day and the United States Army's 250th Birthday. The event was held at the Pearl Harbor Visitor's Center on Flag Day. Three hundred invited guests attended the ceremony with all organizations marching in with their flags.

Arcadia Lodge 2025 used their $1,000 Freedom Grant to purchase sweatshirts, T-shirts, underwear and hygiene kits, which were donated to the Los Angeles Veterans Ambulatory Care Center.

Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 used a $4,000 Beacon Grant to host twenty-one Long Beach Blind and Visually Impaired Veterans for a memorable afternoon of fellowship, appreciation, and fun. The veterans were welcomed with lunch before a harbor cruise through beautiful Newport Harbor.



Sacramento Lodge 6 held it's second annual Classic Car Show, raising nearly $5,000 for the Lodge's Veterans activities, services, and events. The car show hosted more than 100 entries this year. Featured categories included Modified, Low-riders, and Classic Cars and Trucks. Awards included trophies, dash plaques, and Best of Show honors. Pictured above is Peter Steinart with his 1956 Nash, which received the Best of Show award.



Drug Awareness

Patty Hamilton, PDDGER • Chairman

It's hard to believe, but the wonderful days of summer are now here, and our Drug Awareness Programs are in full swing as our Lodges order our free Drug Awareness informational brochures, coloring books, bookmarks, and more as they plan Red Ribbon Week activities October 23-31, Halloween Trunk or Treat distributions, and more.

Likewise, what we have not even mentioned is all the contacts we are making now to secure entries for our upcoming 2026-2027 Drug Awareness Poster, Essay, and Video Contests as well as deserving nominees for our prestigious 2027 Enrique Camarena Award winners at our Lodges, Districts, CHEA and National levels. While we know many schools are now on summer break, the good news is school district officials as well as Law Enforcement personnel who can identify Enrique Camarena Award nominees work all year round, so this is indeed a wonderful time to make all of your contacts.

CHEA Convention: Thank you to all of you who stopped by our Drug Awareness booth to say hello, check out the current Drug Awareness Program brochures, and share exciting details about things you are doing in your Lodges to promote our great program. One of the highlights of the Convention was being able to present our CHEA National Award plaque to our 2026 Enrique Camarena Award recipient, Pasadena Police Officer Raymond Cardenas.

Another highlight was having our CHEA 1st Place Essay Contest winner, Alyson Schmidt, read her essay to us. We had several Elks stop by our booth afterwards stating they did not know we had a Drug Awareness Essay Contest and received information on all our youth Drug Awareness Contests.

Grand Lodge Convention – Chicago, IL: I attended a two-day Drug Awareness training session prior to the opening of the Convention. Our national team did a fantastic job creating a new DAP training website which includes other resources and ideas on how to better get the word out on Drug Awareness. Our contest theme for this fraternal year 2026-2027 is **"A Healthy Me Is Drug Free"**. If you attended the Grand Lodge Convention and stopped by our booth, you were able to see the Drug Enforcement Administration Car "Fentanyl Free America" which was loaned to us for the Convention by the DEA.

In closing, please remember to check out the Drug Awareness Committee section regularly on www.chea-elks.org for our most updated contest entry forms, list of deadlines for contests, Enrique Camarena nominees, quarterly reports, etc. All information listed on the website will be updated after Grand Lodge, but besides the exact deadline date and the new theme, the old forms can still be used for planning your program in general ways now.

Our CHEA Drug Awareness Program Vice-Chair, Dave Wells, from the Merced Elks Lodge in the Central District and I are excited to collaborate with you this year! Please feel free to call us, email us, or text us, with your questions, and your ideas. You can reach me at 619-857-3724, pattyhamilton3@att.net, or Dave at 209-756-3070, dwellsmerced@gmail.com.



Hoop Shoot

Jamie Jasso, PER • Chairman

Hello and Aloha CHEA Elks,

It may still feel like summer, but Hoop Shoot season has a way of arriving before we know it! Soon, gyms across California and Hawaii will be filled with bouncing basketballs, cheering families, and young athletes hoping their next shot is the one that takes them all the way to Chicago.

If your Lodge contest is not on the calendar yet, now is the time to make it happen. Start by checking with your District Hoop Shoot Chair and working backward from the next level. The Northern California State Semi-Finals are January 9, 2027, in Modesto, and the California-Hawaii State Finals for Southern California and Hawaii are January 23, 2027. District contests should be completed at least two weeks before the applicable State contest.

