The Elkhorn Newsletter –November 2026

Encinitas Elks Lodge #2243

THE ELKHORN

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION



A warm welcome to our new members















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Past Exalted Rulers

Arthur Meyer PSVP*	Marty Lorea*
Bobby Gooding*	Frank Belt
Russell Scharbarth*	Dr. Robert Bach*
Richard Weinberg*	Robert Guiltinan*
Carl S. Bohn*	Lorne Fleming*
Jeffis J, Cowen*	W.L. (Bill) Naylor*
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George Drummond*	John Nelson*
L. Phillip Shaw*	Mike Warner
Harold J. Smith, PDDGER*	Eugene Quigley*
	Norma Sloane
John Swanson*	Tim McIlwain
Eugene Swensen	Patrick Head
William F. Hansen*	Roger Shaw
Thurston H. Foltz*	Joel Rump
Harold Brown*	Bill Vance, PDDGER/DL
William Kenworthy*	Bryan Brower
J.W.Sheridan PDDGER*	John Corbin, AVP
Norman Schmitz, Jr.*	Scott Hagner
Norman Isbell*	Michael Wright*
Bill Y Yoshida*	Lori Clark
William F. Quinn*	Fred Schreiber
Jess Gonzales*	Ron Rodriguez
Roy Blackburn*	Renee Southwell
Joseph M. Cox*	Kenny Hume
J. Howard Netherton*	Cheryl Fleming
Raymond S. Lampman*	
Frank Hipsley*	* Deceased

2026-2027 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Doug Sutor
Leading Knight	Cheryl Fleming, PER
Loyal Knight	Tony Avila
Lecturing Knight	Tyler Brandenburg
Esquire	Ron Rodriguez, PER
Chaplain	Lauren Garvey
Inner Guard	Ted Whirledge
Tiler	Rick Waryas
Secretary	Bill Vance, PDDGER/DL
Treasurer	Renee Southwell, PER
5 Year Trustee	Lori Clark, PER
4 Year Trustee	Raymond Herrera
3 Year Trustee	Sylvia Pocius (CBOT)
2 Year Trustee	John Corbin, PAVP
1 Year Trustee	Bonnie Corbin

❖ 2026-2027 Committee Chairpersons

Committees	Chairperson
Americanism	Cheryl Fleming, PER
Auditing & Accounting	David Lakey
BLT Legacy Giving	**OPEN**
Drug Awareness	Chris Holtkamp, COY
ENF - Grants	Cheryl Bruun PEOY & Cheryl Fleming, PER
Scholarship	Lori Clark, PER
Government Relations	**OPEN**
Public Relations	Cheryl Bruun PEOY & Cheryl Fleming, PER
Hoop Shoot	Doug Sutor, John Corbin
House Committee Chair	Ray Herrera
House Committee	Doug Sutor, Tim McIlwain, Sylvia Pocius, Tony Avila, Renee Southwell, Bill Vance
Lapsation	Lodge Officers
Lodge Activities	Tony Avila
❖ Bingo	Cheryl Fleming, PER
❖ Event Set Up/Décor	Event Chair
❖ Entertainment	Doug Sutor
❖ Lodge Design	Betsy Schreiber, PEOY
❖ Visitation	Bill Vance, PDDGER/DL
❖ Youth Activities	John Corbin, PAVP
❖ Scouting	**OPEN**
Major Project	Cheryl Fleming, PER
Membership	Lodge Officers
❖ Orientation	Doug Sutor
Newsletter	Cheryl Fleming, PER
Veterans National Service	Ray Herrera
Web Design/Social Media	Cheryl Bruun/Lauren Garvey
❖ **Indicates subcommittee that reports up to committee level above**	

Facilities Managers

Kitchen/Food Operations	Cheryl Bruun, PEOY
Bar & Lounge Entertainment	House Committee
Facilities Maintenance	Henry Arganda, PEOY

2026 Award Recipients

Elk of the Year	Tim McIlwain, PER
Officer of the Year	Maria Schreiber
Citizen of the Year	Chris Holtkamp

ELKS LODGE OFFICERS

LEADERSHIP. SERVICE. COMMUNITY.

Our Lodge is guided by dedicated members who volunteer their time, talents and leadership to serve you and our community. Each officer plays an important role in keeping our Lodge strong today and for generations to come.

HOW OFFICERS ARE SELECTED

- Nominations are taken from the floor by the Lodge Membership.
- Nominees must be members in good standing and meet the eligibility requirements of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.
- Elections are held annually by secret ballot of the membership.
- Officers are installed at the beginning of the Lodge year (April 1 – March 31).

