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AARON CASTELLANOS, EXALTED RULER

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EXALTED RULER

Aaron Castellanos



Members,

Foremost - thanks to you all for investing in me the great honor and responsibility of the position of Exalted Ruler for this 2023-2024 Elk year. I would also like to publicly give

my appreciation and gratitude to Georgia Daughton who has so graciously agreed to serve as First Lady and for the many responsibilities that that role entails. I am extremely confident and ever so relieved to have such support.

Every year at this time the officer corps and the incoming ER begin the process of strategizing what corrections, improvements, and general innovative ideas we would like to see at our Lodge. This of course is only made possible due to the great foundation and support that the Members before us have laid down and entrusted to us to keep improving. This coming year I hope to bring some much-needed cosmetic improvements to the Lodge facilities which will bring our Lodge up to the current times without sacrificing the essence of what we have currently. I hope that we can count on all of the Membership and community support that we have had thus far. Change at times can be difficult, yet most times it is much needed when done correctly and with the best interests of all in mind. I promise that any and all changes or improvements will be made with the best of the Lodge in mind as well for future Members. I feel very hopeful with what we will be able to achieve this coming year.

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ELK OF THE YEAR 2023-2024 - DOUG SHEARER



DOUG SHEARER

grew up in the small farming town of Genoa Illinois. In his Senior year in High School, he figured there had to be something better in life than

stacking hay in a hay mow in 100 degree heat, so he enlisted in the Air Force as a Heavy Equipment Operator. After two years at Spangdahlem AFB, Germany, he received orders to Vandenberg AFB joining the "Fire Dozer Team" cutting firebreaks and working on the Space Shuttle Complex operating a 55 ton Mobile Crane. He installed a static display Missile at the Main Gate.

In 1984 he transferred to the Air Force Reserve and was hired by the City of Santa Maria as a Landfill Heavy Equipment Operator. In 1988 his Landfill Supervisor, Albert Montes asked him to join the Lodge and be part of the Elks BBQ Teams because they needed someone young to help flip chicken screens and pull rods of meat. In early 2000, after years of being mentored by very "Seasoned" BBQ Captains, he started his own BBQ team. To this day, Doug proudly admits that any recognition, awards, including "Elk of the Year" would not have been possible without his BBQ Teammates...PERIOD!!!

In 2010, Wayne Stahl (2017-2018 Elk of the Year) asked Doug and Johnny Silva to take over the BBQ Committee which assigns BBQ Teams for Lodge events.

During the Covid shutdown, Doug teamed up with the Lodge Manager, Lodge Officers, and Kitchen Manager Francis Brawner, (2022-2023 Elk of the Year) to put together "To Go" meals as a way to keep a positive revenue stream coming into the Lodge. Doug took on the job of making the plaques in the BBQ room and, during the shutdown, Doug fabricated and welded five new sets of chicken screens for the BBQ room and a cart to transport them, then he built four new heavy-duty carts to transport cases of chicken and meat from the kitchen to the BBQ room.

A Herculean project that Johnny Silva and Doug took on in 2021, was the removal of 12 Pine Tree's at the front entrance of the Lodge. With a dedicated team of volunteers and some very generous local vendors, the estimated two week project was completed in one weekend.

Doug retired from the Air Force in 2008 at the Rank of Chief Master Sergeant and from the City of Santa Maria in 2017 where he finished his career as the Landfill Supervisor. He also retired from his commitments to the BBQ Committee in 2022 after 34 years of loyal service to the Lodge. He still stays busy, maintaining their family place in the country with his wife Tracy, and grading/maintaining roads for local ranchers.

Citizen & Student of the Year Banquet

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Bar: 6:00 pm | BBQ Beef served 7:00 pm

Reservations are required
Please call the Office at (805) 922-1538

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CYO BBQ REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Band	Dinners	X-cuts
3	Unfinished Business	387	32
10	DJ Antx	527	37
17	Brass Factory	408	32
24	Caddy Shack	316	115
TOTAL DINNERS SOLD		1,638	115

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EXALTED RULER

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I have said before, "A growing Lodge is a working Lodge" with proper balance. I once again will implore you all to look into what you can bring to our Lodge and to get involved in any capacity. It really is one of the best things that you as a Member can do. The opportunities for involvement are quite frankly endless; there really is a place that everyone can fit in and make you feel proud as a Member. Inquire with any officers as we are always available and will help you find your slot.

I look forward to seeing and celebrating everything that we together will be able to achieve this year and to leaving an imprint in the continuing legacy of our great Lodge. As always... Be safe, be careful and take care. And I hope to see all of you at lodge... (every Thursday night 7:30pm)

Fraternally,
 Aaron Castellanos
 Exalted Ruler



Mother's Day Champagne Brunch

Join Us
Sunday, May 14, 2022
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Menu
 HAM OR SAUSAGE - SCRAMBLED EGGS
 COUNTRY POTATOES
 BISCUITS & GRAVY
 FRUIT SALAD
 COFFEE OR TEA
 ORANGE JUICE
 CHAMPAGNE

MOTHER OF AN ELK MEMBER EATS FREE

\$15 - ADULTS
\$7 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER
 (MUST SHOW MEMBERSHIP CARD)

DRESS CODE IN EFFECT FOR ALL ELKS FUNCTIONS

Elks Lodge 1538 is a flagship among Elk Lodges and not just another "Bar or Club." As such we have a Dress Code. Most times it is casual and allows more casual wear: Long shorts, like Bermuda and cargo style shorts are acceptable after 6:00 pm except Thursday Lodge Night.

