



## Lodge 1643 INDIO



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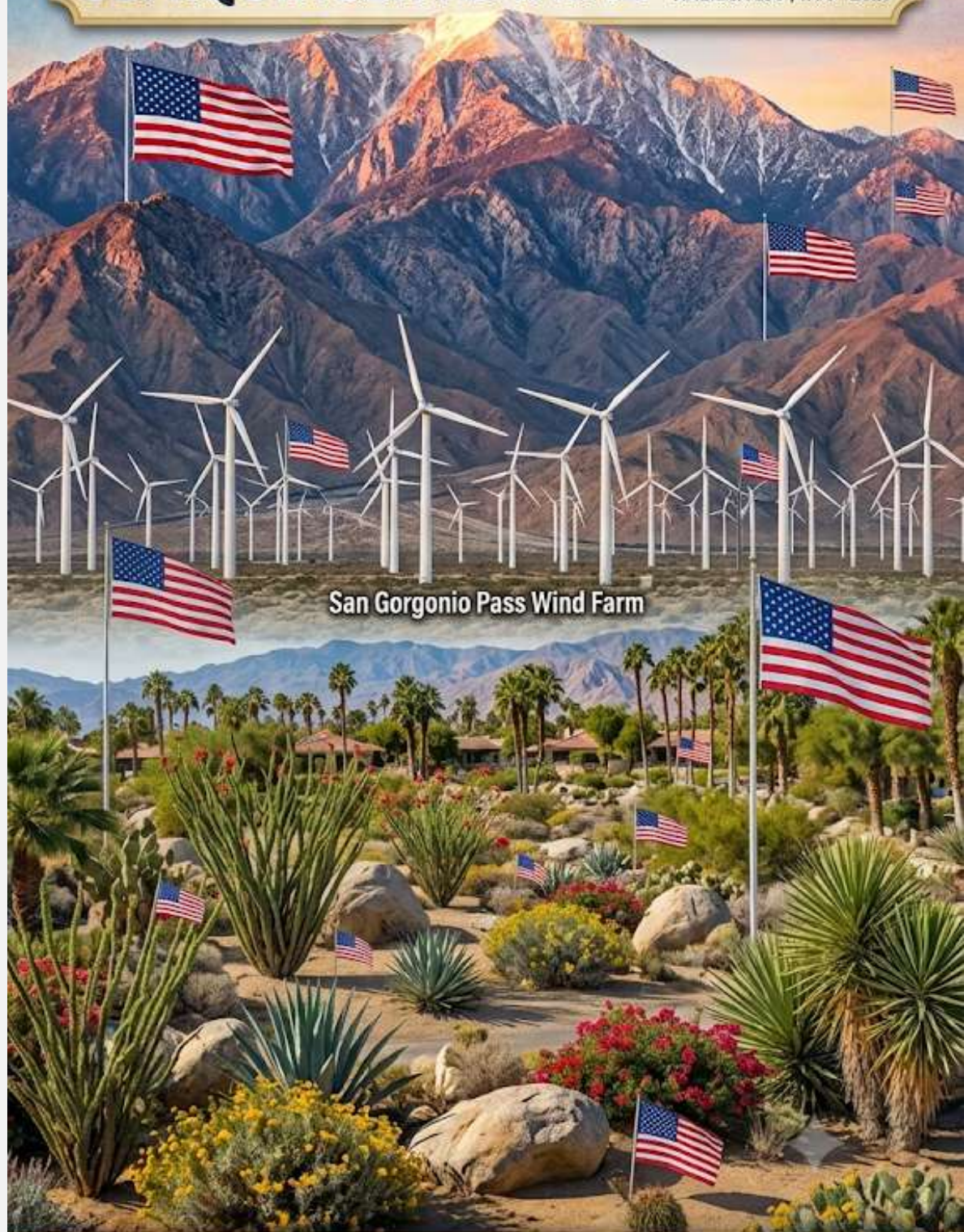
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# JULY 2026 BULLETIN