WHY IT MATTERS

Our officers are the stewards of our Lodge. They ensure we operate according to our Elks principles:

CHARITY • JUSTICE • BROTHERLY LOVE • FIDELITY

Through their leadership, we support our members, strengthen our community and uphold the Elks mission every day.

MEET YOUR LODGE OFFICERS & THEIR PURPOSE

EXALTED RULER (E.R.) *The Chief Executive Officer of the Lodge.*	**HOW SELECTED:** Elected annually by the membership.	Leads the Lodge and presides at all meetings. Works with the Trustees to carry out the decisions of the membership and ensures the Lodge is successful and welcoming.
LEADING KNIGHT (L.K.) *Supports the Exalted Ruler and the Lodge.*	**HOW SELECTED:** Elected annually by the membership.	The E.R.'s right-hand person. Assumes the duties of the E.R. in their absence and chairs important committees. Prepares for future leadership.
LOYAL KNIGHT (L.Y.) *Ensures the smooth operation of Lodge.*	**HOW SELECTED:** Elected annually by the membership.	Oversees Lodge activities and rituals. Acts as Lodge inner guard and ensures all meetings and ceremonies run properly.
LECTURING KNIGHT (L.T.) *The Voice of the Lodge.*	**HOW SELECTED:** Elected annually by the membership.	Inspires members with Elks principles and the history of our Order. Encourages fellowship, charity and community involvement.
SECRETARY (SEC.) *Keeps the records and communication of the Lodge.*	**HOW SELECTED:** Elected annually by the membership.	Keeps accurate records of meetings and membership. Handles correspondence, reports and ensures the Lodge stays in compliance.
TREASURER (TREAS.) *Guardian of the Lodge finances.*	**HOW SELECTED:** Elected annually by the membership.	Manages all Lodge funds, pays bills, collects dues and provides financial reports. Ensures responsible and transparent handling of Lodge finances.
TILER *The Guardian of the Door and the Membership.*	**HOW SELECTED:** Appointed annually by the Exalted Ruler.	Greets members and guests, checks membership cards and maintains order at meetings. The first face of our hospitality and security.

THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are elected annually by the membership. They are responsible for the care, custody and audit of the Lodge property and finances. They advise the Exalted Ruler and ensure the Lodge is managed wisely and in the best interest of our members.

EVERY MEMBER CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our officers are here to serve you. Get involved, attend meetings and share your ideas. Together we can continue to build a stronger Lodge and a brighter future for all.

ONE LODGE. ONE FAMILY. ONE PURPOSE.

Elks Care – Elks Share

★ THANK YOU TO ALL OUR OFFICERS FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE! ★

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Honoring Our Heroes: Why We Will Never Forget

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, our nation pauses to observe Veterans Day. For the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, this day carries a profound, sacred weight. It is a moment to reaffirm the solemn pledge that sits at the very heart of our fraternity:

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

This promise is not a casual slogan. It's a daily mission. From the battlefields of World War II to the mountains of Afghanistan, generations of brave men and women have put their lives on hold—and on the line—to safeguard our freedoms. They left behind their families, stepped into harm's way, and bore the heavy burden of **service**. Today, we honor that sacrifice.

In the words of former President John F. Kennedy, *"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."*

Veterans Day invites us to turn our gratitude into action. While a simple "thank you for your service" is always meaningful, our Lodge community strives to do more. This November, we challenge every member to **Be the Difference** in a veteran's life. Whether it is volunteering at our local VA hospital or other military organization, donating essential items, or simply sitting down to listen to a senior member share their stories, our actions are the truest measure of our thanks.

We don't have to look far to find heroes. They are sitting right next to us in our Lodge. They are our officers, our volunteers, our neighbors, and our friends.

To all the veterans within our own Lodge family: **We see you, we honor you, and we thank you.** Thank you for your bravery in uniform and thank you for your continued service to our community as Elks.

You represent the very best of our country and our Order.



Ready Elks? Let's Go!

12
NOV

ENCINITAS ELKS LODGE

06
PM

CEREMONY 6PM
DINNER 630PM



VETERANS DAY

Celebration

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

COMPLIMENTARY MEATLOAF DINNER FOR VETS, $16 FOR ALL OTHERS INCLUDES SALAD, VEGI, POTATOES, DESSERT

RESERVATIONS A MUST! LIMITED TO 60

760-753-2243

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BBQ2243@GMAIL.COM

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Bingo Funds at Work

Encinitas Elks Sponsor 45th Annual Western Hoedown!

