May the holiday season fill your home with joy, your hearts with love, and your life with laughter.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday.
From our house to yours.
 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler ........................................... Samuel H. Brookins III
Leading Knight ........................................... Sandra Brookins
Loyal Knight ........................................... Kameelah A. Young
Lecturing Knight ....................................... Kimie Mauhili
Secretary .................................................. Donna Anderson
Treasurer ................................................... Adele Moore
Tiler ....................................................... Knealy Petersen
Esquire .................................................... Vacant
Chaplain .................................................... Vacant
Inner Guard ............................................. James Lansberry
Assistant Inner Guard ................................. Tim Castillo
Organist .................................................... Vacant
Trustee-1 Year ........................................... Greg Smith
Trustee-2 Year ........................................... Andy Korbacher, PDDGER
Trustee-3 Year ........................................... Karen Kundtz, PER
Trustee-4 Year ........................................... John Smith
Trustee-5 Year ........................................... Marco Lemus
Officer of the Year ..................................... Adele Moore
Elk of the Year ........................................... David Hamilton
Citizen of the Year ..................................... Sandra Brookins
House Committee Chairman ...................... Sandra Brookins
House Committee Vice Chairman ............... Pattie Pastella
House Committee Members ........................ Samuel H. Brookins III
................................................................. Sam Pastella
................................................................. Kimie Mauhili
................................................................. Karen Kundtz, PER
................................................................. Tim Castillo
Charity Committee Chairman ...................... Sandra Brookins
Charity Committee Members ....................... Phil Dumas, PER
................................................................. Tim Castillo
................................................................. Pattie Pastella
................................................................. Sam Pastella

 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident Prevention ......................... Andy Korbacher, PDDGER
Americanism .......................... Kameelah A. Young
Auditing & Accounting .............. Don Jackson
By Laws ......................................................... Vacant
Charity ................................................ Sandra Brookins
Drug Awareness ........................ Roseanne Kiss
Elks Hall Association ...................... Tom Traver, PER
Elks Memorial Day ......................... Karen Kundtz, PER
Elks National Foundation .......... Greg Koester, PDDGER
Flag Day ........................................... Kameelah A. Young
Fraternal Committee ................. Karen Kundtz, PER
Government Relations .......... Sandra Brookins
Hoop Shoot ......................... James Johnson, PER
House Committee ....................... Sandra Brookins
Lodge Activities ..................... Sandra Brookins
Membership ..................... Kameelah Young
PER Association ........................... Tom Traver, PER
Public Relations ..................... Sandra Brookins
Ritual ...................................... Greg Koester, PDDGER
Scholarship Coordinator ........... Vacant
State Major Project ................... Greg Smith
Veterans Services ....................... Carole May, PER

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Greetings Fellow Elks,

Another month has passed us by and the end of the year 2020 looms in the not to distant future.

Personally, I have to say 2020 has not been good so I will not be sad to see it go for many reasons. As far as the Elks go, we still have a few months to go in the Elk year and plenty of chances to get more things done.

If you haven’t done so this year now is the time to make your yearly donation to ENF and the Purple Pig. These programs depend on the generosity of all to survive. Please dig deep as this is an especially tough year due to COVID-19.

Even though I have said it before, volunteers and suggestions are always welcome. The suggestions box is located near the front door, or you can always contact me with your concerns or suggestions. Also, any concerns that you may have that require a more in depth conversation, please feel free to contact me at 760-390-6710 at anytime or just come by the Lodge to speak to me in person. Volunteers can be used in various locations, including the kitchen and bar area. Things like helping the wait staff to clearing tables, to helping with the dishes, all done with volunteers. Please feel free to contact The House Committee Chair, Sandra Brookins, or myself if you would like to help out. Volunteers such as carpenters, electricians or any trade person that would like to help out are always welcome. You don’t have to be a tradesman to help out. Please just contact the Lodge for more information.