- Please no mid-thigh, cutoffs, short-shorts, or torn/frayed wear.
- Please wear all pants at your waist, not below! And no "Plumber Pants!"
- No Sweat Suits or Beach Apparel - No Flip Flops (rubber style shower shoes) - Sandals okay
- **FOR LADIES:** No Inappropriate tops - No dresses shorter than mid thigh
- **FOR MEN:** Collared shirts required after 6:00 pm on Thursday and Friday. No muscle shirts - No T-shirts or caps with vulgar or inappropriate slogans - No gang attire. Gentleman, wear pants at the waist, not below! Hats should be worn properly, not backwards or sideways, and please remove hats when sitting at the table to eat.

Our Greeters, Staff, and Officers do not wish to embarrass or upset any Member or guest, so please do not put them in that position. We will ask you to leave to change. Members, remind your guests that you are responsible for them!

Remember: All persons attending Friday Night CYO must be over 21 years of age.

CHARITY LEADING KNIGHT

Steve Jones



Members,
There are many traditions in the Lodge and in Elkdom that have survived for over a hundred years and many that have been done away with. When we make new

traditions in the Lodge, we are adding to its unique and wonderful history. Here are a few interesting tidbits of history.

Becoming a Member used to be much livelier than just attending initiation. For example, early candidates required a physician's certificate of examination as a part of the joining process, and the male prospect had to be in top condition to even be considered. Then, once the candidate had met those criteria and was in the Lodge room, where he was blindfolded--instead of just having the lights dimmed and hearing the beautiful words of Initiation--and he was subjected to much horseplay and shenanigans.

A few of these shenanigans, all of which were contained in the Ritual Book, described candidates wearing shoes with lead soles designed to make the wearer walk as though intoxicated; additionally, they were forced to "walk on broken glass," actually egg shells, be "shaved" simulated by a dull file scraped on the face by the city barber, and it even at times ending the "horseplay" session with real guns, loaded with blanks, being fired behind the now weary and very confused new Members.

In 1895, the Elks ceased the use of lambskin aprons in their initiatory work, the password was eliminated in 1899, in 1902 the use of a badge was eliminated, with the secret grip falling by the wayside in 1904, and the "Test Oath" was removed in 1911. In 1952, candidates were no longer blindfolded prior to the Initiation, and in 1995, women were admitted into the Order.

While we no longer subject our candidates to such extremes, there are many beautiful and wonderful traditions that I am proud and honored to uphold within the Lodge. Let us all never forget our great history and continue to make the Elks the greatest fraternal organization in the world.

Fraternally,
Steve Jones
Esteemed Leading Knight

JUSTICE LOYAL KNIGHT

Chuck Biely



Members,
Here we are with a new Lodge year starting, new officers in place and a wonderful opportunity to be effective in the lives of others. That is

what Elkdom is all about: making a positive difference in the lives of those in need.

I am not suggesting we all adopt the lifestyle of Mother Theresa; on the contrary, few have her degree of dedication. However, with our Membership, each of us can contribute some time and effort to the overall contribution this Lodge makes to our community. Come join us.

It is April already and Rodeo is fast approaching. What are you doing to help make this, the 80th event, to be the best yet? There will be Saturday work parties starting this month. All help is greatly appreciated and, by participating, you can explain to your friends and guests how much work goes into putting on such a great four-day event. By being part of the work crew, you get pride of ownership to share with others. Try it; it feels good. Contact Elks Rec for dates and times.

Spring also brings the Rodeo Queen Contest, starting with the kickoff dinner. Get your tickets and support your candidate. And BEARD-A-RENO is back on May 20! Come support your favorite hirsute candidate in each category. This year we are honoring the first twenty-five past buckle winners by providing a free meal to the winner thereof. Remember, you must have won the buckle and you must wear it to receive the free meal. Come on down and tell it like it used to be. It is a fun event.

Until next month, be safe.

Fraternally,
Chuck Biely
Esteemed Loyal Knight



COME JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For More Information on How You can lend a hand
Please contact Jaime Flores (805) 720-5342

*Interested in
volunteering
for the 2023
Elks Rodeo Parade?*

BROTHERLY LOVE LECTURING KNIGHT

Jeremy Forman



Members,
I am honored that I have been elected as your Lecturing Knight for the 2023-2024 Elk year and am excited to represent you all as part of the greatest

Lodge in all of Elkdom. Being part of this Lodge has meant so much to me, as it has been a huge part of my life growing up in the Santa Maria Valley, and to serve as an officer is truly humbling. I will make you proud.

The motto of my station is Brotherly Love, which I hope to exemplify throughout the year. As Elks, it is particularly important for us to keep the idea of brotherly love in mind. As Members of one of the largest Elk Lodges, we are all part of one big family. It is important that we treat each other with love and respect and learn to work together for the betterment of the Lodge. I am confident that we will be able to do this, and I will do my best to lead the charge.