On Saturday, October 10, the spirit of **Charity and Brotherly Love** was on full display at Ivey Ranch Park Association's 45th Anniversary Western Hoedown.

True to our motto, **"Elks Care, Elks Share**," we proudly donated $5,000 from our Bingo funds to serve as an official event sponsor. This contribution directly impacts Ivey Ranch's nonprofit programs, which provide life-changing equine therapy, inclusive childcare, and vital respite care services to children and adults with disabilities throughout North County.

The event kicked off with a breathtaking presentation of colors by the U.S. Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard. Our lodge was recognized prominently throughout the night.

















CHARITY

Ivey Ranch Park ASSOCIATION 45 YEARS

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Thanksgiving Food Drive

COLLECTION DATES: November 1st – November 15th

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

THE ESSENTIALS
- Cranberry sauce
- Stuffing
- Gravy & Gravy mixes
- Cornbread mix

THE GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE MIX
- Canned green beans
- Cream of mushroom
- Canned mushrooms
- Crispy onions
- Bacon bits

THE SWEET SIDES & DESSERTS
- Canned yams
- Canned carrots
- Marshmallows
- Canned pie filling
- Graham cracker pie crust



JOIN US TO PACK THE BAGS!

We will be packaging the Thanksgiving bags for our local military families on November 15th at 11:00 AM right here at the Lodge.

All hands are welcome—come help us spread the holiday spirit!

Elks

— ENCINITAS ELKS —
LODGE #2243

HOOP SHOOT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for 16 plus volunteers to work the Encinitas Elks Hoop Shoot contest on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 8a-2p. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th at 5:30 pm.

We are looking for people to fill the following positions:

2 + LINE JUDGES	Hand ball to shooter. Make sure shooter doesn't cross foul line. Signals scorekeepers whether shot was good, not good, or technical (not good).
4 + BALL RETRIEVERS	Grabs ball after shot and throws back to Line Judge.
2 + HEAD SCORE KEEPERS	Watches Line Judge for hand signal. Marks score card based on judges signal. Informs Line Judge when each contestant has almost completed their round.
4 + SCORE KEEPERS	Watches Line Judge for hand signal. Marks score card based on judges signal.
CROWD CONTROL	Makes sure the correct age group is ready. Makes sure the next age group is ready. Makes sure crowds are quiet during shots. Directs contestants to check-in table.

Thank you for supporting our Youth Activities!

Make a Difference!

November 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 10AM FOOTBALL BREAKFAST 10A-12P BIG BAND 6P-8P	2 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPENS 4P MONDAY FUNDAY LITE FOOD 5P $5.00	3 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN @ 4P KARAOKE 6P TACO TUESDAY 6PM	4 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN @3P BINGO 6PM	5 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 4P Thursday Dinner 6:30P ROSEMARY CHICKEN	6 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 4P BAND 7P RAISING CAIN	7 PRIVATE PARTY
8 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 10AM FOOTBALL BREAKFAST 10A-12P BIG BAND 6P-8P	9 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPENS 4P MONDAY FUNDAY LITE FOOD 5P $5.00 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 630PM	10 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPENS @ 4PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00P	11 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN @3P BINGO 6PM	12 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 4P THURSDAY DINNER 6:30P VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION MEATLOAF	13 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 4P BAND 7P MEMPHIS SOUL REVIEW	14 HOOP SHOOT 8AM DISTRICT LEADERS MEETING 930AM SAMANTHA'S OUTINGS 5PM
15 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 10AM THANKSGIVING BASKET PACKAGING 11A FOOTBALL BREAKFAST 10A-12P BIG BAND 6P-8P	16 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPENS 4P MONDAY FUNDAY LITE FOOD 5P $5.00	17 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN @ 4P KARAOKE 6P TACO TUESDAY 6PM	18 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN @3P BINGO 6PM	19 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 4P THURSDAY DINNER 6:30P HOOP SHOOT AWARDS $10 SPAGHETTI	20 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 4P BAND 7P BLAME BETTY	21 PRIVATE PARTY
22 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 10AM FOOTBALL BREAKFAST 10A-12P BIG BAND 6P-8P	23 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPENS 4P MONDAY FUNDAY LITE FOOD 5P $5.00 TRUSTEE MEETING 6P	24 Social Quarters OPENS @ 4PM	25 CLOSED	26 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 2P THANKSGIVING DINNER 230PM	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED
29 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPEN 10AM FOOTBALL BREAKFAST 10A-12P BIG BAND 6P-8P	30 SOCIAL QUARTERS OPENS 4P MONDAY FUNDAY LITE FOOD 5P $5.00	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	Notes JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 12TH FOR OUR VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION, CEREMONY 6PM DINNER 630PM CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING AT THE LODGE! THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26TH				

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Incredible News! Our Emoji-Themed Fundraiser was a Tremendous Success!



Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, **we raised nearly $10,000** to directly support the vital programs run by the Armed Services YMCA at Camp Pendleton! ❤️‍🩹
An event this special wouldn't have been possible without our amazing community. We are incredibly grateful to the members of **Back to the Garden** for sharing their phenomenal musical talents with us and keeping the energy high all night. 🎶✨
We also want to send a massive thank you to everyone who bought tickets, donated, and supported this event—with a very special shout-out to a couple of **anonymous donors** who generously sponsored the delicious tacos provided by **Sabor Mexican Food**. 🌮😋



Special Thanks to John & Bonnie Corbin, Erica Mason, Cheryl Bruun, Renee Southwell and Lauren Garvey for the promotion, set up and assistance during the event.
Thank you to our Donors: Breakers (Ray Herrera), Carlsbad Pet & Feed, Chiefs (John & Cheryl Bruun), DMTC (Julie Hatcher-Brubaker), Dog In Suds, Encinitas Ale House (Bruce Hall), Encinitas Surfboards, Robin Peters, Hansen's, Jluxe Skin, New Wave Chiropractic (Kelly O'Rourke), North Coast Rep, Peabodys (Bri Cardosa), Poway Performing Arts, RW Pancake House, The Shanty (Mike Tirnetta), Shu Bug, Taylor Made, The Belly Up, Vigiluccis, Chris Fleming, Elaine Markley, Jason Foster, Sharon Belknap, Susie Bruun, Sylvia Pocius, Tim Flannery, Tony Avila & Wendy Woodard.



Thank you all for stepping up to support our military families. We couldn't have done it without you! 🙏🍂







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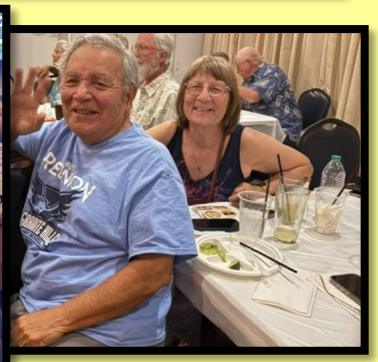
















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Our Lodge vs a Bar

When a new/potential member walks into our lodge for the first time, it's easy to see how confusion could happen. There's a bar. There are barstools, taps, cold drinks, a kitchen, hot dogs, maybe a room full of people laughing. To an untrained eye, it looks, feels, and operates just like a sports bar.

Except it isn't. Not even close.

When we fail to explain who and what we are right out of the gate, we inadvertently invite commercial expectations into a private, fraternal home. If we want members who cherish the lodge rather than treat it like a neighborhood dive, we have to teach them the invisible difference.

Here is what every member needs to understand/remember when they cross our threshold:

1. The Membership Card Isn't a "Discount Pass" — It's Ownership into a fraternal organization.
At a bar, anyone with legal ID and a wallet gets served. At our lodge, your physical or digital membership card is your key to a private association. You aren't a "customer"; you're an active participant in a private, self-governing fraternity. Carrying and showing your card isn't red tape—it's how we protect our private status.

2. IRS Rules Are Strict: Members-Only Money
We operate as a 501(c) fraternal beneficiary society. By federal tax-exempt law, the social quarters exist exclusively for the mutual benefit of our members and their qualified guests. That's why non-members cannot pay for rounds, buy raffle tickets, or purchase meals. When a bartender asks to see your card or insists that only the member pays, they aren't being difficult—they are actively protecting the lodge's tax-exempt charter from potentially catastrophic IRS audit penalties.

3. A Fraternal Liquor License Carries Real Legal Weight
Our state liquor license is entirely distinct from other bars. It grants us the privilege to operate a private social quarters under explicit legal conditions: guests must be properly signed in by a member, and those guests cannot purchase alcohol directly. Violating these rules doesn't result in a small warning; it risks the suspension or revocation of the lodge's liquor license entirely.

4. **There Are No Owners Cashing Out**
The local bar operates to generate net profit for a private owner, corporate group, or outside investors. Here, there are no shareholders taking home dividends. Every single dime generated across our bar or dining room stays within the mission: maintaining the building, funding our senior community, supporting children in need and giving back to local youth programs, scholarship, veterans, first responders, and community charities. Your Thursday night dinner directly funds charitable impact.