This is a very difficult time for the Lodge and for all of us. COVID-19 has taken away Karaoke, Bingo, Lodge Rentals and a lot of other things that make money for the Lodge. This calls for drastic measures to save money around the Lodge. We need to conserve electricity, water and other resources within the Lodge. This calls for all of us to pitch in and help.

Remember this is your Lodge and I need your help. Please contact me with your suggestions or ideas. Running the Lodge takes all of us working together to make it happen. Have a safe and Happy Holiday season, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year too all.

Fraternally yours in service,
Samuel H. Brookins III

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**Volunteers Needed!**

- **Help at the Lodge**
  - Monthly Inventory Taker
  - Monthly bulk mailings
  - Office Assistant
- **Help from Home**
  - Website Developer
  - Scholarship Coordinator
  - Grant Writer

**Call 760-433-1561 - or - secretary@elksoceanside.com**
Greeting Elks,

This year has definitely gone by very fast. It’s hard to believe it’s December. COVID 19 had disrupted most of our Elk year. All we can do now is look forward to the New Year and hope it will be better for all of us. Currently the County has moved us back to the purple tier which is the most restrictive.

December, we all have so much to be thankful for our health, family and friends. I hope all of us as Elks are looking for the good in everybody and lending a helping hand where needed. Times are hard right now and we all could be kinder to each other.

I would like to take this time to wish you and your family a very Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

Right now, I have no idea if there will be a New Year’s Eve Party, but I would love that to happen, but it’s just a thought at this point. If we are able, it will come out as an Evite at a later date with all the details.

Please come in and see us!! Remember this is your Elks Lodge!! Your support is crucial in keeping the lodge running and we appreciate each and everyone of you.

Fraternally Yours,

Sandra Brookins

Happy Holidays Elk family!

I look forward to this Holiday season. It’s pumpkin spice flavored coffee or egg nog time, paired with a pumpkin flavored muffin. Yummy!! Definitely a good time of year to discuss Elkdom with your friends.

Be safe and Enjoy the last month of the year!

Fraternally yours,

Kameelah

Aloha fellow Elks:

Here we are, the last month of 2020. As the new year is fast approaching, let’s stop for a moment and reflect on the last year.

The trails and tribulations of this past year, has taught us, that we are resilient. We survived a lockdown. Some of us have had to deal with a loss. We have had to stop and change the way we spent our days. Trying to keep ourselves and our love ones safe.

We missed a lot of, social time, dates, parties, graduations, nights out, movies, the list goes on.

But as I look back at this past year, I am grateful for my life. I am grateful for my family and friends. I am grateful for my Elks family. I am grateful for one more day to see the sun shining, for one more night to see the stars at night. I am grateful for life, with all its trails and tribulations. Take a moment, and remember what your grateful for. Then maybe 2020 won’t be a total loss.

Until we met again, Aloha Kimie

The Lodge social quarters, office, and meetings will be closed on December 24, 2020 – January 1, 2021
The Lodge will re-open for all business on January 2, 2021
"...THE MYSTIC ROLL CALL..."

Elks Memorial Sunday is a day of sacred memory. The first Sunday of December finds more than a million men and women who are members of the Elks paying tribute to those Members who have passed on.

In these hours rich with fraternal significance, our members meet again in spirit with their Absent Members who once pledged with them at the altar of Elkdom, who once pledged with them allegiance to God, to country and to their fellow members. We are better Elks and better men and women when we have paused in our usual activities to give our thoughts to the absent ones.

The memory of those who lived their lives true to the teachings of our Order, faithful to the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, is worthy of such "mystic roll call of those who will come no more".

It has long been the custom in the Order on Memorial Sundays to invite our families, our friends and acquaintances, and the public, to join us in a setting where the beauties of floral arrangements and dulcet music help to promote the golden hour of recollection. Such services have done much to win the respect of the fellow members who participated.