Next month, your Officer Corp will be representing you in the West Central Coast District Ritual Competition. We certainly hope to make you all proud. The Initiation Ritual is one of the most important things we do as officers, as it is the first impression given to Members as they join our organization. Practicing for the ritual competition not only increases our chances of keeping the trophy at our Lodge, but it also likewise ensures that when individuals join our Lodge, they are presented an impressive ritual performance by the Lodge officers the night of initiation. I can tell you that this impression lasts, as I remember when I was initiated 24 years ago. It is important that we keep this going.

I hope to see many of you at the Lodge meetings and various functions at the Lodge. Stay safe, and as always, Ever Practice Brotherly Love.

Fraternally,
Jeremy Forman PER
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

MEMBERS!

On-Line membership Applications are available by visiting Elks.org website.

You can pay your Dues by phone with your credit or debit card. Call the Office at (805) 922-1538.

CRYING TOWEL

"In Vain We Call"

February 2

Chuck Biely\$500
 Claudia Rios.....\$500
 Dale E. Irion\$500

February 9

ER Matt Rodriguez....\$500 PRESENT
 Glenda Jennings.....\$500 PRESENT
 Ed Nunez\$500

February 16

James Pudwell\$500
 Arthur Gonzales\$500
 Eugene A Stafford.....\$500

February 23

Derrick Guggia\$500
 Richard C. Dupuis\$500
 Eva Maria Valentin....\$500



Updated Foodbank Numbers as of February 23, 2023

47,716 . . . Bags given out
 1,190,068 . . . Pounds of food given away
 24,403 . . . Families helped
 74,511 . . . Individuals served

Want to help?

The last Thursday of each month
 in the Lodge Parking Lot
 8:00 AM to 10:00 or 11:00 AM

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



REINSTATEMENTS

There are two options to being reinstated as a Member:

1. If you were just dropped in March 2023 for non-payment there are two options:

- a. There is a 2-month window until May 29, 2023, in which you can reinstate without a fee and or a sponsor and or vote on the floor; however, you must pay last year's dues of \$149 and this year's dues of \$154 and you will be reinstated immediately.
- b. In June 2023 only: you can reinstate for only \$1 (instead of the \$75 fee) plus the prorated dues of this year. This option will require a sponsor and two

references as normal and a vote on the floor of the Lodge.

2. If you were a Member in the past and would like to reinstate here are your options:

- a. In June 2023 only: you can reinstate for only \$1 (instead of the \$75 fee) plus the prorated dues of this year. This option still requires a sponsor and two references as normal and a vote on the floor of the Lodge.
- b. Any other month of the year the reinstatement fee is \$75 plus the prorated dues, and you still need a sponsor and a vote on the floor of the Lodge.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023

GATES OPEN
AT 5:30 AM.
SERVICE BEGINS 6:15 AM

PASTOR RICK BLOOM
OFFICIATING

**JOIN US!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

THIS IS A NON-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE
FOOD VENDOR ON SITE

VISIT ELKSREC.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

Elks Recreation, Inc. is proud and excited to announce that we will be hosting an Easter Sunrise Service at the Elks Event Center for the community. This non-denominational service will take place on Easter Morning, Sunday, April 9th with gates opening at 5:30am and service beginning at 6:15am.

Everyone is invited to gather together for a joyful celebration with guest speaker Pastor Rick Bloom. Admission is free, no ticket is required, and a food vendor will be on site.

We look forward to gathering as a community to hear the message of light, life, and hope.

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Please join us for another Veterans Appreciation BBQ/Mini Stand Down on Thursday, April 6th from 11 am to 1:30 pm at the Elks Lodge. We will have information booths and different local agencies to help veterans with questions regarding housing and mental and health issues. We will also serve a delicious lunch and provide free personal hygiene products and clothing essentials.

The Mini Stand Downs for 2022 and 2023 were made possible by an Impact Grant from the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Impact Grants are offered to Lodges working to make a significant and meaningful difference in the community through a charitable project. These competitive grants of up to \$10,000 inspire Elks to dedicate themselves to service and volunteerism and are designed to set a standard of excellence in community leadership through service. The ENF awards Impact Grants to Lodges who intimately understand a problem in their community, have a unique idea about how to solve it, and who are ready with the volunteer power to get it done.

In 2022, the ENF budgeted \$500,000 to support 60 Lodges with 2022 Impact Grants. 46 of these Lodges were approved for Renewal Impact Grant funding, and 14 Lodges began new projects in 2022. We were part of the 14 with our new project "Veterans Mini Stand Down." If you visit the ENF's website under Impact Grants for 2022 this is what it said about us: "Santa Maria Lodge 1538 will host Veteran Stand Downs & Lunches to serve as a place for veterans to socialize, eat, receive supplies, and obtain information on services provided at the local, state and federal levels." We plan to apply for renewable Impact Grant funding and continue to serve our veterans and those who currently serve to protect our freedoms and keep us safe.

Remember Elks Care, Elks Share.

God Bless Our Veterans,
Suzanne "Sam" de St. Jean
Veterans Committee Member

TOURING ELKS

This past month we had our 30th Annual Bike Raffle. We sold all 400 tickets early and there were over 250 people in attendance for the drawing and enjoying their BBQ. Besides the 2022 HD Electra Glide Standard Grand Prize, there were 2nd through 6th prize winners of \$1000, \$800, \$600, \$400 and \$200 as well as other prizes. We look forward to next year's 31st Annual Bike Raffle.