5. Orientation & Initiation Is Where Customers Become Brothers and Sisters
A commercial bar hands you a menu; a fraternal lodge hands you a mission.
Skipping or downplaying orientation/initiation is where we can shoot ourselves in the foot. When these events are delivered with pride, a new member leaves understanding that signing the guest book isn't inconvenient, carrying their card is a badge of honor, and every dollar spent is an investment in human service.

The Takeaway is -
If people treat our lodge like a corner bar, it is often because we never taught them the difference. Take pride in the rules that make us unique. Wear your membership proudly, educate new members whenever you sponsor them, and remember: you aren't patronizing a business—you are sustaining a not-for-profit fraternal membership community for the good of humanity.

MONDAY FUNDAY
POTLUCK $5

CALLING ALL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE
WE NEED MAIN DISHES & SIDE DISHES



★ ENCINITAS ELKS LODGE ★

ENCINITAS ELKS LODGE EST. 1977

EVERY MONDAY

5:30PM UNTIL GONE

OPEN TO MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS

1393 WINDSOR RD. CARDIFF, CA 92007

Join us for good food and great company!

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Taco Tuesday with a side of karaoke







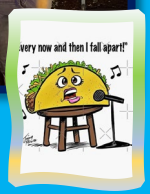




Come play with us the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month







Samantha's Outings









We are proud to host Samantha's Outings once a month here at our Elks Lodge. It's a wonderful partnership made possible by the dedication of our community and active Elks' member Sarah Vasquez. Samantha's Outings is a San Diego-based nonprofit organization that provides adventure, social connections, community engagement, and skill development for teens, young adults, adults, and families with special needs. By bringing people together through these monthly themed events – complete with live music and delicious dinner setups —the organization creates a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for everyone to thrive.

Thanks to the tremendous support from both our Lodge membership and the local community, each monthly outing sees an incredible turnout, and we are deeply grateful for a partnership that ensures everyone feels valued, supported, and celebrated.

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Come check out the fun we're having on Wednesday nights at

BINGO

Starts at 6pm…if it's your first time, please come a little early so we can help you get set up!















ENCINITAS ELKS LODGE
2243

THANKS GIVING

DINNER

Please join us
for Thanksgiving Dinner!

THURSDAY
November 26TH

TURKEY & ALL THE FIXINGS
2:30pm

$13.00

Veterans & Active Military Complimentary

PLEASE RSVP
760-753-2243

DINNER

THURSDAY DINNERS

ENCINITAS ELKS 2243

NOVEMBER MENU 2026

THURSDAY **05** ROSEMARY CHICKEN

THURSDAY **12** VETERANS DAY MEATLOAF

THURSDAY **19** $10 SPAGHETTI NIGHT



THURSDAY **26** THANKSGIVING DINNER 230P

CHECK OUT THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL ON THE BIG SCREEN



PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS CALL 760-753-2243 OR USE THE APP



ENCINITAS ELKS LODGE
MUSIC NOVEMBER 2026



NOV 6 — RAISING CAIN

NOV 13 — MEMPHIS SOUL REVIEW

NOV 20 — BLAME BETTY

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NOV 27 — CLOSED



SUNDAYS — BIG BAND 6P-8P



FOR MORE INFO
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Attitude of Gratitude

Holy moly…November is here! This likely has us all thinking about Thanksgiving. It's the time of year when we're all reminded to pause, take a breath, and focus on an **"attitude of gratitude."**

Around our Lodge, thankfulness isn't just something to talk about over a turkey dinner. Gratitude is a verb. It's the driving force behind everything we do as Elks. When we take a step back and look at how fortunate we are to have this community, a natural response is to ask, *"How can we share this with others?"*

Think about what makes our Lodge feel like home to you…the familiar faces greeting you upon arrival, the laughter from across the room, and the shared pride we feel when a project comes together.

We have something truly special here: a built-in family.

That sense of belonging is a massive blessing, and it's something worth celebrating. When we practice gratitude, we aren't just counting our own good fortunes—we're recognizing the strength we have when we pull together.

The real magic of an attitude of gratitude is that it's contagious. The more thankful we are for our community, the more inspired we become to look outside our doors and help those who might be facing a tough season. Whether it's checking in on a neighbor, lending a hand to a fellow member, or just bringing a little extra kindness to our daily routines, a grateful heart always finds a way to give back.

So, as we head into the holiday season, let's keep that spirit alive and well. I urge you to take a moment this month to thank a fellow member who always steps up, appreciate the volunteers who keep our Lodge running, and look for small ways to pass the warmth along.