INDIO  
ELKS  
LODGE 1643

## CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250 YEARS: SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL



San Geronio Pass Wind Farm

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### Special Announcements

- July 4 - 'Happy 250 years, America ~ Celebration'
- July 8 - 'Members June Birthdays Bash'
- July 11 - 'Lodge Work Party'

### Other:

- Bingo - Saturdays
- Breakfast Sundays  
(For more Lodge Activities see Calendar of Events)



### Message from the Exalted Ruler

Welcome July, and happy 250th Birthday, America! June was an incredible month packed with great memories from our Birthday Bash, Father's Day Bingo, karaoke, line dancing, and more. A special thank you to PER Paula Piltz and Chaplain Mike Piltz for making our Flag Day ceremony extra special with your amazing costumes and orchestration.

### Navigating the Offseason Together

The summer months are a brutal reminder of the importance of member participation. While our seasonal members may have left, our operational expenses have not. We will push through this offseason with passion and purpose, and we need your continued support:

- **Lodge Cleanup (July 11th):** Preparations for the upcoming season are already underway. Please consider signing up to help us refresh and clean the inside of the lodge on Saturday, July 11th.
- **Event Rentals:** Our House Committee is working tirelessly on events all the way through the New Year. Club Manager Tina Cormier has done a great job boosting our lodge rentals. Please remind your friends and neighbors that our lodge is the perfect place to host community events!
- **Filling the Backpack:** Our school supply drive is well underway! Thanks to your generous donations, we will be providing backpacks and supplies to local students in Indio, as well as our partners at the Galilee Center in Mecca and Shelter from the Storm.

### Membership & Giving Updates

- **Incredible Growth:** Membership recruitment remains my #1 priority, and our team effort is paying off. Since our fiscal year began on April 1st, we have initiated 29 new members with another 22 in the queue—putting us way ahead of 2025! Please join me in welcoming them all.
- **Purple Pig Milestone:** Congratulations to Ronald Hinman, our very first Purple Pig Century Club donor for 2026. Thank you for your wonderful contribution to helping disabled children.

### Recognizing Excellence

- **Person of the Month:** The House Committee has elected **Brian Gray** as the June Person of the Month! Brian is a veteran and a driving force in our kitchen who always goes out of his way to make visiting children feel extra special. Thank you, Brian and Cathy, for being such a blessing to our lodge.
- **Our Volunteers:** Our volunteers are the foundation of our mission and purpose, putting their hearts into the lodge every single day. Words can never fully express how much we appreciate you.

June 23rd marked my first anniversary as your Exalted Ruler. My wife Barb (your Esteemed Loyal Knight) and I continue to work as hard as we can seven days a week to keep the lodge fun, active, and always mindful of our core virtues: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. It is a true honor to serve you.

Faternally,

**Ron Sweatte**

Exalted Ruler

**Message from the Esteemed Loyal Knight**

Hello everyone, and welcome to July! I hope you are all staying cool as we head into the peak of summer.

**Reflecting on Flag Day**

We had a truly beautiful Flag Day ceremony on Sunday, June 14th. It was a wonderful way to start our Sunday morning, and I want to extend a few special thanks:

- **Our Event Leaders:** A big thank you to Mike and Paula Piltz, who dressed in historic costumes and took us on a wonderful journey through the history of our American flag.
- **The Response:** Thank you to veteran Brian Gray, who did an amazing job reading "The Response" and explaining the profound changes our flag has gone through over the years.
- **Our Members:** I deeply appreciate all the members who were having breakfast that morning and chose to stay and share this meaningful event with us.

**Supporting the Elks National Foundation (ENF)**

For those who may not know, I serve as your ENF Chairperson. If you have a busy schedule but have always wanted to find a way to give back, donating to the Elks National Foundation is the perfect place to start:

- **Doubling Your Impact:** For every single dollar you donate to ENF, \$2 comes directly back to our local community in the form of grants to help the people who need it most.
- **Easy Monthly Giving:** You can set up a recurring donation by visiting [Elks.org](https://Elks.org), clicking on "Donate," and filling out your information. Even a small contribution of just **\$5 a month** makes a massive difference.
- **Upcoming Events:** If a monthly commitment isn't right for you, don't worry! We will be hosting various fundraising events throughout the upcoming year to support ENF.

