

# **The Southeast District Elk Bugle**

California-Hawaii Elks Association February - March 2024



#### **From the SED DISTRICT BUGLE Editor:** Diane Farrens, PDDGER

Articles can be provided by any Elk, who has something of district interest. The deadline for the April-May 2024 Bugle is \*<u>March 15, 2024</u>\* and articles can be sent by email to

dianefarrens@msn.com. The Bugle comes out every other month. Please send me committee information, articles about your Lodge activities, flyers for upcoming events, sickness and distress, etc.



To the Southeast District 2024 - 2025 Incoming: DDGER Larry Perez And CHEA Vice President Larry Ryan

Elks Colorado River Classic "Bowlin' on the River" for CHEMPI kids!



The 40th Annual Colorado River Classic will be "Bowlin' on the River" on February 23, 24 and 25, 2024.

Applications are available on the website and will be accepted until mid February – elksbowlingclub.org.



Southeast District Elks Bowling Club 40th Annual Colorado River Classic Bowlin' on the River! Chris L. McEntire, PER & SEDEBC Bowling President

## **Upcoming Conventions**

Homecoming of CHEA President Ted Talbot South Central Coast District March 1-2, 2024

> CHEA Convention May 15-18, 2024 Clovis/Fresno Chairman: Fran Musetti

Grand Lodge Convention June 30 - July 3rd, 2024 Austin, Texas





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### MEDIA ALERT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### 156th Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

#### **THE ELKS WERE FOUNDED ON FEBRUARY 16, 1868**

Chicago, IL – As we approach February 16, 2024, Elks Lodges across the nation are gearing up to celebrate the remarkable 156th anniversary of the founding of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on February 16, 1868.

With a rich history spanning 156 years, the Elks have been unwavering in their commitment to community service, making a substantial impact through donations exceeding \$12 Billion. In the past year alone, their generosity reached \$399 million, reflecting their dedication to creating better communities.

Beyond financial contributions, the Elks actively invest in the future through annual college scholarships, awarding nearly \$5 million to support educational pursuits. Additionally, their commitment to community development is evident in the substantial investment of almost \$19 million through the Elks Community Investment Program. One of the hallmarks of the Elks' commitment is their support for veterans. Last year, the Elks contributed over \$39 million to Veterans Administration Medical Centers, clinics, and state care facilities, providing essential items, comfort, and organizing various activities.

Boasting nearly 1,800 lodges and a membership approaching 800,000, the Elks welcome individuals aged 21 and above who share a belief in God. To learn more about the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to explore membership opportunities, visit www.elks.org or Join.Elks.Org.

Join us in honoring and celebrating 156 years of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, recognizing their enduring commitment to community impact, service, and fostering a sense of belonging.

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks - Grand Lodge

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Southeast District DDGER Christy Williams - 2023-2024 DD Clinic Sunday, 4/14/2024 at the Redlands' Lodge

# FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

1-Start the 14 Days of Love Day 2- Groundhog Day **3-National Carrot Cake Day** 4-National Homemade Soup Day 4-National Thank a Mail Carrier Day 5- World Nutella Day 6- National Frozen Yogurt Day 7-National Fettucine Alfredo Day 8-National Kite Flying Day 9-National Pizza and Bagel Day 10- National Umbrella day 11- National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day 13- National Tortellini Day 14-Valentine's Day 17-National Random Acts of Kindness Day 19-President's Day (3rd Monday) 21-National Sticky Bun Day 23-National Banana Bread Day 24-National Tortilla Chip Day 25-National Clam Chowder Day 27- National Polar Bear Day 28-National Tooth Fairy Day 29-Leap Year (every 4 years) SOFESTIVE.COM

## Pace Set for Another Membership Gain

by Rick Gathen, Membership Marketing Manager Taken from the Grand Lodge Newsletter, January 2024

The Order can make history by achieving membership growth for the third consecutive year-a milestone not seen in 45 years! While the final numbers for 2023-2024 won't be confirmed until March 31, optimistic projections indicate we are on our way. Central to this projected growth is the goodwill generated by our impactful charitable efforts. The Elks National Foundation's substantial philanthropic support, totaling over \$43 million for 2023–2024, plays a pivotal role in supporting local communities nationwide. Equally important is the power of word of-mouth marketing, amplified through social media, emails, and cell phones. Elks who proudly share their personal experiences and accomplishments not only strengthen the Order's reputation Pace set for another membership gain G/L PR and Membership Marketing Committee but also form deeper social ties with neighbors, peers, and friends. To facilitate this, the Public Relations and Membership Marketing Committee has curated a collection of shareable imagavailable at virtualmanues. als.elks.org/ shareables/. As we continue to provide generous support to our communities and promote our achievements, the Elks stand on the precipice of accomplishing:

"Three in a Row—Let's Grow!"