Before settling on a local date, take a quick look at YMCA, National Junior Basketball, School, Parks and Recreation, Boys & Girls Club, and other youth basketball calendars. Avoiding a big tournament, league game or school break can mean many more kids get the chance to participate. Once the gym is booked, spread the word through coaches, Physical Education teachers, schools and community partners. Hoop Shoot is free, requires no equipment, is open to boys and girls ages 8 through 13.

One reminder can save a lot of heartache: use the official Hoop Shoot Date Calculator for every contestant, every time. Do not place a child based only on the age they are on contest day. Competing in the wrong age division will disqualify a contestant, even if it was an honest mistake.

When you celebrate your Lodge winners, help their families look beyond the next contest. Give them the District, State, Regional, and National dates right away, and confirm that they can continue if their child advances. Please also keep contact information for your second and third-place finishers handy. A prepared alternate can keep your Lodge represented and give another young athlete an exciting opportunity if a winner cannot move forward.

You do not have to figure it all out alone. The Hoop Shoot Dashboard has the Date Calculator, forms, promotional materials and planning resources, and the message board is a great place to trade ideas with other Lodges. Your District Chair and I are also only a call or message away.

Every great Hoop Shoot journey begins with a Lodge willing to open the gym doors. Let's give as many kids as possible the chance to step up to the line this season!

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Lake Elsinore Lodge 2591 welcomed the community for a lively and memorable 1980s Murder Mystery Dinner. Guests enjoyed an evening of mystery, nostalgia, and connection. The event was a over whelming success, with enthusiastic participation, creative costumes, along with plenty of laughs as members and guests worked to solve the mystery.

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

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Raymond Bienteo 794
Sue McKee 794
Ralph Bogner 824
Robert Murphy 824
Jeanette Pagliaro 824
Gail Pellerin 824
Gary Pezzi 824
Don Pylant (5) 824
Mark Swanson 824
Arthur Weeks 824
Patricia Gardiner (2) 832
Mark Phillips (2) 832
Cynthia Spickler 832
Janet Clark 836
Mark Monson 836
Allan Berger 901
John Bonaventura (3) 966
Domenic Costa (4) 966
Anthony Molina 966
Thomas Moran (4) 966
David Roberts (2) 966
Karl Samson 966
Stuart Schafer (2) 966
Eugene Seroka 966
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David Grayson (2) 1015
Lynn Landry (2) 1015
John Vidano 1015
John Mathena 1073
Shirley Milner 1073
Mark Valdez 1073
Cathy Watson 1073
Greg Williams 1073
John Bradley 1250
Joseph Craine 1259
Alyssa Pineda 1259
Terrell Odonnell 1289
Carolyn Aurand 1378
Jerry Baltz (5) 1378
Lori Burk 1378
Francis Coll 1378
Cynthia Connelly 1378
Jeff Cox 1378
Ron Duval 1378
Larry Funk (2) 1378
Dana Keniry (2) 1378
Sandy Marchese 1378
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Floria Valdez 1378
John Anker 1419
Eileen Arrieta 1419
James "Jim" Backer 1419
Dennis Bassi 1419
Ron Blasco 1419
Jerry Bogaczyk 1419
Kelly Bonser (2) 1419
Judy Boroch 1419
Mary Botello 1419
David Brown (2) 1419
Kathleen Bryan 1419
Vladimir Diaz 1419
Sandra Diaz-Villasenor (2) 1419
Catherine Fischer 1419
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Mark Sackett 1419
Ron Stearns 1419
Weston Taylor 1419
Raymond Trueblood 1419
Robert Walker 1419
Durley Ward 1419
Diana Wentworth 1419
Charles Wilkins 1419
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Brian Bugert 1427
Dave Granillo 1427
Irene Lozano 1427
Rodney Rowe 1427
Randy Smith 1427
Virginia White 1427
Mary Marchais 1430
Andrew Kjos (3) 1471
Seth Mallory 1471
Wendy Bumgardner (3) 1475
Maria Elena Juarez (2) 1538
Susan Mandler 1538
Suzann Andelin 1561
Robert Deuchars 1561
Danny Mitchell 1567
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Guy Parst	1608	Annie Anderson (2)	1959	Dennis Conneally	2128	Kathy West	2358
Mark Walters	1608	Cedric Anderson	1959	James Curan	2128	Deb Chappelear	2379
Fred Wasserman (2)	1608	Lowell Been	1959	Deborah Klein	2128	Brian Prewitt (3)	2379
Ronald Hinman (2)	1643	Don Carrick	1959	Michael Klein	2128	Reem Agel (2)	2477
Gloria Nixt	1643	Kathy Carrick (3)	1959	Barry Lindsay	2128	Virginia Grindley	2477
Jonathan King	1767	Cari Lee Eisele	1959	Dale McNamara	2128	Marshall Knowlton (2)	2477
Matt Burns	1786	Massoud Haghighi	1959	David Morley	2128	Steve Krammer	2477
George Corbin	1786	Victor Long (2)	1959	Dalton Mountz	2128	Douglas Morrison	2477
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Steve D. Martin	2543	Angels L. Gamino	2599	Charles Changnon	2626	Marvin Elrod	2699
Linda Tucker	2543	John Golden	2599	MaryAnn Changnon	2626	Daniel Rodriguez	2699
Margaret Yorio	2543	John Hardman	2599	Charles Rouland	2626	Richard Bielenberg	2704
Steve Filippo	2577	Denise Lynne Ketcham	2599	Kenneth Barnhardt	2639	Patricia Finley	2704
Roma G. Filippo	2577	Mark Lammon	2599	Maria Jimenez	2639	Patricia "Patti" Powell	2704
James M. McCloskey	2577	Thom Richardson	2599	Diane C. Ward	2639	Valerie Schweifler	2704
Mike Van De Pol	2577	Kim Riehl	2599	Linda Houston	2640	Karen Erickson	2733
Michael D. Cain	2591	James J. Williams Jr.	2599	Steve Larson	2640	Juanita McDaniel	2733
Connie Flatley	2591	Nancy Albright	2616	Dan Smith	2640	Diane M. Farrens	2801
Jim Flatley	2591	Laura Kniffin	2616	Frank Molles	2646	Robert E. Farrens	2801
Paul A. Parker	2591	Lawrence Kniffin	2616	Darlene Voltz	2646		
Larry L. Ryan	2591	Vernon D. Ungerecht	2616	Christy J Williams	2697		

