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Please join us for MOTHER'S DAY

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SUNDAY | MAY 11 | 10 AM TO 2 PM

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED 951.683.0370

> Riverside Elks Lodge #643 6166 Brockton Ave.

FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER



Greetings Fellow Elks,

April has been an incredible month for fundraising! The three events we held this month were successful beyond our expectations. You

all did a great job raising money for the AVP, the Purple Pig, and the roof. We could not have done this without the membership volunteers. If you want to be more involved, please fill out an interest form or see me. I am at the lodge most evenings and would be happy to talk with you.

We have a lot of events coming up in May. May 3rd is our annual district Ritual Contest. This year it will be held at the Redlands Lodge. Your officer corps has been working hard practicing for the event.

The Activities Committee has fun Friday dinners planned that include Birthday Friday, Hawaiian BBQ, and Tostada Night. Please join your friends at the lodge for a great meal and entertainment.

It is wonderful to see so many members in the lounge enjoying the events! Some new members have expressed they don't know anyone and are uncomfortable coming in by themselves. As Elks we are never alone, please remember to introduce yourselves to anyone sitting by themselves and include them.

It is Great to be an Elk!

Amy Torgersen Exalted Ruler



Officer's for 2025—2026

Exalted Ruler	Amy Torgersen
Leading Knight	Julie Greenberg
Loyal Knight	
Lecturing Knight	
Secretary	Rose Barr
Treasurer	Bonnie Wadley
Tiler	Logan Casem
Esquire	Pam Elias
Chaplain	Steve Gilson
Inner Guard	
Organist	

Trustees for 2025–2026

Committee Chairpersons for 2025-2026

EXALTED RULER	Amy Torgersen .Mona Perez, PER Liz Brown
Bulletin	Frances Rojas Rose Barr Gerrie Brewington Amy Torgersen Lodge Officers Rose Barr .Tom Leslie, PER James Skaggs Julie Greenberg
Charity Purple Pig/Piggy Bank	Rose Barr
Scholarship Sickness & Distress Youth Activities/Awards LOYAL KNIGHT Drug Awareness Public Relations Veteran's Committee	Julie Greenberg Evelyn Eckroth Saturday Prince Rose Smith Linda Herrera Erik Perry
LECTURING KNIGHT	
Americanism Bingo ENF Flag Day Hoop Shoot New Member Orientation	Josie White Mona Perez, PER Diane Howard Saturday Prince
Chip Chuckers Dart League Elks of the Year Facebook Admin	Julie Greenberg Carole DeLaOssa
Golf Club Grants Kamper Klub P.E.R. Association Pistol Team Web Master	Terri Russell Mona Perez, PER Chip Davies Lilly Allala, PER Pat Olagues
Office Staff 2025-	-2026

Bookkeeper Club Manager	
Office Assistant Rental Coordinator	Jeannie Fountain

FROM YOUR LEADING KNIGHT



Honoring the Heart of the Family: Mothers

As we step into the beautiful month of May, our hearts turn to the incredible women who have shaped our lives — our mothers. Whether they are with us or live forever in our memories, mothers hold a special place

in our hearts.

Mother's Day is a time to pause, reflect, and give thanks to the women who have nurtured us, guided us, and loved us unconditionally. They are the quiet heroes who often work behind the scenes, providing strength, comfort, and wisdom when we need it most.

Here at Riverside Elks Lodge #643, we recognize the powerful role that mothers, grandmothers, and all mother figures play — not just within our families, but in our Lodge and our community. Their compassion, perseverance, and spirit inspire us to live by the values we hold dear: charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity.

This Mother's Day, let us honor and celebrate these remarkable women. A kind word, a shared memory, a simple act of love can mean more than we realize. Let us take a moment to say "thank you" and show appreciation for all they do and all they are.

Please join us for our special Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 11!

Let's come together as a Lodge family to celebrate the amazing mothers in our lives with good food, fellowship, and love. To all the mothers in our Elks family — we see you, we appreciate you, and we celebrate you. Happy Mother's Day!

Fraternally,

Julie Greenberg

Esteemed Leading Knight



FROM YOUR LOYAL KNIGHT

Fellow Elks of Riverside #643,

Mark your calendars! This month the Initiation Ritual takes on a special significance. Our dedicated officers will be representing Riverside #643 in the District Ritual Contest!

Join us at the **Redlands Lodge** on Saturday, **May 3rd**, as we compete against our fellow Lodges to showcase the impressive presentation of our time-honored initiation. Our team is scheduled to perform around **11:00 am**.

While the Ritual has evolved throughout Elkdom's history – did you know lambskin aprons were discontinued in 1895, the secret password in 1899, the secret grip in 1904, and blindfolds in 1952? But its core principles remain vital. The Ritual Contest encourages our officers to deeply understand and impressively deliver this tradition, ultimately enriching the initiation experience for our newest members and inspiring us all.

Be a part of this exciting event! Come out to the Redlands Lodge to support our team. But the fun doesn't stop there! Head back home to Riverside #643 afterwards for our **Kentucky Derby Party starting at 1:00 pm.**

Let's make it a day of camaraderie and Lodge pride!