## **Secretaries Have Critical Final Task**

By W. J. Bryan, Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee Chairman

The end of our year is near! Lodge elections are in February. That means new Elks are eager to get in the saddle, and other Members are ready to ride off. Caught in between are the many year-end activities and requirements to make this transition a smooth one. Lodge Secretaries are the busiest. They will be busy updating committees and Officers, dropping delinquents, preparing tax filings and year-end reports, and yes — reporting charitable contributions.

Lodge Secretaries, we appreciate you and all that you do all year long. Keep in mind, though, that you can appoint a Local Charitable Report Coordinator to assist you. Charitable Report Coordinators are responsible for submitting local charitable event data. Charitable Report Coordinators are not allowed access to CLMS and cannot perform any other secretarial functions.

I hope everyone has had a chance to read and download the new Government Relations Manual. Take a moment to look at what all your local, district, and state government relations chairs do to raise the image of Elkdom. Government relations activities help increase community awareness and demonstrate our dedication to service.



Changes and Corrections to the SED Directory for 2024-2025

Secretaries, Officers and PERs,

It is February and the time to make sure all names, addresses, emails and phone numbers are all correct for your officers and committee chairman. I will be requesting this information for your 2024-2025 Lodge Officers and PERs during the last part of February.

It is critical that I receive this information ASAP after you hold your elections. I have to have the directory done and printed by the middle of middle of April. Remember it takes time to type up the directory and then edit it for corrections before it can go to the printer.

Thank you, Diane Farrens, PDDGER Directory Editor



## Southeast District Leading Knights' Association

The Leading Knights'Association Officers are:

President: Mike Messmer Vice President: Diana Reveles Secretary: LaDonna Jempson Treasurer: Bob Cones

Upcoming Leading Knights' Association MeetingsFebruary 10, 202410 am at HemetMarch 9, 202410 am at Ontario

Elks National Foundation Totals For 2023-2024 For the Southeast District

As of 01/22/2024 Elk Members in the Southeast District: 5204 Donations: \$62,105.72 Per Capita: \$11.934

The GER's Per Member Giving Goal for 2023-2024 is \$4.80. The Elks National Foundation Elk Year started on 4/01/2023 and will end 3/31/2024.



## CALSO ELKS PISTOL CLUB

# CalSo Elks Pistol Match Results for November 2023:

Bill Webb Trophy	Chris Phelps
Riverside	292
Chuck Grano Trophy	Steve Arbelbide
Yucaipa	279
Judy Thomas Trophy	Sheri Paisley
Riverside	287
Judy Thomas Trophy 2nd	none
Sharpshooter	none
Marksman A	Gary Deaton
Yucaipa	229
Marksman A 2nd	Elsa Ingalls
Yucaipa	221
Marksman B	none

#### November Team Scores and Cudy Human Trophy Team Points:

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Redlands/Riverside Lodges	1172	5	36
Yucaipa Lodge	835	4	33
Ontario Lodge		0	15
Fontana-Rialto/San Bernardino Lodges 0		0	0

For the November matches, there were 9 Elks, spouses, and guests that participated. Please contact your team Captain for when and where your team will shoot.

If you would like more information to become a member of our club, please call Pat Olagues at 909-997-1203. Please leave a message, if he is not available and he will return your call as soon as possible.

The November monthly awards were presented at the December 9, 2023 Meeting. Our next monthly meeting will be on January 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Mi Cocina Restaurant in Highland.

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Chris Phelps 290 Dani Goldberg 285 Sheri Paisley 263 Jeff Duncan 242 Danelle Duncan 252 Pat Olagues 243 Elsa Ingalls 232 none

## December Team Scores and Cudy Human Trophy

<u>Team Points:</u>				
Redlands/Riverside Lodges	1172	5	41	
Yucaipa Lodge	861	4	37	
Ontario Lodge		0	15	
Fontana-Rialto/San Bernardino Lodges 0			0	0

For the December matches, there were 8 Elks, spouses, and guests that participated. Please contact your team Captain for when and where your team will shoot.