Lodge Group Donations Exceeding $150

(June 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026)

The Blues Brothers	150.00	West Central District
Ontario Elks Bingo Patrons	1,493.83	Ontario 1419
Duarte Emblem Club No. 71	200.00	Duarte 1427
Big Bear Lake Elks Bingo Players	549.00	Big Bear Lake 1787
Huntington Beach Camper Club	2,000.00	Huntington Beach 1959
Huntington Beach Elks Bingo Players	10,248.00	Huntington Beach 1959
Ladies of the Westchester Elks	5,500.00	Westchester 2050
Livermore-Pleasanton Emblem Club No. 413	300.00	Livermore-Pleasanton 2117
Santa Clarita Elks One Under Golf Club	500.00	Santa Clarita 2379
Santa Clarita Emblem Club No. 459	250.00	Santa Clarita 2379
Santa Clarita Bingo Patrons	3,000.00	Santa Clarita 2379
Hesperia Elks Bowlers	1,200.00	Hesperia 2646



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 held its annual Flag Day Ceremony with Mayor, Laurene Weste, delivering a Patriotic tribute, with several city dignitaries in attendance. The SCV Young Marines, and Scout Troop 583, assisted by presenting each historical flag as its narrative was read. Following the ceremony, the Scouts and Young Marines, conducted a formal Flag Retirement in the Lodge's back parking lot, respectfully retiring worn Flags.

Monterey Lodge 1285 donated $3,000 to Monterey Academy of Oceanographic Science (MAOS) during their April Gala Fundraiser. MAOS, located at Monterey High School, prepares high school students from Monterey County for academic and career success through a challenging curriculum enhanced by collaboration with the many marine related academic programs, research organizations and businesses in the area. The $3,000 will be used to support students' educational opportunities such as contact with oceanographic experts, hands-on science labs, and field studies.



Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 helped Louis Liu, Scout Troop 761 donated money toward his Eagle Scout project, building a Gaga Pit for Sycacmore Elementary School. Hundreds of children have fun playing in it every year. Pictured are Louis along with other Scouts he recruited to assist with the project.

In other news, the Lodge held a Red Cross Blood Drive, collecting nineteen units of blood.

Paradise Lodge 2026 donated $500 toward the Eagle Scout Project of Brayden Hansen. His project was to erect a new flag pole in front of the Paradise Police Department and was dedicated to the Police Department's Wayne Ward, VIP Member and Paradise Elks Youth Activities Chair, who led the dedication.