No matter how you choose to give, your support is greatly appreciated by me and is life-changing for the recipients of these grants. Have a great July!

Fraternally,

**Barbara Sweatle**

Esteemed Loyal Knight



# JULY 2026



Bar Hours: Mon-Fri 11:30 am – 7:00 pm / Sat 11:30 am – 5:00 pm / Sun 8:30 am – 11:30 am (closes 6:30 pm on Lodge Meeting Days)

Food Hours: Mon-Fri 11:30 am – 5:15 pm (closes 6:00 pm on Lodge Meeting Days)

Kitchen closes 30 minutes before closing for cleaning/closing

Special Hours: Weekend and Holidays (may change monthly depending on season)

Breakfast Sundays 8:30 am – 11:30 am

| SUN                               | MON | TUE                                                                          | WED                                                                                            | THU | FRI                                                                    | SAT                                                              |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                   |     |                                                                              | 1<br>BOARD MEETING<br>4:30 PM<br>LODGE MEETING<br>6:30 PM                                      | 2   | 3<br>FAMILY AND<br>FRIENDS DINNER<br>SUMMER MENU<br>\$15.00 TAX INCL.  | 4<br><br>BINGO<br>1 PM – 3 PM                                    |
| 5<br>BREAKFAST<br>8:30-11:30 AM   | 6   | 7<br>ROTARY LUNCHEON<br>HC MEETING 4 PM<br>Summer Karaoke<br>4 pm – 7 pm     | 8<br><br>JUNE BIRTHDAYS<br>PARTY PATIO 5 PM<br>**Joan and Max**<br>Also,<br>Line Dancing Night | 9   | 10<br>FAMILY AND<br>FRIENDS DINNER<br>SUMMER MENU<br>\$15.00 TAX INCL. | 11<br>LODGE WORK<br>PARTY<br>9 AM -7<br><br>BINGO<br>1 PM – 3 PM |
| 12<br>BREAKFAST<br>8:30-11:30 AM  | 13  | 14<br>ROTARY LUNCHEON<br>HC MEETING 4 PM<br>Summer Karaoke<br>4 pm – 7 pm    | 15<br>BOARD MEETING<br>4:30 PM<br>LODGE MEETING<br>INITIATIONS<br>6:30 PM                      | 16  | 17<br>FAMILY AND<br>FRIENDS DINNER<br>SUMMER MENU<br>\$15.00 TAX INCL. | 18<br>BINGO<br>1 PM – 3 PM                                       |
| 19<br>BREAKFAST<br>8:30-11:30 AM  | 20  | 21<br>ROTARY LUNCHEON<br>HC MEETING 4:00 PM<br>Summer Karaoke<br>4 pm – 7 pm | 22<br>Line Dancing Night                                                                       | 23  | 24<br>FAMILY AND<br>FRIENDS DINNER<br>SUMMER MENU<br>\$15.00 TAX INCL. | 25<br>BINGO<br>1 PM – 3 PM                                       |
| 26<br>BREAKFAST<br>8:30 -11:30 AM | 27  | 28<br>ROTARY LUNCHEON<br>HC MEETING 4 PM<br>Summer Karaoke<br>4 pm – 7 pm    | 29                                                                                             | 30  | 31<br>FAMILY AND<br>FRIENDS DINNER<br>SUMMER MENU<br>\$15.00 TAX INCL. |                                                                  |

## UPCOMING EVENTS BILLBOARD

**4TH OF JULY**  
**EXTRAVAGANZA!**  
CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE  
INDIO ELKS LODGE #1643

**1:00 - 3:00 PM** **BINGO!**

**2:00 PM** **HOT DOGS & CHIPS**  
★ *SERVED!*

**3:00 - 5:00 PM** **PATRIOTIC SING-ALONG KARAOKE!**

**5:00 P.M. DINNER**  
\$25 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

**DINNER** RIBS, FRIED CHICKEN & ALL THE FIXINGS!

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY **Kevin Miller!**

**It's Always Fun at the Elks!**

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR INVITED GUESTS ★ INDIO ELKS LODGE #1643 ★ 46301 MADISON ST, INDIO, CA 92201