Thank you for being the heartbeat of our Lodge, and for making it a place defined by friendship, charity, and genuine appreciation for one another.
Happy November!

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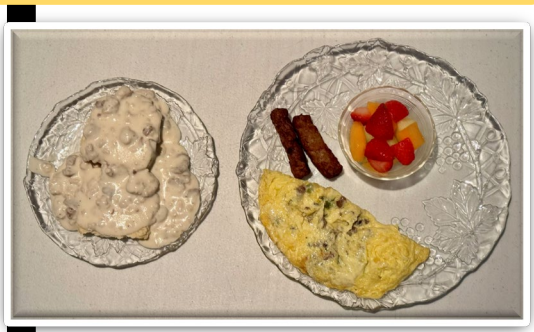


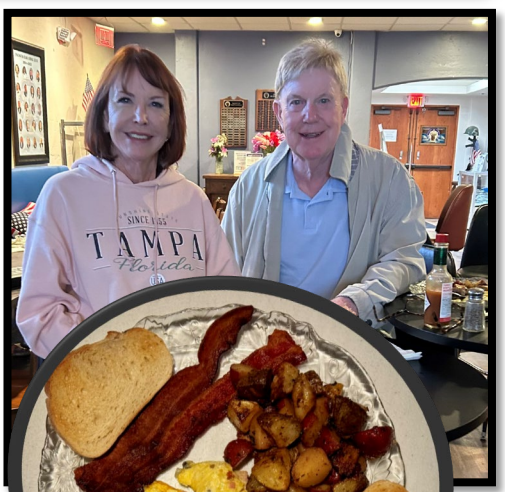
We LOVE our members

Thank you FOR BEING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY


ENCINITAS ELKS LODGE #2243
FOOTBALL
Brunch!
EVERY SUNDAY
STARTING
SEPT. 13!
Elks
usa
10:00 AM
TO 12:00 PM
GREAT FOOD ★ COLD DRINKS ★
GOOD FOOD. GREAT COMPANY. GO TEAM!
ENCINITAS ELKS LODGE #2243
★ ALL ARE WELCOME – BRING YOUR APPETITE & TEAM SPIRIT! ★






TAMPA
Florida


FIDELITY
STEELERS
the terrible towel
54 YEARS


STEELERS
terrible towel

Why I Support the Purple Pig — and Hope You Will, Too!

~anonymous




- Hello, Fellow Encinitas Elks!
- I wanted to share a personal story about what inspired my spouse and I to make a significant donation to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, affectionately known as the Purple Pig, this year.
- I was sponsored into the Elks by a good friend over 10 years ago, which led to many years of volunteering, both as a lodge officer and in various activities around the lodge. When I first became an Elk, I had no idea how many wonderful things our organization does, or much about the larger Elks organization beyond our lodge, including our district (South Coast), our region (California-Hawaii Elks Association), and the national organization (Grand Lodge).
- What I did know was that the Elks were one of several fraternal organizations with a strong commitment to supporting veterans in our community. What I came to discover was the remarkable number of programs dedicated to helping children and young people!
- There are college scholarships through the Most Valuable Student and Legacy Awards programs, vocational education scholarships and grants, youth activities like the Hoop Shoot basketball competition, and Drug Awareness materials for our local schools. Through the Elks National Foundation (ENF), lodges can also apply for grants to support local schools, youth programs, and other community needs. So many ways to help the kids!
- But one program really spoke to me: the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI), which provides occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language therapy, and pediatric vision screenings for children with disabilities throughout California and Hawaii, particularly those whose needs might otherwise go unmet. These services are provided at no cost to the families by trained professionals employed by the Major Project, many of whom travel considerable distances to reach children in underserved communities. Children in need. Children who might otherwise go without these essential services if not for a charitable organization dedicated to providing them.
- I've always donated to the Purple Pig, usually along with my membership dues. Some years more, some years less. Recently, however, I learned something that made the Major Project much more personal to me. One of my daughter's friends is employed by CHEMPI as an occupational therapist! She lived locally until about two years ago, when family circumstances took her back to her hometown in Central California, an area where access to specialized children's services is limited and employment opportunities in her profession can be scarce.
- It occurred to me that the Major Project does something else. Not only does it bring essential services to children who need them, but it also creates meaningful employment opportunities for skilled professionals in communities where those opportunities might otherwise be limited. What a wonderful added benefit!
- So, when my spouse and I discussed which charities we'd like to support this year, a larger donation to the Purple Pig was at the very top of my list. We made a donation of $3000 directly to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project through our donor-advised charitable fund, asking for it to be credited to our lodge.
- And, of course, there's another little incentive! There's always some friendly competition among lodges in our district to see who comes out on top in Purple Pig donations. I'm hoping our contribution helps move us closer to that coveted #1 spot!
- Can YOU help get our lodge to the top of the district? Every little bit helps! Whether it's the spare change or dollars you drop into a Purple Pig bank at the lodge, a donation made through the lodge, a recurring monthly contribution, a donor-advised charitable fund direct donation, attending a Purple Pig fundraiser, or donating an item or service or volunteering for a Purple Pig fundraiser. It all adds up.
- Our current Purple Pig Chair, Cheryl Fleming was incredibly helpful in providing the information we needed to make our larger donation. Please reach out to her if you'd like assistance with your own contribution. Most donations are tax deductible.
- Support our Purple Pig! Being #1 in the South Coast district sounds pretty good, right? Let's make it happen!
- And most importantly, remember that behind every donation are children whose lives can be changed through the services we help provide, along with the dedicated professionals who work with them. They are the real reason we give.
- LFG, Encinitas Elks Lodge!