A demonstration of the devotion to the memory of their departed members shown by the members of the Order cannot fail to impress favorably those privileged to witness the Memorial Services of a Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Elks Memorial Service
Sunday December 6, 2020
Doors open at 9:00 am.
Service starts at 9:30 am
Breakfast immediately follows.
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, French Toast and Fruit
$13 Adults — $10 children
RSVP to the Office at (760-433-1561)

ELKS TOAST

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS."
Applications for membership have been received from those listed below. They will meet with the Investigation Committee by appointment. If approved by ballot on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, they will be initiated on Tuesday, December 22, 2020. It is the duty of each member, under his/her obligation, to contact the Investigation Committee regarding any applicant who would not be a good member and a good representative of the Order and our Lodge.

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### A MILLION THANKS

You washed dishes, mopped floors; you stayed late to make sure the doors were locked. You cooked for 200 people.

You served everyone with a smile even when your back hurt and your feet ached. You gave money and then you gave more.

You sold raffle tickets and dinner tickets and event tickets.

You bought raffle tickets, even if you really didn't want to.

You put up decorations, telling yourself year after year you're not going to do it again, but someone asked and you smiled and said yes.

If this sounds like you . . . . . . it is.

So, to everyone who has given their time and their hard earned money, we will never forget how hard you have worked and all the money you have given to support our Lodge and the Elks projects.
From Steven Wagstaff, PER
Escondido Lodge 1687

The 7th Annual Chili’s Fundraiser for CHEMPI is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021. I know we are all hoping this COVID situation will come to an end, but in the event the state is not fully open, and your local Chili’s restaurant is unable to provide dine-in service on that day, take-out orders will still be available. If our local Chili’s restaurant is unable to provide dine-in service, it is recommended you contact the restaurant, let them know you will be participating in the fundraiser and place your take-out order(s) before the day of the event so they can be prepared for the event. If everyone calls the restaurant on the day of the event the place their orders, you could end up with a wait time of a couple hours.

With each event day flyer presented at the time of purchase, or you inform the restaurant your takeout order is in support of the event, Chili’s will donate 15% of their event day sales back to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Remember you do not have to be an Elk to participate.

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Bolos ........................................ $15.00
Key Chains ................................ $1.50 - $16.50
Tie Clips................................. $5.00
Elks #1561 Lodge Shirt Sale ...... $20.00
Collector’s Bell......................... $6.00

* Purple Pig Hats 2019 (51st Annual Elks RV Rally) FREE with Donation of $5.00 or more to Purple Pig
* Assorted Elks Pins—FREE with Donation of $5.00 or more to Purple Pig
* Women’s and Men’s #1561 Lodge Shirts—Limited Sizes Available
* When Elks Cook Cookbook — FREE with donation of $10.00 or more to Purple Pig
Bingo: Closed
Lodge Mee n: Tue @ 7:00 pm
Inve n: By Appointment
Ballo n: 2nd Tue
In n: 4th Tue
House Cmte Mtg: 1st Mon @ 5:30 pm
Trustees Mtg: 4th Mon @ 5:30 pm
O Hburs: Monday-Friday 10 am-2 pm

You are invited to celebrate your “BIRTHDAY” at the Elks Lodge
Friday, December 18th
Dinner served from 5PM-8PM
Prime Rib, Potatoes, and Salad $17.00 Plus Tax
or
Grilled Chicken, Potatoes, and Salad $13.00 Plus Tax

!! We will have cake !!

RSVP 760-433-1561
Reservations are a must.
(The Birthday dinner will be the third Friday this month because of the holiday.)
(The Bistro Menu will no longer be available on Birthday Friday.)

? Did you Know ?
There is a hidden Membership number somewhere in/on this Bulletin?
If the Membership number is yours, and if you bring this Bulletin to Lodge meeting, you will receive a complimentary Tuesday Night “Dinner for Two” here at the Lodge.