**1643**  
*Indio, CA*

## UPCOMING EVENTS BILLBOARD



**SUMMER KARAOKE**

*Sing loud. Have fun. Make memories!*

**TUESDAYS 4-7PM**

**EVERY WEEK STARTING JUNE 2ND!**

**GOOD VIBES ONLY!**

**OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR INVITED GUESTS!**

**ALL VOICES WELCOME!**

**ELKS LODGE 1643**

**GAMES**  
FUN GAMES ALL NIGHT!

**PRIZES**  
AWESOME PRIZES TO BE WON!

**EVERY WEEK THROUGH SUMMER!**

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TO CHARITY**

**YOU BE THE STAR!**



**Line Dancing Night!**

**2nd & 4th WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

*Grab your boots & hit the floor!*

**OPEN TO Members AND THEIR Invited Guests**

**Indio Elks**  
★ LODGE #1643 ★

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS Goes to Charity**

## UPCOMING EVENTS BILLBOARD

**Special Locals**  
**SUMMER Menu**  
 FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE  
**INDIO ELKS LODGE**

**\$15.00**  
 TAX INCLUDED

Dinner starts at  
**5:00 P.M.**

OPEN TO  
 MEMBERS  
 AND THEIR  
 GUESTS

**MEATLOAF**  
 WITH MASHED POTATOES  
 AND GRAVY, VEGETABLES

**CHICKEN FRIED STEAK**  
 WITH MASHED POTATOES,  
 VEGETABLES

**FRIED COD**  
 WITH FRENCH FRIES,  
 COLE SLAW, LEMON WEDGE

**ALL YOU CAN EAT  
 SALAD BAR DINNER**  
 FOR ONLY \$15.00

**SALAD BAR \$5.00**  
 ENJOY A FRESH SALAD FROM  
 THE BAR WITH ENTREES ONLY \$5.00

**GREAT FOOD  
 GREAT FRIENDS  
 GREAT TIMES!**

**Indio Elks**  
**#1643**

**INDIO ELKS #1643**  
 46301 MADISON ST.  
 INDIO, CA 92201

**\$12 TO \$16**

**Sunday BRUNCH**

**8:30 TO 11:30 A.M.**

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR INVITED GUESTS!

**INDIO ELKS LODGE 1643**  
 46301 MADISON ST.  
 INDIO, CA 92201

## UPCOMING EVENTS BILLBOARD



# — INDIO ELKS LODGE #1643 —

## VOLUNTEER'S WORK PARTY

### CALLING ALL MEMBERS: SIGN UP NOW!

**WHY:** Deep Clean and Organize Our Lodge Interior

**WHEN:**  
Saturday, July 11 | 9:00 AM sharp to ????



**Plans are:**

-  • Organize lodge decorations
-  • Clean & organize stock room
-  • Paint stock room doors
-  • Clean & organize back-room office
-  • Help clean Secretary & Treasurer Office
-  • Clean game room
-  • Clean back of bar areas
-  • Deep clean kitchen
-  • Other miscellaneous jobs to make our lodge beautiful and welcoming.

### WHO IS IN?

Sign up sheets are posted on the lodge bulletin board.