Lastly, it has been wonderful serving as President for the past two years. Please

welcome our 2023 - 2024 Touring Elks officers: President Mark McNutt, Vice-President Kirk Murdock, Secretary Diane Weldon, Treasurer John Ortez, and Lead Road Captain Tom Coy. Please come out and ride with us and join us at a meeting. We meet on the Last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm, in the Ladies bar.

Thank you,
Gary Gross
Touring Elks President

Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 Veterans Committee presents

Veterans Appreciation BBQ

Thursday, April 6, 2023 - 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Lunch is FREE for Veterans • Guest Speaker
Veteran Information Booths • Local Veteran Groups
Lunch is served from 11:30am till we run out
1309 N. Bradley Road, Santa Maria



Just a Thank you for your service



SWAP MEET

MAY 7, 2023
7:00am - 2:00pm

FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS

Proceeds to benefit

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Elks Swap Meet
1309 N. Bradley Road • Santa Maria
\$25 per Space or \$40 for 2 Spaces
Paula Elkins 805.260.4417

BRING OWN POP UPS AND TABLES

MEMBERS GATHER IN THE MEMBER'S BAR FOR THE





We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous support provided by Santa Maria Elks Lodge 1538 Members in making our recent Disney Leadership & Imagination Campus trip a reality.

During our class, we had the opportunity to gain experience about the distinct types of leaders which we could all be. We learned about our individual strengths, areas for improvement, a lot about each other, and the Antlers as a whole. This experience taught us how we can work better together by understanding that not everyone has the same approach to certain tasks. We learned that inclusivity to all people is a big part of being a leader. All of the Antlers were passionate about fairness and thoughtfulness, attributes all leaders should have. At the end of our conference, the Antlers decided that communication was a huge part of being a leader, and transparent communication is an important thing that all leaders should make a habit of to be successful.

We are excited to share some highlights of our experience with you.

“My favorite part of the trip was the Lion King play because it was their first all African American performance. The performers did an excellent job, and I hope to see them do more plays like that.”

- Serena Hernandez (Antler's Secretary)

“My favorite part was getting to hear from the Disney workers and how they are all leaders in diverse ways [and] how they overcame obstacles in their careers.”

- CJ Arias (Antlers President)

“My experience at Disney was very memorable. Our leadership meeting was especially important for the Antlers; we all learned how we are all leaders in unusual ways, as well as found out our communication styles and learned about others. My favorite part was going into rooms that are not accessible to everyone; we saw lots of encased famous artifacts and scale models of the different parks at Disneyland. The rides were just as fun though, and I feel like it was a good opportunity for all of us to get closer and experience new things as a group of leaders.”

- Meadow Taylor (Antlers Chaplain)

We will take the lessons we learned about different leadership styles, inclusivity, fairness, thoughtfulness, communication, and more, and apply them in our future leadership roles. We appreciate the Elks Lodge for allowing us to take this trip and allowing us to learn great lessons. We would also like to thank anyone who has donated to the Antlers to help fund this trip.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

CJ Arias, Antlers President 2023-2024

TRAVELEERS

12 rigs and 24 members attended the Traveleers' February campout at Casa de Fruta RV Park in Hollister (Feb. 9th-12th) and, as usual, went out for our first evening's meal, this time at the Casa de Fruta restaurant adjacent to the campgrounds. We stayed at this RV park in February of last year and at that time the weather was sunny and comfortable. Not so much this trip!

Several in our group toured the nearby town of San Juan Bautista on Friday. The Old Mission San Juan Bautista is the reason the town was established; its historical district has several of its buildings dating back to the 1700's. Some of our ladies refused to be intimidated by the inclement conditions and went shopping, while some of our gents took shelter from the rain in a local "watering hole." A few of our members took the opportunity to tour the Old Mission. (Interesting note: the Mission was the setting for filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock's 1957 production of "Vertigo" starring Kim Novak and Jimmy Stewart). Everyone met-up for dinner at Jardines de San Juan restaurant for a fantastic Mexican dinner.

With the iffy weather, the golfers in our group passed on going to the local golf course - particularly annoying since last month's outing was also scrapped due to poor course conditions caused by our recent rains. Mother nature also preempted our gathering together around fire rings in the evening - just too cold and rainy. Oh well, Spring is

just around the corner.

We were also pleased to welcome two guest campers on this campout: Lloyd & Kathy Gentry, and associate members Jim & Evette Fillet from the San Jose Lodge. Hope you all enjoyed your stay with the Traveleers.

Members Carol and Joby Steigler were observing their 59th wedding anniversary in March, but instead of the usual champagne toast, everyone was glad to partake in the special anniversary cake JoAnne Willis provided to celebrate their special occasion. Thank you, JoAnne!

Overall, it was a great campout, weather notwithstanding. If you would like to check us out and join us for one of our next campouts, please contact our Membership chairperson, Kelly McLoughlin (mkk96@msn.com).

Alan Munch
Assistant Wagon Master

UPCOMING CAMPOUTS

April 13 - 17

Salinas County Fairgrounds,
King City

May 18 - 22

Paso Robles RV Ranch

June 8 - 12

Tres Hermanas Winery



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY MAY 6TH

in the Members Bar

THE KENTUCKY DERBY

The ponies are running here!!