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

Our California Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) Major Project



California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.
Bequests and Living Trusts
5450 East Lamona Avenue • Fresno, CA 93727-2224

For more information on
Legacy Giving
Bequests and Living Trusts
please contact the BLT Committee
c/o The Major Project
800-742-1907 • Fax: 559-456-2659
Email: chea@chea-elks.org

If you would like someone to contact you regarding your Legacy Giving options, please fax or email the following information to the Major Project Office in Fresno.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

_____

_____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sample Bequest Wording To Show Your Attorney

Add a bequest to your Will or Living Trust with a simple sentence.

"I give the sum of $ _____ or _____ % to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. to be

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Since 1950
Elks Program for Children With Disabilities

BE A RECURRING DONOR AND "STAR" IN EACH ISSUE OF THE CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELK MAGAZINE!

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Would you like to contribute to the Major Project more often? What if you could donate without writing a check, buying a stamp and addressing an envelope each time? You can make it simple by signing up to be a recurring donor! We can automatically charge a credit card on a recurring basis for a set donation amount of $5 or more. There are no checks to write or envelopes to mail. It's safe, reliable, and allows us to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Recurring donors are very important and special donors who will be recognized in each issue of the magazine. Go online to www.chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/ and then click on "Jump to Recurring Donor!" or call the CHEA office to set up your recurring donation today! *You will receive your "Recurring Donor Pin" after your first donation has been received!*

MONTHLY RECURRING DONATION TO CHEMP! Click to Clear Form

Amount: $_____ Processing Date: Select Date (Between 1st and 28th) Lodge: Select Lodge

Name on Card: _____ Member No.: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Card Type: ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3 Digit Code _____

Email _____ Phone No. _____

(Email Mandatory – an email will be sent each time your credit card is charged)

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail or fax completed form to: California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.
5450 E. Lamona Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727-2224
Fax (559) 456-2659

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Samantha's Outings

Friendsgiving Party

NOVEMBER

SATURDAY **14** 5:00-8:00PM

LIVE MUSIC BY: BB & COMPANY

FOOD | DANCING

Encinitas Elks Lodge

1393 Windsor Rd.

Cardiff CA, 92007

THANK YOU FOR YOUR $15 DONATION!

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Please join the South Coast District for a Fundraiser

Honoring the incoming 2027-2028 CHEA State President Cliff Wadley and First Lady Bonnie

At the Vista Elks Lodge Swim Step Bar

1947 E. Vista Way Vista CA 92084

760-724-1968 for event reservation

760-330-1861 for RV Park reservation

Saturday December 19th RSVP by Dec. 14th

Elks Bar opens 4:00PM Cigars and Whiskey 4:30, dinner 5:00PM

Music 4:30 - 8:00PM

Saturday Menu: Pork Roast, Scalloped potatoes, vegetable, roll and slice of pie $ 25.00

Top shelf whiskeys and cigars for sale to benefit Cliff and Bonnie.

Gift baskets and raffles.

If arriving on Friday, the lodge will be serving off the menu at their regular Friday dinner with dancing in the lodge.



Scan QR code to pay online with credit card. Credit card fee applies or call call the lodge office at 760-724-1968 to make reservation and send check in mail.



The Lodge is available for private rentals

***Birthdays *Reunions *Wedding Receptions**
***Graduations *Meetings *Fundraisers**

Member pricing is $725 + insurance!
(There is a $300 security deposit)
*memorials-no rental cost to members

Contact the office to reserve your date.
760-753-2243



Encinitas Elks Lodge #2243

NEW DOOR LOCK SYSTEM
Coming Soon!