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# **Southeast District Committee News**



Articles below taken from the Grand Lodge Newsletters for February and March,2024.

Podcast Services and Drug Take Back Day Among Successes in 2023

By Williams J. Bryan, National Director, Elks Drug Awareness Commission

Well as we try to stay warm during these winter months, I want to share with you that as of this month our Awkward Conversations 2023 video podcasts have been viewed more than 650,000 times!

That's fantastic news, but we have fewer than 2,500 subscribers to our YouTube channel. Want to help the Elks Drug Awareness Program? Simply go to the Elks DAP YouTube channel and hit the "subscribe" button. Sounds like a commercial, doesn't it? Well, simply put, it is! It's easy to do and believe it or not, it helps the Elks by subscribing, so please take the time to do so.

Prescription drug abuse is the nation's fastest-growing drug problem and has been classified as an epidemic by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While the fentanyl problem receives the press it deserves, we must continually warn our youth about the dangers of drugs. During the last National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in October, the efforts of communities, law enforcement, and the DEA removed 599,897 pounds of unneeded medications from more than 4,500 sites.

The DAP directors have been busy this winter putting together a new budget and program for the coming Elks year. We are asking Lodges and specifically incoming ERs to plan, in conjunction with their State Association's Drug Awareness Chair, a year full of drug awareness activities. We are all in this fight together and we need all Lodges on board.

If you have a specific question about a certain drug or paraphernalia, here's a great website to help you learn more: **getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/drugs.** Simply type in the search bar what you're looking for. This is especially good for parents and grandparents to educate yourselves on what may be happening in your communities. While our mission is to educate children, we want to help parents as well. This website can also be accessed for Spanish speakers. Thank you to Elks who believe our children are worth it.

## Study: Marijuana Use Linked with Cardiovascular Diseases

By William J. Bryan, National Director, Drug Awareness Program

After several years of fighting the legalization of marijuana, the Elks Drug Awareness Program decided that we should simply educate youth about marijuana and let states decide how they want to respond to the legalization efforts. Not that we want to take an "I told you so" position, a recent article published in SciTechDaily indicates we were right in alarming youth about the dangers of marijuana usage. In part, the article states: "Recent studies indicate that regular marijuana use may raise the risk of Study: Marijuana use linked with cardiovascular diseases like heart failure and stroke, regardless of other health conditions. These findings stress the need for comprehensive research and awareness among healthcare providers regarding the potential heart health risks associated with cannabis use." Based on a sample of 150,000 participants, the 2023 study Daily Marijuana Use is Associated With Incident Heart Failure: "All of Us" Research Program found that marijuana raised the risk of heart failure among users compared to non-users, even when controlled for other health factors. The study was sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, a government-run agency for biomedical and public health research. From SciTechDaily: "Prior research shows links between marijuana use and cardiovascular disease like coronary artery disease, heart failure, and atrial fibrillation, which is known to cause heart failure,' said lead study author Yakubu Bene-Alhasan, MD, MPH, a resident physician at Medstar Health in Baltimore. 'Marijuana use isn't without its health concerns, and our study provides more data linking its use to cardiovascular conditions." We will continue to educate our children about the possible dangerous effects of using marijuana and other substances of abuse.

## Southeast District Committee News

#### Grand Lodge Per Capita and Fees Set for 2024-2025 Grand Secretary, Bryan R. Klatt Grand Lodge Newsletter - December 2023

For the 2024-2025 fraternal year, on April 1, 2024, the following per capita and fees will be due from each Member:

- Grand Lodge per capita-\$6.50;
- Insurance assessment–\$22.00;
- and the Elks Magazine assessment-\$5.50, for a total of \$34.00.
- This amount represents a \$5.00 per Member increase from last year.

Attention must continue to be given to retaining our delinquent Members as well as attracting new or reinstated Members. Involvement in Lodge activities should be encouraged to help keep Members interested. If you, or someone you know, plan to visit Chicago over the winter, call the Grand Secretary's office to set-up a time, and staff can give you your own personal tour of the National Headquarters.