It's the 149th running, LIVE from Churchill Down.

There will be Kentucky Derby food as well as trivia prizes, prizes for the best hat and dress, raffles and more. Come support the Elks National Foundation, sip Mint Juleps and other fine Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskeys and see if you can pick the winning horse.



The Annual Superbowl Party was "LOTS OF FUN!"



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▶ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 - 8:00PM** ◀

The 1st. Santa Maria-based Veterans Honor Flight will be returning to the Santa Maria Airport Terminal from Washington DC. Please go down to welcome them back.

BOWLING

Team 8, Soule Mates, Colby Freitas, Madeline Thompson, Travis Soule, and Deanna Stote lead the second half of the season with a FANTASTIC 8 1/2 wins and just 1 loss! Team 8 also leads in High Team Series with a SUPERB 2879 score!

Team 5, Strike Force, Rance Lewis, Donna Ryczek, Johnny Arguijo, and Belinda Thomas lead High Team Series with a GREAT 1017 score!

In Men High Series, Travis Soule continues to lead with a FABULOUS 818 and in Men's High Game, Jim Bolterman leads with a GIGANTIC 301!

Bev Klein continues to lead the Ladies in BOTH High Series and High Game with MARVELOUS scores of 741 and 314 respectively!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !

The following bowlers bowled a 200 or higher game or 600 or higher series: Tami Baty - 234, Jim Bolterman - 235/676, James Franklin - 235/628, Tom Klein - 226/623, Rance Lewis - 215, Brandon Mathews - 255/715,

Travis Soule - 203, Deanne Stote - 224, and Belinda Thomas - 230!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !

Mike Kenderes
Bowling Chairman

JOKES of the Month

Did you hear about the actor that fell thru the floorboards? He was just going thru a stage...

Two guys were sitting at a bar and one said to his buddy, "See those two guys sitting across from us. That's what we will look like in 10 years". His buddy replied, "That's a mirror!"

GOLF COMMITTEE



The Santa Maria Elks Golf Club kicked off its 2023 season on March 13th at Paso Robles Golf Club. We have planned another great season with some great venues that will take us from Paso Robles to Santa Barbara. Our Membership currently is 110 members, and we will welcome anyone who enjoys competition, socialization, playing great venues, making new friends, and doing a little traveling. Our membership chairman is Chuck Scheithauer and can be contacted at acscheithauer@comcast.net for membership applications.

We, like the Lodge, are charity orientated supporting the Veterans, Band of Brothers, holiday food baskets, the Antlers, and bus transportation for kids to attend the rodeo.

Respectfully,

Fernie Tarango, Tournament Chairman
ftarango@sbcglobal.net

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Paso Robles.....	March 13
Santa Maria CC.....	April 12
Cypress Ridge.....	May 15
Purisima.....	June 5
Santa Barbara Golf Club.....	June 19
Mission Club.....	July 17
Glen Annie.....	August 21
Sandpiper.....	Sept 11
River Course.....	Oct 3
Santa Maria CC.....	Nov 8

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DONORS WITH 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES AS OF 3/2/2022

Adams, Linda	Crow, James L	Hernandez, Jose Alfaro	Moshier, Donald E PER	Sheehy, Brian J
Allen, James R	Cullivan, Edward	Hill, Kent D	Munsey, Sandra J	Sheehy, Daniel F
Allen, Wayne A	Cusator, Mark	Hill, Kyle	Murphy, Tim T	Shepard, Dan
Alvarez, Robert M PER	Cutler, Robert R	Hinkle, Kurt	Muth, David L	Shifflett, Larry O
Amador, Frank A	Czarnecki, Gerald	Hochleutner, Jayse	Nash, Craig	Sievers, Sean P
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Anderson, Phillip M	Daughton, Philip PER, PAVP	Hoffman, David A	Neisess, John	Small, James R
Anderson, Roland	Daniels, Dexter	Holden, Hallie D	Newell, Russell Jay	Smith Nunez, Shawn E
Anderson, Ronald C PER	Dart, Tony L PER	Hoskins, Matt	Newman, Kim PER	Smith, Gary P
Arensdorf, Ryan M	Davis, Dorothy I	Hunt, John S	Northington, Paul L	Smith, Paul
Arevalo, Francisco	Davis, Michael A	Irion, Dale E	Nutile, Sandra I	Smith, Robert L
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The Purple Pig (California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.) program funds 32 paid therapists and preschool vision screeners, hired by CHEMPI, to help disabled children when no other organizations can or will. These CHEMPI professional therapists (Occupational, Physical, Speech-Language, and preschool vision screeners) travel, sometimes great distances, to help children get care they need at no charge to the families.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) provides student scholarships, helps Veterans, supports the charitable work of Elks State Associations, and funds Grants to improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

In Memoriam
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LODGE ACTIVITIES



The Past Elks of the Year welcome Doug Shearer as the 2023-2024 Elk of the Year



Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez presents Doug Shearer with Elk of the Year



Touring Elks President Gary Gross presents a \$500 donation to the American Legion Riders for their annual Wounded Warriors Scholarship Run



Treasurer Liz Brown present \$500 attendance checks to Exalted Ruler Matt Rodriguez and Inner Guard Glenda Jennings