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

For questions contact:

Ron Sweatte, ER ([ron@sweatte.com](mailto:ron@sweatte.com))

or

Beate Boyd, Trustee ([2022oceans@gmail.com](mailto:2022oceans@gmail.com))

## UPCOMING EVENTS BILLBOARD

**GOOD FRIENDS  
★ GREAT TIMES ★  
BIG MEMORIES!**

**★ INDIO ELKS RV PARK ★**

**RV  
ROUNDUP!**

**October 21st-25th 2026**

**YOU BRING  
★ THE RV, ★  
★ WE BRING  
★ THE FUN! ★**

**OPEN TO  
MEMBERS AND  
THEIR INVITED GUESTS  
WITH PARTIAL PROCEEDS  
GOING TO CHARITY**

**ACTIVITIES!**

- SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT
- CORNHOLE
- BINGO
- BINGO
- WELLNESS WALKS
- ARTS & CRAFTS

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

**THEMED EVENTS:**

- PATIO PARTY**
- DANCE NIGHT**
- SUNDAY** FREE NIGHT + DINNER DONATION + FOOTBALL
- COUNTRY NIGHT**
- HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION**

**FOOD SPECIALS!**

- CLUB SANDWICH
- ELK BURGER
- CHEF SALAD

**Indio Elks Lodge** | **Call for Reservations:**

**Volunteer Coordinator**

**DEB MCGROARTY**  
Volunteer Coordinator

CALL OR TEXT  
**(541) 610-8144**  
dmcgroar66@gmail.com

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**  
You make all the difference.  
We can't thank you enough!

## PURPLE PIG SUPPORT CIRCLE

### INDIO LODGE 1643 DONATION REPORT

### *'HELPING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES'*



### PURPLE PIG DONATIONS REPORT

PURPLE PIG donations received in June 2026  
Reported on July 2026 Bulletin

**Millennium Club:**

**Century Club:**  
Michelle George - \$65.75  
Total for this Elk year: \$124.73

**52 Club:**  
Eddie Griffin - \$73.28  
Ross Kvinge - \$76.79

**Purple Pig Donations:**

|                                 |                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Donna McIntosh - \$9.18         |  |
| Ken Zitrer - \$32.90            |                                                                                      |
| Bob & Denise Muller - \$33.21   |                                                                                      |
| Beate Boyd - \$14.89            |                                                                                      |
| Sybil Watson - \$28.38          |                                                                                      |
| Carol Smyrhe - \$6.84           |                                                                                      |
| Mary (Buffy) Cavaness - \$11.79 |                                                                                      |
| Lodge - \$34.66                 |                                                                                      |
| Bar - \$18.92                   |                                                                                      |

**MONTHLY GENEROSITY HIGHLIGHT**

**Michelle George - \$124.73**

**CELEBRATING OUR PURPLE PIG DONORS!**

With our deepest thanks to the Indio Elks 1643 Membership for your generous and continued support of the Purple Pig Major Project, helping our community!

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BENEFACTORS!

| <b>Indio Elks 1643 - Committees</b> |                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>House Committee</b>              | Mary Claeys (HC Chair), Karann Hansen-Wilks (HC Secretary), Gregg Steitz, Michael Kearney, Joanne Hoots, Harriet Macknicki |
| <b>Americanism</b>                  | Steve Bazurto (Chair)                                                                                                      |
| <b>Activities Committee</b>         | Vacant                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Auditing &amp; Accounting</b>    | Stephanie Rosales (Chair), Adolph Avila, Bob Bradach, Hall Rich, Patrick Guinaw, Robert Miller (back-up member)            |
| <b>Investigation</b>                | Mike Piltz (Chair)                                                                                                         |
| <b>Insurance &amp; Safety</b>       | Mike Goloskie (Chair), Beate Boyd, Hall Rich                                                                               |
| <b>Memorial Day</b>                 | Vacant                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Drug Awareness</b>               | Ron Sweatte (Chair)                                                                                                        |
| <b>Hoop Shoot</b>                   | Vacant                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Government Relations</b>         | Vacant                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Orientation</b>                  | Scotty Foy (Chair)                                                                                                         |
| <b>Lodge Community Activities</b>   | Vacant                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Membership &amp; Retention</b>   | John Platt (Chair), Beate Boyd, Scotty Foy                                                                                 |
| <b>Grant Coordinator</b>            | Vacant                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Veterans</b>                     | Steve Bazurto (Chair), Paule Crescini, Angie Butner, Gloria Nixt, Barry Walsh, Bob Evans, Tom Lee, Betty Smith             |
| <b>Youth Activities</b>             | Vacant                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>        | Deb McGroary (Chair)                                                                                                       |
| <b>PER Association</b>              | Vacant                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Piggy Bank</b>                   | Janet Benavides (Chair)                                                                                                    |
| <b>Judiciary</b>                    | Joseph Daily (Chair)                                                                                                       |
| <b>Bequest and Living Trust</b>     | Vacant                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Scholarship</b>                  | Angela Tenneriello (Chair)                                                                                                 |
| <b>Ritual</b>                       | Vacant                                                                                                                     |
| <b>ENF</b>                          | Barbara Sweatte (Chair), Joanne Hoots                                                                                      |
| <b>Public Relations</b>             | Amanda (Manda) Barraza (Chair)                                                                                             |
| <b>Editor/ Bulletin</b>             | J. Israel Vasquez                                                                                                          |
| <b>Media Communications</b>         | Sybil Watson (Chair)                                                                                                       |



