

The Fullerton Elks Lodge #1993 began life on March 17, 1956. There were 1,209 charter members, 489 transfers and 720 new initiates. There was no Lodge building at that time, so they met at the Moose Hall (originally Odd Fellows Hall, later the Williams Co.) on East Commonwealth Avenue.

Oscar W. Stutheit, DDGER, acted for the Grand Exalted Ruler in instituting the lodge at the ceremonies on Saturday, March 17, 1956, at the Fullerton College Gymnasium. Officers of Anaheim Lodge #1345 conducted the initiation of charter members, and then Past Grand Exalted Ruler L.A. Lewis led installing officers, presenting the first Fullerton Elks Officers.

First Fullerton Elks Officers			
Title	Member	Title	Member
Exalted Ruler	D.A. Armstrong	Trustees	Lloyd Verry
Leading Knight	C.O. Stewart		Howard Cornwell
Loyal Knight	Glenn Walters		Harry Crosby
Lecturing Knight	Lloyd Riutcel		Harry Stein
Secretary	Watson Osenbaugh		Marvin Stutheit
Treasurer	Everette Farnsworth	Chaplain	Donald V. Kisner
Inner Guard	W.B. Danenhauer	Organist	Donald A. Keeney
Esquire	Robert W. Berry	Tiler	Cloyd Musser

Initial accomplishments of the Lodge in just over a year:

- May 1956 - First Hilltop Bugle appeared. First social event: The Inaugural Ball.
- June 1956 - Officers of the lodge won the South Coast District ritual contest.
- July 1956 - Purchases of property for new Lodge were initiated.
- August 1956 - 81 men, 76 initiates, 5 transfers, joined the Lodge.
- April 1957 - An additional class of 511 new members was initiated at Fullerton College Gymnasium. This initial class was the largest in the history of B.P.O.E. in the USA. (See photo below.)
- October 1957 - Construction on New Lodge began. (Opened in December 1959)
- September 1958 - The Fullerton Elks Dance Band, 15 pieces, played for the Charity Ball.
- First social event in the New Lodge Building: December 1959. ER Glenn (Bucky) Walters lost a bet to trustee Judge Lloyd Verry and had to push him up the hill (!) in a wheelbarrow.