Merced Lodge 1240 member Kevin McBride approached Bingo Chairman, PER, Len Samuelson for a donation toward his grandson's Eagle Scout Project. Jacob McBride's Eagle Scout Project would be to upgrade the local Nevada County Animal Shelter's holding area. The holding area was a poor tarp structure into something that was more solid. Jacob thanked the Lodge and Bingo players for their contribution.

Garden Grove Lodge 1952 Youth Activities donated 180 playground balls to ten elementary schools in the Garden Grove School District. The funds came from the ENF Gratitude Grant, along with additional fundraising money raised at the Lodge.

Orange Lodge 1475 partnered with Children's Hospital of Orange County to help in the First Victims of Trauma Picnic. More that 140 families, and hospital trauma attended, bringing together a victims and staff reunion.

2027 Rose Parade
Elks Volunteer Decorating Schedule

ROSE PARADE presented by HONDA 2027

Dry Decorations

Saturday, December 5th, 2026
Shift 1: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 12th, 2026
Shift 1: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Floral Decorations

Saturday, December 26th, 2026
Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Sunday, December 27th, 2026
Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Monday, December 28th, 2026
Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Tuesday, December 29th, 2026
Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Wednesday, December 30th, 2026
Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Thursday, December 31st, 2026
Shift 1: 8:00 am until complete.

Lunch Breaks: 12 pm - 12:30 pm
Dinner Breaks: 6 pm - 6:30 pm

5400 North Irwindale Ave. • Irwindale 91706

For more Information:

ElksVolunteerForRoses@gmail.com



2026-2027 CHEA Learning Seminars

"Actions Build Community"

August 29th • Petaluma Lodge 901
September 26th • Gardena Lodge 1919
October 17th • Ridgecrest Lodge 1913
January 23rd • Hollister Lodge 1436
February 20th • Yucca Valley Lodge 2314
All Seminar Hours: 8:00AM - 4:00PM

See CHEA Website Center Sliders for event flyer
CHEA-Elks.org

Join Us for a No-Cost Day of Learning - Open to All!

Whether you are an officer, a member, a spouse or a staff member, you are invited to attend! This is a free educational event designed for everyone.

Topics Include:

- Human Resources
- Officer Training and Retention
- Public Relations • Youth Activities
- Major Project
- How to get more Officers
- Ritual
- Annual Budgeting & Overhead Expenses and More!

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Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 was honored to lead the community's Fourth of July Parade. Opening the procession with a patriotic float accompanied by Scouts and fifteen dedicated Lodge volunteers. Together, the group distributed thousands of small American flags to spectators along the parade route. The Lodge won First Place in the Fraternal Club Category.

Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 Yacht Club hosted its annual Reverse Raffle Charity Fundraiser, bringing members and guests together for an evening filled with excitement, fellowship, and giving back. The event raised $6,500 for Radiant Futures, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families affected by domestic violence and human trafficking.

Redondo Beach Lodge 1378 helped Veterans with a Bingo game at the VA Hospital in Long Beach Community Living Center (CLC). The Vets Committee helped the Veterans. Prize cards "Patriots Bucks" were given to the winners. These cards are redeemable at "The Patriot Store" on the facilities campus.

Palo Alto Lodge 1471 National Veterans Service Representatives for Palo Alto VA Hospital purchased, and donated, more than $500 in non-perishable food items to help stock the hospital's emergency food pantry for Veterans.



Madera Lodge 1918 sponsored their annual Drug Awareness Essay contest for local students. The theme for the year 2025-2026 was "Drugs Are A Grave Mistake". Arianna Villanueva, from Dairyland School, was the 1st place winner at the CHEA East Central District level, she received $100 and a Special Citation from CHEA. Pictured above are Kathy Row, Activities Chair, Doug Row, ENF Chair, Arianna Villanueva, Exalted Ruler, Jesus Hernandez.



Monterey Lodge 1285 received a $5,000 donation for Elks Youth Activities from the Laguna Seca Volunteer Association. The funds will be used to support Elks Youth Activities including Scholarships, Hoop Shoot, local High School and Middle School academic and sports programs.



Riverside Lodge 643 celebrated its Flag Day Ceremony honoring the history of the American flag and the patriotic values it represents. Civil Air Patrol's Cable Composite Squadron 25, Corona Cadet Squadron 29, and the March Air Reserve Base 45th Composite Squadron, participation made the event especially memorable.