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### NEW MEMBER INITIATION ~ JUNE 17, 2026

- Judy McFarland
- Joseph McCallum
- Fred Baine
- Becky Zamora
- Lea Barela
- Angela Avila
- Edward Griffin
- Stephanie Griffin
- Eva Regalado
- Susan Neely

*\*Total 15 candidates now investigated and qualified.*



## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



REPORTS OF OUR SICK AND DISTRESS -  
PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

| MEMBER                                        | REASON                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Anita Purscell<br>Ruben Arias<br>Mike Kearney | Lodge in sorrow ceremony held on June 3.<br>Recovering from a serious illness.<br>Now out of the convalescent home. |



## LODGE OF SORROW



| MEMBER | REASON                                    |
|--------|-------------------------------------------|
|        | Life Membership approved by floor ballot. |



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP



| NAME | REASON                                    |
|------|-------------------------------------------|
|      | Life Membership approved by floor ballot. |



## ATTENDANCE WINNERS IF PRESENT



DRAWINGS CONDUCTED DURING JUNE 2026 SESSIONS.

|                     |           |    |          |
|---------------------|-----------|----|----------|
| Allen Harris        | 6/3/2026  | N  | \$500.00 |
| Ron Sweatte         | 6/3/2026  | YN | \$425.00 |
| Ray Beyer           | 6/17/2026 | N  | \$500.00 |
| Ira (Rusty) Brander | 6/17/2026 | NN | \$25.00  |

*\*Next drawings values: \$500.00 and \$50.00\**

# Indio Elks 1643 Membership Highlights

# JULY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 01 - Davis, Richard F     | 17 - Russo, Thomas P       |
| 01 - Lerch, Philip        | 17 - Sasse, Lynne          |
| 02 - Barber, Gerry David  | 17 - Weber, Gary S         |
| 02 - Boswell, Michael     | 18 - Anderson, Christopher |
| 02 - Carter, Steven L     | 18 - Balmes, Daniel W      |
| 02 - Hatrak, Karl J       | 18 - Miller, Robert B      |
| 02 - Klugman, Marc L      | 18 - Smith, Steven W       |
| 03 - Britz, Roy           | 20 - Avila, Gustavo        |
| 04 - Brown, Robert W      | 20 - Johnson, Kristine     |
| 06 - Piltz, Michael       | 21 - Carroll, Frank M      |
| 06 - Reiske, Jennifer     | 21 - Manzo, Veronica       |
| 08 - Baron, Joseph        | 21 - Motz, Douglas         |
| 08 - Hunter, James        | 22 - Ahola, Kori           |
| 08 - Rodriguez, David     | 23 - Fisk, Karen           |
| 09 - MacGregor, Scott     | 24 - Mladiniech, Vince A   |
| 09 - Ramos, Bradley       | 24 - Nesly, Robert J       |
| 10 - Marsh, Joann         | 24 - Tarp, John            |
| 10 - Rice, Rick R         | 25 - Dominski, Frederick   |
| 10 - Sharp, Barry         | 25 - O' Day, George        |
| 11 - Crorkin, Katherine M | 25 - Rogers, Wayne         |
| 12 - Cooper, Daniel J     | 26 - Bulot, Robert         |
| 12 - McKenna, Michael R   | 27 - Denso, Charles        |
| 12 - Ruiz, VET, Henry F   | 27 - Tisler, Thomas Neal   |
| 13 - Eng, Philip          | 27 - Wilcox, James C       |
| 13 - Genna, Joyce G       | 28 - McCallum, Joseph R    |
| 13 - Lumpkin, Russell L   | 28 - Meyer, Randy E        |
| 14 - Baldwin, Daniel E    | 28 - Peterson, Helen       |
| 14 - Farn, Kevin M        | 28 - Ponsford, Leah        |
| 14 - Thibault, Thomas     | 28 - Riley, Alan           |
| 16 - Cole, David          | 29 - Hobbs, Glenn          |
| 16 - Singer, William      | 30 - Steltz, Kim           |
|                           | 31 - Brancato, Charles     |