WASTE NOT * WANT NOT
Reservations for all Lodge dinners and functions are a must in order for the Lodge to cut food costs and food waste. Please call the Lodge office at 760-433-1561, or stop by, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. We are Ready, Willing and Happy to take your reservations.
Payment is not required at the time you make your reservation, but is always appreciated.
Please help us ‘plan’ ahead !!
Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in the 160s BC. After outlawing the Jewish religion and Jewish practices, then-King Antiochus IV decreed that Jews must worship Greek gods in the Temple. Eventually, Jewish priest Mattathias, his son Judah Maccabee, and their army (creatively called The Maccabees) revolted, ultimately forcing Antiochus IV out of Judea. Maccabee and his followers reclaimed the Temple and rebuilt the altar.
Century Club Donations of $100+

Allen, Steve
Barrante, George
Benne, Jack
Berry, Lydia M
Boschetti, Richard E
Brown, William K
Buczkowski, Stanley E
Burden, Daniel E
Capps, John M
Caso, Timothy
Clinton, Courtney
Coco, Charles F Jr
Cory, Leelon
Cooney, Alison
Cooney, Daniel
Cruise, Alan G
Davis, Herb E
Dowling, John M
Druilas, Lucy
Dyresen, John
Eisendrath, Richard T
Elledge, Elliot F
Escovedo, Estella
Freeman, David R
French, Carole
Gauler, Katherine
Gilden, Diane
Goetschalckx, B J
Graystone, Peter “Bill”

Hair, Joyce
Hamilton, David
Harder, Jerry
Hermsen, Thomas M
Jack, Debraann C
Jeers, Robert
Johnson, Anna B
Johnstone, Kevin
Jones, Jerry E
Kauppinen, David J
Kelley, Francis L
Korbacher Jr, William A
Lansberry, James
Lemus, Marco
Libby, Craig Irwin
Litwin, Donald
Lucio, Ron
Mahin, Chilton A
Malnar, Nancy
M��nez, Mary
Mauhili, Kimie
McCarley, Joseph D
McCarthy, Daniel L
Millsap, James
Mueller, Arnold
Muir, Emma
Mullins, Timothy Alan
Nelson, Richard L
Nielsen, Mark

Noble, Robert E
Noel, Rebecca
Nykiel, Catherine
Owen, Kennith C
Petersen, Knealy
Plum, Marcia
Porter, Nora
Pursell, Daniel D
Ravetz, Virgie
Reeves, William S
Reid, Helen
Riojas, Joe
Robinson, Edward L
Roebuck, Patti L
Schoeder, Robert E
Setron, Vivian
Smith, Edward P
Smith, James
Staggers, Karen Grace
Terry, E J
Thomas, Kelley S
Totanes, Ogie
Traver, Thomas B
Truchanowicz, Henry
Tusa, Lillian 'Lee'
Vestal, Don
Walker, Joseph D
Williams, David A
Young, Kameelah A

Have you ever wondered what BLT Legacy Giving is all about? It's really very simple. These are gifts made to help fund the Major Project. One way to think of BLT is to compare it to ENF. Funds that go to BLT provide future dollars to help children who will need the assistance of the Major Project. In other words, if there is ever a time when the monies raised through the purple piggy banks are insufficient to cover the expenses of providing care to the children, the BLT Legacy Giving program is there to meet that need. In the meantime, these monies remain invested in the BLT fund to grow for the future.

BLT Legacy Giving and the Purple Piggy Bank work hand in hand to ensure that our therapists and vision screeners continue to provide much needed services to children throughout California and Hawaii. If you would like to learn more about BLT Legacy Giving, please contact our BLT Legacy Giving Chairperson, Major Project Chairman, Greg Smith.
3rd place John Smith
1st place Kameelah Young
2nd place Debbie (Mike's guest)
**2021 Most Valuable Student Contest**

The Elks National Foundation is proud to announce the start of the 2021 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest on August 5, 2020. The Most Valuable Student scholarship is available to high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. Applications are judged on academics, leadership, service and financial need. The application is completed online and must be submitted by the **December 15, 2020**, deadline. The 500 national winners will be announced in April 2021.