### **Chairperson Report Due Via CLMS2Web**

By Grand Secretary, Bryan R. Klatt Taken From the Grand Lodge Newsletter, February 2024

After the election of Lodge Officers this February and before April 15, the Secretary must complete the 2024-2025 Lodge Committee Chairperson Report in CLMS2Web and confirm acceptance.

The worksheet was mailed to all Lodge Secretaries in January to assist in compiling the needed information.

Remember: This information is to be filed via CLMS2Web. Please, do not mail to Grand Lodge or your District Deputy.

With the pending automatic submission of the Annual Membership Report, all membership activity must be entered in CLMS2Web by 11:59 p.m. Central on March 31.

What does that mean? All membership records (additions, drops, and deaths) must be finalized. If not, the Lodge membership total will be out of balance.

## CHEA PER Capita for 2024-2024

\$3.00 - Association
\$1.75 - Magazine
\$1.25 - CHEMPI
Total CHEA Per Capita/Assessment will be

The Total Grand Lodge (\$34) and CHEA (\$6)

Per Capita on your statements will be \$40.00

### **Deadlines Near for Secretaries**

By Grand Secretary Bryan R. Klatt Taken From the Grand Lodge Newsletter, March 2024

Local Lodge Secretaries are reminded that they must have all membership records for 2023-2024 ready for year-end closeout finalized by 12:00 a.m. PT on March 31. Failure to update records can, and probably will, cause membership totals to be out of balance in the Chicago Lodge Membership System (CLMS2Web).

Also, the Financial Reporting System (FRS) monthly and year-end financials must be filed by March 31 [GLS: Section 13.040, 1.(g)], then every third Friday of the month thereafter.

A Lodge's failure to comply with the new FRS program can result in fines being assessed. [GLS: Section 13.040, 2.(c)]



# News from the SED Hoop Shoot Chairman, Leslie Fisher

# **Southeast District Hoop Shoot January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024** Submitted by SED Hoop Shoot Chairman, Leslie Fisher

The District Hoop Shoot contest was held in Riverside yesterday. We had lodge winners from Hemet, Corona, Ontario, Lake Elsinore/Wildomar, Fontana/Rialto, and Moreno Valley. Riverside, San Bernardino, Temecula and Yucaipa held contests but did not have anyone attend the District contest.

Thank you to our volunteers that helped at the contest. Riverside: Julie Greenberg, Amy Torgerson, Mike Pendergest, Logan Casum, James Skaggs, Cliff Wadley. Fontana/Rialto: Patrick O'Keefe, Elena Gill. Ontario: Penny Riccardi, Roger Riccardi. San Bernardino: Mike Gilligan. Moreno Valley: Jerome Rideaux. Lake Elsinore: Larry Ryan, Frank Cerda.

Thank you to our other Elk members, Hoop Shoot chair people and families that were there to support our children. District Champions heading to the State Hoop Shoot contest:

8 – 9 Year old Boys: KayDynn Neal from Moreno Valley #2697

- 8 9 Year old Girls: Naomi Mondragon from Corona #2045
- 10-11 Year old Boys: Cayden Sanford from Moreno Valley #2697
- 10-11 Year old Girls: Ember Gonzales from Ontario #1419
- 12 13 Year old Boys: Tristen Bilecky from Hemet #1740



8-9 Year Old Boys - KayDynn Neal (not in photo) from Moreno Valley #2697 will be going on to the State Hoop Shoot Contest.





Leslie Fisher, PER Southeast District Hoop Shoot Chairperson



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12-13 Year Old Boys - Tristen **Bilecky from Hemet #1740** will be going on to the State **Hoop Shoot Contest.** 

## **News From the Hemet Lodge #1740**



### Hemet Christmas Shoe Box Gift Collection Submitted by Mike Colgrove, Hemet Elks Kall Editor

The Hemet Lodge sponsored a "Christmas Shoe Box" gift collection, for veterans housed at March Air Reserve Base. The project collected 109 wrapped presents that were delivered to the base on December 15th. Each present contained a variety of essentials needed by the vets such as toiletries, socks, underwear, writing materials, and gift cards. Pictured above are some of the volunteers who collected and delivered the gifts. Left to Right: Lynette Warren, BF St Jean, Joann Henderson, Ken Miller, Project Coordinator Maria Miller, Veterans Committee Chair Jim Winget, and ER Judi McEvers.