Youth Activities Volunteer Eddie Navarro presents a \$225 donation from the Lodge to each of three Little League "Challenger" teams



Elks Rec President Peter Sterling presents a \$20,000 donation to Santa Maria Recreation & Parks director Alex Posada as a "Thank You" for P.L.A.Y.s assistance with Haunted Hills and Christmas in the Country



Carla Biely and Georgia Daughton present a \$1,438 donation to Leading Knight Aaron Castellano for the CHEMPI Leading Knight's Challenge. Mark McNutt added \$100 to total \$1,538

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2023

KASSANDRA PADILLA from Pioneer Valley High School with a 4.41 GPA is Ranked 3rd in her class of 784 has 300 Service Hours and has completed 1-Advance Placement (AP) class and two Hancock classes.

Her Awards include: Santa Maria High School Academic Excellence, American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State, 1st Alternate.

Kassandra currently works in a dental office as an assistant secretary as well as having worked as a YMCA Summer Intern and Tutor.

Her Community Involvement and Service includes: ASTRA Club Secretary, Link Crew, and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID).



CZCHARINA JOY ILBABAR ACOSTA from Pioneer Valley High School with a 4.36 GPA is Ranked 8th in her class of 784 has 214 Service Hours and has completed 3-Advance Placement classes and several Hancock classes

Her Awards include: Academic Excellence, California Scholarship Federation.

Czcharina's Activities include: FFA, AVID, Center Stage, Asian Pacific Club, ASTRA Vice President, French Club Secretary.

Her Community Involvement and Service includes: The Patch Santa Maria, Santa Maria Public Library, Key Club Activities including working at Los Flores Ranch and Walk for Alzheimer's Event.



WAYNE STAHL holds an informative Meat Slicing Demonstration



PER CORNER

April is the start of the new Elk Year of 2023-2024. Your new Lodge officers have been installed and are practicing hard to retain the West Central Coast District #1240 Ritual title and trophy. The Initiation Ritual contest will be held May 5 & 6 at the Simi Valley Lodge #2492. Your Santa Maria Lodge #1538 Ritual Team is being coached by Past Exalted Rulers Tommy Gee, Myrl Wallace, Bryan Feldpouch & Ron Anderson, led by Head Coach Tony Campas. Be sure to give the officers and their coaches words of encouragement when you see them.

We hope to see you in Lodge. Take care, and God bless.

Don Moshier, PER
President, Past Exalted Rulers Association

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ABOUT SANTA MARIA ELKS RODEO AND PARADE

The Elks Recreation Foundation was established in 1943 when it held its first fundraising event, a dance at the Veteran's Memorial Building. They used the funds raised from that event to stage the first Elks Rodeo in 1944. The initial two-day event was preceded each day by a mounted parade from the Vet's Memorial Building to the Santa Maria Fairgrounds. The first Rodeo netted Elks Recreation nearly \$3000.00 that first year and a long history of fundraising to support local youth sports and recreation was born. Since that time, Elks Recreation, Inc. has distributed over \$15 million to local youth programs through our Annual Elks Queen Contest.

HOWDY FOLKS,

It's been a while since my last Elks Horn article, so here is a brief follow-up to bring you up to date and fill you in on some fun events we have planned at the Elks Event Center.

The last quarter of the year was very busy. First, during the month of October we once again held our Haunted Hills drive thru event. This community event was put together by our volunteers and many of our community partners including the FFA, Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, the Antlers, Pioneer Valley High School Cheerleaders, Orcutt Boosters, and the Black Student Union. The month of November was then spent tearing down the Haunted Hills displays while simultaneously setting up the rodeo grounds for our Christmas in the Country drive thru event.

Both events were very successful and we would like to thank our community for its support. Thanks to the tireless hours that we received from the countless volunteers and community supporters, we were able to make numerous donations to programs within our community.

While the Christmas in the Country was in full swing in December, our Rodeo Committee traveled to Las Vegas to attend the PRCA National Convention to meet with other rodeo committees, get updates, and meet with our major sponsors. During the latter part of the week, the Golden Circle of Champions committee held a dinner and auction to raise funds for the Golden Circle of Champions non-profit organization. Following dinner, the kids with their families and escorts, were treated to the Sunday night performance of NFR that was dedicated to the Golden Circle of Champions. The competing cowboys, arena crew, and everyone in the grandstands were provided with a Gold Rag sponsored in part by Wrangler to commemorate the occasion. It was

amazing to see the NFR "Go Gold" for these brave warriors!

We are excited to announce this year's first Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 9th at the Elks Event Center. Gates will open at 5:30am and the event will start at 6:15am. We invite Members of our Elks family and the general public to join us for this non-denominational service. Bring your family and friends out to this sunrise service where you will not only enjoy an inspiring message, but you can also take in the beauty of our entire valley and surrounding hills. If you haven't stood on top of the highpoint on the property, this will be a great time to take a 360 degree turn. You will realize the true beauty of the valley in which we live.