**INDIO ELKS LODGE #1643**  
**JOIN THE PARTY & CELEBRATE**  
**OUR JULY BIRTHDAYS!**

**~ From the Editor's Desk****DID YOU KNOW?** *Celebrating America's 250th: A Heritage Shared by Country and Order*

Dear Friends and Fellow Elks,

As our nation marks its monumental 250th anniversary, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible journey of the United States of America. It is a milestone that evokes deep pride, not just as citizens, but uniquely as members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The BPOE is a distinctly American organization—built on our soil, shaped by our values, and forever linked to the destiny of our country. To celebrate this historic Semi quincennial, let us look at four profound areas where the history of America and the legacy of the Elks beat with the exact same heart:

**1. The Guardians of Flag Day**

Long before it was a national holiday, honoring the Stars and Stripes was woven into the fabric of Elkdom. In 1907, the Elks became the first national fraternal organization to mandate the annual observance of Flag Day across all local lodges. Decades later, it was an Elk—President Harry S. Truman—who officially signed Flag Day into federal law in 1949. When we salute the flag, we are participating in a tradition that the Elks helped give to the entire nation.

**2. An Unshakable Oath to Our Veterans**

The American story is defined by the brave men and women who fought to protect our freedom. Just as America promises to honor its protectors, the Elks hold an unbreakable pledge: *"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."* From donating the very first veterans hospital to the U.S. government to mobilizing relief during every major conflict from WWI to modern operations, our commitment to service mirrors our country's profound gratitude to its heroes.

**3. Preserving the Sentinels of Freedom**

When America's most treasured national symbols have faced the wear of time, the Elks have repeatedly stepped forward to protect them. In the 1980s, Elks across the country raised over \$1.38 million to restore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Years later, we exceeded our national pledge to help fund the construction of the National World War II Memorial on the National Mall. We don't just study American history; we actively help preserve its monuments for future generations.

**4. Cultivating the Next Generation of Citizens**

Through the work of our Americanism Committees, the Elks act as a living classroom for the virtues that keep democracy alive. By hosting naturalization ceremonies, sponsoring massive youth essay contests on patriotism, and supplying local schools with flags and copies of the Constitution, we ensure that the revolutionary ideas of 1776 remain vibrant in the hearts of tomorrow's leaders.

As we watch the fireworks this July and celebrate America's 250 years of liberty, remember that every time you step into Indio Lodge 1643, you are keeping the true spirit of the American experiment alive through Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Happy 250th Birthday, America! Let's keep making history together!



**Editor's Note:** If you have a local "Did You Know" fact about our own Lodge history or a member spotlight, please email me directly at [vasquez387@gmail.com](mailto:vasquez387@gmail.com) by July 20<sup>th</sup>. We will review and published in our July Bulletin Edition as appropriate.

**Fraternally and in partnership,**

**J. Israel Vasquez**

*Trustee & Bulletin Editor, Elks Lodge 1643*