#### Hemet Shop With a Cop

Submitted by Mike Colgrove, Editor of Hemet Elks Kall

Pictured: Elk member Frank Stanton, PER Jeannie Lowe, ER Judi McEvers (in the back), & Trustee Craig White prepare breakfast for the 'Shop With A Cop' event.

This event was sponsored by the Hemet POA (Police Officers Association) and Walmart. There were 23 underprivileged kids identified by local schools, each one paired with an HPD (Hemet Police Department) officer and driven to Walmart, in squad cars with lights and sirens, on the morning of December 9th. The kids are allowed to pick gifts for themselves, or other family members and it is all donated by Walmart. The Lodge provided breakfast for all the participants.





## News From Temecula Valley Elks #2801

### Temecula Valley Elks #2801 Drug Awareness Awards

Submitted by the Temecula Valley Elks Drug Awareness Chairman, Diane Farrens

Recently the Temecula Valley Elks held their Drug Awareness Dinner and Awards Night to honor their winners in the Poster and Essay Contests. The theme for this year was **"Be Kind to Your Mind, Live Drug Free."** The students and their parents were honored at a chicken dinner, prior to the award presentations. The student winners each received a framed certificate and gift card from Barnes and Noble. The Poster Contest was for students in the 3rd through 5th grades and the Essay Contest was for students in the 6th through 8th grades.

The first place poster and essay entries were forwarded to the Southeast District Drug Awareness Chairman. The entries were very good and made the judging difficult. The judges on the committee did an outstanding job.







1st Place Poster Winner Vidah Castillo Van Avery Prep



Winner Maya Barba Van Avery Prep



**3rd Place Poster** 

Winner

Shravya Patil

Van Avery Prep







1st Place Essay Winner Kaelan Tran St. Jeanne's



2nd Place Essay Winner Alyssa Cabebe St. Jeanne's



3rd Place Essay Winner London Wong St. Jeanne's



Karthik Krishna Erle Stanley Gardner Middle School









The Ontario Elk Ladies presented a donation check to the Warrior for Children in Upland. Warrior for Children is a nonprofit 501c3 organization that uses tangible resources, community-based education, and relational experiences to help children of trauma thrive.

Pictured: Jill Kendrick, Amanda Brady, Co-Founder, Jennifer Corbett, Co-Founder, Teri Ludwig and Sandy Hoier.

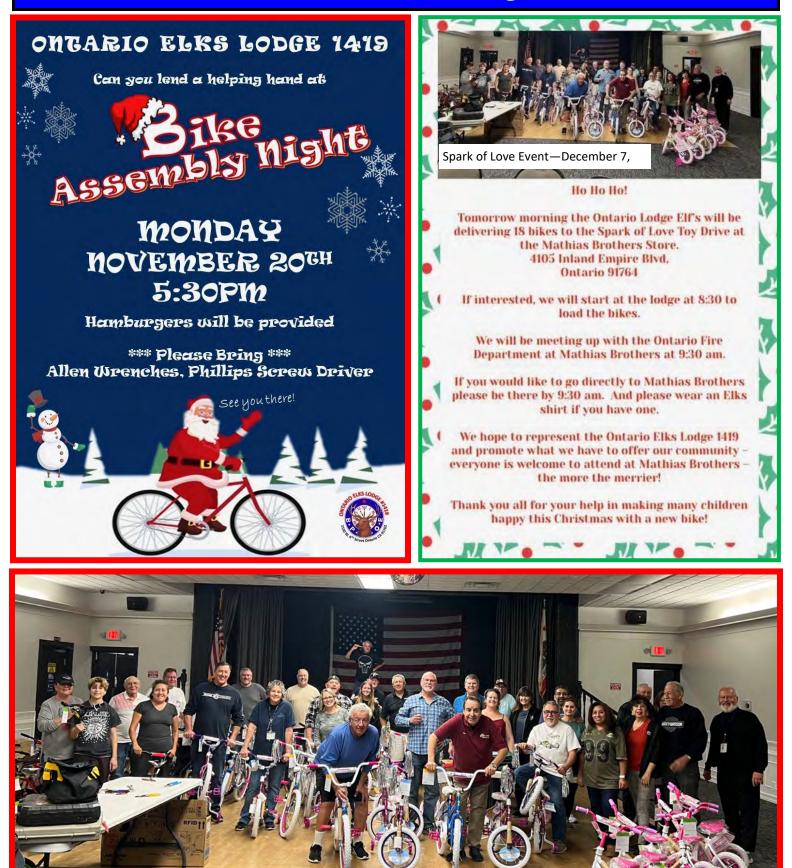
The Elk Ladies made a check donation to the Assistance League of the Foothill Communities. The Assistance League volunteers transforming lives of children and adults through community programs.