Our focus is now directed to upcoming events, including our 80th Annual Santa Maria Elks Rodeo. First up on our calendar is the Queen Kickoff Dinner and Auction that will be held on Saturday, April 8th. We are excited to announce we have six young ladies and their organizations vying for the title of the Elks Rodeo Queen! Time to put on your Wranglers, that pair of Justin boots, and top it off with a Resistol hat while enjoying a great dinner prepared by our own Elks BBQ Committee. After dinner you won't want to miss our auction. Our committee has been working hard to get great auction items for both the silent and live auctions.

Registration and ticket information for upcoming events is available on our website at elksrec.com, and follow our Facebook and Instagram for continued updates as we pay tribute and homage to eight decades of the historic Santa Maria Elks Rodeo.

Until next time.

Peter Sterling, President, Elks Recreation

80TH ELKS RODEO & PARADE

JR. BREAKAWAY ROPING ADDED TO ELKS RODEO

Entries Open Monday, March 20th – Close Friday, April 28th

Santa Maria Elks Rodeo is proud to announce that Jr Breakaway Roping has been added to this year's event. What an amazing opportunity for our youth to participate in the annual rodeo in this new event spreading across the nation. There will be money payouts and a champion buckle awarded to the winner in two separate age divisions: ages 12 and below and ages 13 thru 17.

To enter please download the forms at elksrec.com and return with waiver and fees to the Elks Rodeo Office.

RODEO QUEEN'S FLOAT

Our Lodge will be designing and constructing the float that will carry the Queen, her court, and others in the 80th annual Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Parade Saturday June 3rd. If you would like to be involved in any way, please text Georgia at 805-350-1084 to be notified about meetings and work times.

2023 ELKS RODEO QUEEN KICKOFF SATURDAY, APRIL 8

The 80th Annual Elks Rodeo and Parade is just around the corner and local nonprofit organizations are gearing up in a big way for this year's Elks Rodeo Queen Contest.

At press-time there are six organizations committed to blanketing our community with fundraisers for youth recreation programs in conjunction with our Annual Elks Rodeo Queen Contest, which will culminate with Queen Coronation on Friday, June 2nd. We have the following groups competing: Black Student Union, Cuyama Valley Exchange Club, Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe, Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria Noontime, NSBC United Way, and VTC Enterprises.

The 2023 Elks Rodeo Queen Candidates will celebrate their campaigns on Saturday, April 8th at the time-honored tradition of

the Queen Kickoff and Auction Dinner held at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge which marks the official start of the 2023 Elks Rodeo season. As one of the most beloved traditions associated with the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, the Queen Contest has raised and distributed over \$15 Million to our local community's youth recreation programs since its inception.

Doors will open at 5:00 PM for no host cocktails. A traditional Santa Maria style meal prepared by the Famous Elks BBQ Team will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by a live auction of many unique items and opportunities. The event will also feature a silent and dessert auction.

Tickets are just \$30.00 and are available at the Elks Rec office.

MUTTON BUSTIN'

Entries Open Monday, March 20th – Close Friday, April 7th

Local kids have a unique opportunity to try their hand at some real rodeo action, riding a mutton (sheep) in the rodeo arena. The event is open to all children ages 5 to 7, weighing under 60 pounds. Each chosen contestant will have a chance to perform in one of our Rodeo events held during the four days of rodeo fun June 1st – 4th, 2023. A custom-made silver belt buckle will be presented to the daily winner.

There is no charge to sign up for the drawing. Sixty (60) names will be drawn from the entries received by the deadline to enter. Those names drawn will be notified Monday, April 10th, 2023. Children who are chosen will be required to pay a \$50 registration fee, show proof of age, proof of medical insurance, complete a registration form, and a weigh-in at the Elks Rodeo Office. Our Mutton Bustin' Event is sponsored by our partners at CoastHills Credit Union and Justin Boots.

ELKS RODEO WRANGLER KIDS STICK HORSE RACE

Entries Open Monday, March 20th – Close Friday, May 5th

Our presenting sponsor, Santa Maria Pediatric Dental Group, invite all children between the ages of 4 and 5 to try their hand at some rodeo action by participating in the Wrangler Stick Horse Race in the Rodeo Arena prior to the start of the PRCA Rodeo performance on all four days of the 2023 Elks Rodeo, Thursday, June 1st – Sunday, June 4th.

Sixty riders will be chosen overall, with 15 competing each day. All contestants will receive a "goodie" bag and two General Admission

Rodeo tickets (1 adult and 1 child) for the day the child is competing. Contestants will be given a number that they must wear to gain entry into the arena. All contestants will be allowed one person inside the arena to assist with their ride. There is no charge to enter the race.

To apply, download the application from elksrec.com and return it to Santa Maria Pediatric Dental Group during regular office hours at 570 East Betteravia Road, Suite C or call (805) 922-2888 for more details.

80TH ELKS RODEO & PARADE

ELKS TEAM ROPING

Entries Open Monday, March 20th – Close Friday, April 28th

All entrants will be required to show a valid Elks Membership card from one of the West Central Coast Elks Lodges and current on Membership dues. Both team members must sign a release of liability. The entry fee is \$200.00 per team. Entries are limited to two Elks Members or a Member with their wife, child or grandchild, age 18 or younger.

Any Elk Heeler, 55 or older, can tie on. PRCA and Elks Team Ropers may only compete in one of the team roping events – NOT BOTH, unless they are a PRCA Gold Card Holder. All entries must be completed and entry fees paid by deadline.

Entrants will compete for \$1,000.00 added purse money and awards.