**Learn more about the MVS scholarship here:**

[https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm](https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm)

If you know any High School seniors that would like to apply for our scholarship program, please encourage them to do so. All they have to do is visit our web site for the details and get their applications submitted by December 15th. We are late getting the word out this year, but there is still time.

**www.elks.org**

--- > **Our Programs --- > Scholarships**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Oceanside 1561 is looking for a **Volunteer** to step up and become our “**Lodge Scholarship Coordinator**”. No special skills are needed to fill this position. What is needed is a dedicated Elk who would like to contribute a small amount of time and energy to passing the word about the Elks Scholarship Program to our Schools, our Community and, especially, to our deserving high school seniors. To apply for this **very** important position as an **Elk**, please stop by the office, or call us at 760-433-1561, and we will sign you up and educate you on the task at hand.

Since 1931, the Elks National Foundation has helped students recognize their academic dreams. Each year, we award more than $3 million in college scholarships to at least 800 outstanding, service-minded high school seniors. Once you're an Elks scholar, you're family.

**Become a part of this great program now... Volunteer!**
The Audit Committee is looking for anyone with accounting experience to help with the quarterly audits of the Lodge books. Please Volunteer to Join the Audit & Accounting Committee. Please contact Don Jackson, Chairman, at 714-269-9645.

Have a Drink on Us

If your Birthday is this month, and you bring this bulletin to a Lodge meeting any Tuesday night this month, you will receive a free Happy Birthday drink compliments of the Lodge.

Membership Report as of November 16, 2020

Number of Elks Reported on April 1, 2020............378
Initiated.................................................................21
Affiliated by demit & certificate of release..............3
Affiliated by reinstatement.....................................1
Total added to roll ..............................................25
Dropped..............................................................8
Granted transfer demits........................................1
Granted absolute demits.......................................0
Deceased............................................................2
Other......................................................................0
Total dropped from roll......................................8
Net Membership Gain.........................................17
Total on roll.........................................................395

December Birthday Born

02 Steve Allen
Will Tompkins
03 Kenneth Alfrey
Pat McN
04 Jon Farris
Joseph Mccarley
07 Ricardo Spears
George Yellich
09 Talli Carey
Louis Valdez
10 Timothy Gysin
11 Joe Canales
Julysen
12 Mark Nielsen
13 Nim Waldrop
14 Don 'Dg' Bell
16 Robert Deuchars
17 J Ward Lewis III
19 Lois Gadol
23 Roger Paul
24 Vincent Miscioscia
27 Robert Nobel
29 Jack Edwards
David Kauppinen

Veterans Day

Land of the Free
Because of the Brave

Thank You

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: April Tenorio, Mark Kalb, Mike Wallace, Dave Hamilton, Gene Edwards, Jim Minasian, Chris Poland, Adele Moore.

Also in attendance, but not in the picture, was ER Samuel Brookins and Tim Castillo.
**Sickness & Distress**

The following members and family members were noted on the floor of the Lodge:

- Sandra Brookins’ sister passed away October 29th.
- Cynthia Thompson fainted during her initiation on October 7th. It was a minor infection and she is fully recovered.
- Tony Repas’ father passed away.

Please call the Lodge Office at 760-433-1561, if you know of anyone who is sick or in need of a kind heart. We don’t always get the word until after the fact. We are all a part of our Elks “extended family” so we need to keep each other up to date on how our Brothers and Sisters and their families are doing. Thanks for the help…..

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

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**Leo Buscaglia**
To all our sponsors, we thank you for your support during the past year.

Do you know anyone who might like to advertise with us, maybe a friend or family member, an Elk or a non Elk? If so, please ask them to bring their business card into the office. A standard size business card advertisement is $100 per year. A larger size advertisement is $125 per year.

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- 50A, FHU, $38 Day or $875 per month PLUS Electricity

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**It's the curiosity that drives me.**

**It's making a difference in the world that prevents me from ever giving up.**

Deborah Meier