Pictured: President Carol Garrett, Pat Amsden, Tom (their treasurer), Teri Ludwig and Lady President Jill Kendrick. Pictured: Elk Lady President, Jill Kendrick, and President, Kelly Bocanegra.

The Elk Ladies made another generous donation to Santa Claus, Inc. in Ontario. Santa Claus Inc. has been fulfilling hopes and dreams for so many underprivileged families and children in the community for greater than 60 years.





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Ontario Elks Decorating the Float for the Ontario, California Christmas Parade

















# Ontario Elks Lodge 1419 Christmas Party













# Valerie Wilkins was honored as Grand Lodge Volunteer of the Year!







Ontario Elks Donate to Seeds of Joy Ontario Community Garden. The garden personnel created the Patriots Corner to honor our Veterans.















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\$70.00

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED IN THE OFFICE OR IN THE LOUNGE 909-984-2777 NO LATER THAN DEC. 24TH \*ADULTS ONLY\*



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM INCLUDING: APPETIZERS

MUSIC 9:00PM POETIC LICENSE BAND



DINNER 7:30PM

FEATRUING: PRIME RIB MIDNIGHT

TOAST

12:00AM CHAMPAGNE TO POZOLE



Ontario Lodge Sunday Brunch with CHEA President Ted Talbot and his First Lady Jeanie, plus members of other Lodges in the district. There was also a guest appearance from Elroy, the Elk!













# **Sickness and Distress**

**Note from the Editor:** If a member or spouse of a member, of your lodge, passes away and you would like to have me (Diane Farrens) send an email to the Southeast District Members and Spouses on the Bugle list, please let me know. I will not send anything out by email, unless I have permission and you send me, by email, what you would like me to say when I send the notice out.

### **Sickness and Distress:**

Frank Certa, Jr. Lake Elsinore Exalted Ruler, lost his cousin in Texas, after a battle with cancer.

Lake Elsinore Lecturing Knight, Wayne Zamora's wife has been in a lot of pain with a degenerative issue of the neck. She was supposed to have surgery before the holidays, but due to mechanical issues, the surgery was cancelled and she was sent to another facility. Now the diagnosis has to start all over again.

**Fontana-Rialto Elks' PER Edwin D. Baumann** passed away on December 16, 2023. Edwin was the Exalted Ruler during the 1989-1990 Elk year. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Fontana-Rialto Member, Kathleen Murray, widow of PDDGER George Murray, was back in the hospital with a minor set back with her hip, but is out and getting around very well.

# The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

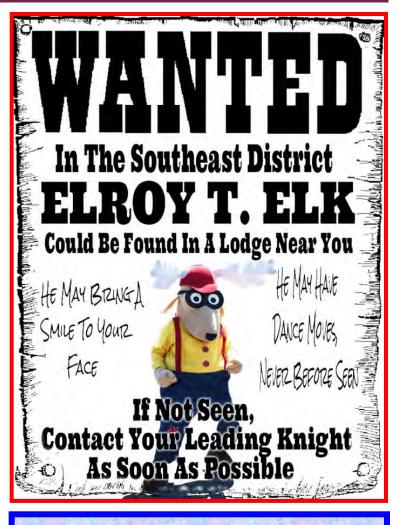
<u>Pointer</u>: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

<u>Index:</u> (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those

that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

<u>Pinkie:</u> (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



## **Prayer For Our Soldiers**

Bless our troops as they enter hostile fire Give them the ability to stay alert as they tire

Allow the angels to spread their wings and unite To create a barrier of safety as they fight

Grant them strength to endure the cries of the riot And even more power to handle the moments that are quiet

Keep them safe as they continue to roam All that we ask is that you bring them home

N. Schroeder