To enter please download the forms at elksrec.com and return with waiver and fees to the Elks Rodeo Office.

BEARD-A-RENO SATURDAY, MAY 20

Things are getting “hairy” at the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo! It's time for the Beard-A-Reno Contest and Dinner! This fun-filled event is packed with excitement and folks cheering on their favorite participants, dinner, and entertainment.

The Beard-A-Reno Contest will take place on Saturday, May 20th starting at 4:30 pm. The cost to attend the event is \$30.00 and includes a meal of barbequed beef ribs, followed by musical entertainment. Doors open at 4:30 pm, dinner will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm and

judging begins promptly at 6:30 pm.

Contestants in the ‘whisker’ growing categories will compete for custom-made silver belt buckles in the 7 categories, which include: Longest Beard, Blackest Beard, Whitest Beard, Reddest Beard, Best Mustache, Best Attempt, and Best All-Around.

General public tickets for the Beard-A-Reno dinner are on sale now! Purchase tickets at the Elks Recreation Office. We recommend getting tickets early as it usually sells out quickly!



We are excited to announce our 2023 Elks Rodeo Queen Candidates at our official unveiling on Saturday, April 8th

They will be representing the Black Student Union, Cuyama Valley Exchange Club, Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe, Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria Noontime, NSBC United Way, VTC Enterprises

Santa Maria Elks Rodeo
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Mark your calendar and get ready to ride!

\$50 PER EVENT

- Money Payout •
- Buckle Awarded •

REGISTRATION DATES:
MARCH 20 - APRIL 28

CATEGORIES

Contestants must be 13 - 17 years of age as of June 1, 2023

Contestants must be 12 years of age and under as of June 1, 2023

For more information call (805) 925-4125

Forms available at the Elks Rodeo Office or online at elksrec.com




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- Open to children ages 4 - 5 •
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Friday, May 5th at 5:00 pm.

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DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM
DINNER SERVED 5:30 - 6:30 PM
BBQ RIB DINNER WITH ENTRY TICKET
\$30 - RIB DINNER TICKETS

ALL CONTESTANTS **MUST BE 21 OR OLDER**
ENTER NOW!
 LAST DATE FOR SIGNUPS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 7

DANCING TO FOLLOW CONTEST • \$10 COVER WITHOUT DINNER

JUDGING CATEGORIES

BEST MUSTACHE • BEST ALL AROUND • BEST ATTEMPT
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	<i>Beard-A-Reno tickets on sale at Elks Rec Office (Details pg. 21)</i>	<i>Elks Bowling Every Tuesday Rancho Bowl 6:30 pm</i>			<i>Upon Entrance to the Lodge, there may be a cover charge for Guests not buying a CYO Dinner</i>	<i>Officers' Installation & Inaugural Ball (Details in March Elks Horn pg. 8)</i>
2 <i>Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm</i>	3 <i>Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm</i> <i>BBQ Spare Ribs \$15</i> <i>House Committee 6:30</i>	4 <i>Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm</i> <i>BINGO 6:30 pm</i>	5	6 <i>Vets' Appreciation BBQ 11:00 am - 1:30 pm (Details pg. 5)</i> <i>Lodge 7:30 pm</i>	7 <i>CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm</i> <i>Dance to Leadfoot</i>	8 <i>Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Rodeo Queen Kick Off \$30</i> <i>Cocktails 5 pm</i> <i>Dinner 6 pm (Details pg. 17)</i>
9 <i>Easter Sunrise Service Elks Event Center 5:30 am (Details pg. 9)</i> <i>Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm</i>	10 <i>Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm</i> <i>Lasagna \$12</i>	11 <i>Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm</i> <i>BINGO 6:30 pm</i>	12	13 <i>Lodge 7:30 pm</i>	14 <i>CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm</i> <i>Dance to The Michael Arriola Project</i>	15 <i>Adopt-A-Highway 8:00 am</i> <i>Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm</i>
16 <i>Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm</i>	17 <i>Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm</i> <i>Chili Relleno \$12</i> <i>Car Show Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	18 <i>Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm</i> <i>BINGO 6:30 pm</i> <i>Investigation Interviews</i>	19	20 <i>Lodge 7:30 pm</i> <i>Balloting</i>	21 <i>CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm</i> <i>Dance to Caddy Shack</i>	22 <i>Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm</i>
23 <i>Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm</i>	24 <i>Family Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm</i> <i>BBQ 1/2 Chicken \$15</i>	25 <i>Pub Grub 5:30 - 7:00 pm</i> <i>BINGO 6:30 pm</i> <i>Sportsmen 7:00 pm</i> <i>Touring Elks 7:30 pm</i>	26	27 <i>Food Bank 9'ish</i> <i>Lodge 7:30</i>	28 <i>CYO Steak/Ribs/Fish/Chicken Breast 6:00 - 8:00 pm</i> <i>Dance to Smooth Groovz DJ Artie</i>	29 <i>Bar and Lounge Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm</i>
30 <i>Bar and Lounge Open 10:00am - 9:00pm</i> <i>Committee Chairman's Breakfast 10:00am</i>	<p>NOTE: Deadline for Elks Horn copy is 8:00 pm, THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH! Please email all copy to smelkshorn@gmail.com and include your name and phone number. Early entries appreciated.</p>					



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