To enhance security and make access easier for our members, the Encinitas Elks Lodge #2243 will be installing a new proximity scanner door lock system.



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU:

Increased Security
Helps keep our lodge, members and property safer.

Easier Access
Simply hold your proximity card near the scanner.

Better Management
Allows for more efficient control of who can enter and when.

CARD PICKUP DATE/TIME WILL BE AVAILABLE IN
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

EFFECTIVE DATE:
JANUARY 1, 2027

We appreciate your understanding and support as we make this important upgrade.

Together, we keep our lodge strong!

Thank You for your donation…



Elks National Fidelity Club

Do you contribute to the Elk's National Foundation? The ENF Fidelity Club is an individual giving and recognition program. You're able to set up automatic, regularly scheduled monthly donations through your bank account or credit card. Donate as much or as little as you'd like. (Minimum monthly donation is $5)



Enroll online at enf.elks.org/recurring

Designate your gift…

You may choose to designate your gift to a specific program or select all programs and make an immediate difference in the lives of youth, veterans and Elks communities.

Selecting the ENF Endowment Fund means your donation will Be invested in a permanent fund where its interest will be Distributed over time, ensuring the ongoing success of the ENF.



ENF IN YOUR STATE



BIRTHDAYS!!

Ralph	Silverman	01
Randy	Burrell	03
Paul	Reyes	03
Michael	Casinelli	04
Margaret	Cavlallin	04
Lolita	Noga	05
Fred	Schreiber	05
Denruth	Lougeay	07
Daniel	Novakovich	08
Danielle	Campanella	09
Nicholas	Cesena	09
Douglas	Holgate	09
Jim	MacGregor	09
Richard	Smith	09
Mark	Roach	12
Paula	Abels	14
Mary	Foster	14
Sandra	LeBeau	14
Kathryn	Roth	14
George	Serhan	14
Terrance	Sussan	14
Tedd	Yargeau	14
Diane	Alzate	15
Theresa	Bissonnette	15
John	Corbin	15
Richard	Street	16
James	Thom	18
Cynthia	Cleary-Cesena	20
Kenneth	Hume	20
Diana	LaMar	20
Mark	Owen	21
Brian	Ostenberg	23
Olive	Street	23
Eugene	Swensen	23
Rand	Anderson	24
Curtis	Miller	24
Edward	Mungovan	24
Rene	Herald	25
Christy	Salinas	25
Brad	Shofran	25
Kenneth	Moreland	26
Greg	Koehnen	28
John	Bruun	29
Andrew	Yule	29



A birthday gift for you

Bring this coupon to redeem your birthday gift of a free drink for the birthday person.



We're glad you were born!

The Elkhorn Newsletter

Encinitas Elks Lodge #2243







Wanna add something to our Newsletter??

contact Cheryl Fleming
via text @ 760-458-6534
or email to cherylfleming5@yahoo.com

- Event highlights & Member Celebrations
- Weekly dinners & special menus
- Live music, dancing & entertainment
- Volunteer opportunities & community impact
- Behind-the-scenes Lodge life

To our amazing ELK MEMBERS

Thank you for being the heart of our lodge!



YOUR IDEAS MATTER!

We love hearing your suggestions and ideas to help our lodge grow and thrive.



SPEAK UP, WE'RE LISTENING!

If something's on your mind, please reach out to a committee member or officer.



TOGETHER, WE MAKE IT GREAT!

Your time, talents and kindness help create a welcoming place for all to enjoy.



KINDNESS GOES A LONG WAY!

A friendly word, a helping hand, and a positive attitude make a big difference.

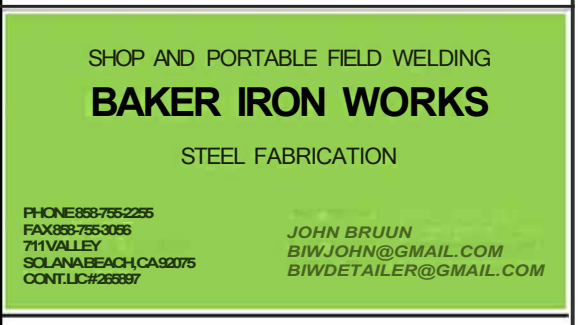
Our lodge is run by **VOLUNTEERS!**

WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Please do your part too.

Let's keep our lodge strong, active and fun for everyone!

Thank you for making our lodge so special!

	
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