Fraternally, Saturday Prince Esteemed Loyal Knight.

FROM YOUR LECTURING KNIGHT



Hello All Elkdom,

Wow, how time flies. I have served as your Lecturing Knight for a month now and I must say that I love it! I am learning so much and getting to see each of the officer's strong points. The camaraderie is amazing.

I am Egg-cited to let you all know that our Easter party for our community kids was amazing. We had a lot of children dressed in their Easter best. There was a lot of laughter and smiles as they collected the hidden Easter eggs. The lunch was a hit for parents, as well as the kids. Our Easter bunny made an appearance and so did an Easter chicken, lol. All in all, it was a great day and we all had fun. Thank you to all our volunteers for making the event such a success.

Also, on April 24th several scholarships were given out to students by our Youth Award/Activity/Scholarship and DAP Committees at the banquet. It was a very exciting event.

I'm also looking forward to our upcoming Mother's Day Brunch being held on May 11th. Remember, we should always celebrate our Moms. Come on down and enjoy a fantastic brunch. This event is held by the Officers and volunteers.

Your Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Linda Herrera

Lodge of Sorrow

Randy Kromas Born: 6/1/1948 * Initiated: 5/25/23 * Passed: 1/5/25

Blair Black

Born: 8/7/1933 * Initiated: 6/6/2019 * Passed: 2/10/25

Rod Haynes Born: 11/27/1949 * Initiated: 1/23/97 * Passed: 2/18/25

Richard (Dick) Young Born: 9/17/1941 * Initiated: 11/20/08 * Passed: 3/11/25

Elizabeth O'Donnell Born: 9/08/1950 * Initiated: 5/27/04 * Passed: 3/25/25

Lodge Meetings



Thursday May 1st Meeting - 7:00pm Balloting

Thursday May 15th Meeting - 7:00pm Initiation





Please welcome our Newest Members!



PYBIRTHDAY

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	Victor	Cisneros	01	James	Ford	09	Marya 👌	Barefoot	20
	Ledge	Ledgerwood	01	Lucy	Holman	09	Michael	McVeigh	21
	Katherine	Corbin	02	Karen	Holthe	09	Ronald	Miller	21
	GiGi	Flory	02	Darlene	Kearney	09	Darren	Shipley 🦯	21
	Eric	Shook	02	Gerald	Fontaine	10	Patricia	Cantu 🍧	22
	Vernon	Dalton	03	Eric	Reay	10	Nancy	Michna	23
	Cynthia	Vaca	03	Scott	Rowe	10	Ryan	Murillo	23
	Lorraine	Arroyo	04	Sheryl	McMichael	11	Randy	Akes	24
	Robert	Byrne	04	Deborah	Anderson	12	Scotty	Hill 🔷	24
	Deborah	Kelley	04	Denise	Avella	12	Dawna	St Pierre	24
1	Charles	Machado	04	Donald	Moore Jr	12	Francisco	Alvarez	25
	Lloyd	Morris	04	Jimmy	Waugh	12	Joseph	Chavez	25
	Louis	Vogel	04	Teresa	Whitton	12	Sarah	Pearson 🦷	25
	Angelina	Anderson	05	Walter	Young	12	Michael	Robbins	25
	Stephen	Penunuri	05	Jennifer	Sullivan	13	lan	Beebe	26
	Larry 🦰	Raven	05	Rodrigo	Moreno	13	David	Amador	29
	George	Swift	05	Lynn	Ragone	13	Lucille	Ball	29
	Lindsay	Connell	06	John	Van Doren	13	Patrick	Olagues 👗	29
	Perri	Somody	06	Bruce	Ricker	14	Fred	Kelvington	30
	Janna	Prewitt	07	David	Sosa	14	Wilson	Johnson	31
	Ricardo	Zapien	07	Gina	Tipre	17	Steven	Nagy	31
	Paula	Moisio	08	Clarissa	Brown	18	Roddy	Padilla	31
				Karen	Wilson	18	Martin	Vaca	31
				lan	Anderson	19			
				David	Domanske	19			
				Angel	Sanchez	19			
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Happy Birthday Member! Bring this with you on the 1st Friday of the month for HALF OFF your birthday dinner!



Member's Name _____ Birth Date _____

Elks Card # ____

Redeemable on Birthday Friday Night Only

Good For Birthday Drink!
Present this filled out coupon to the bar for a
"Free Well Drink."
Member's Name
Birth Date
Elks Card #

Redeemable During Birthday Month Only

Friday, May 2, 2025

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BIRTHDAY FRIDAY

JOIN US FOR

AND

Dinner Served 6:00-7:00 PM Steak, Chicken or Fish Dinner

Entertainment by Vagabond Sinnerz

> Riverside Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave.



PLACE YOUR BETS & JOIN US! Kentucky Derby Party May 3rd, 2025 @ 1:00pm

Food and drink items available for purchase.

\$15 per person includes: Scratcher for Derby and Raffle Ticket

corresponds**BEST TOP 3 HAT CONTEST!**

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RSVP No later than April 25, 2025 Text or call (951) 202-8854 or (951) 505-1151

California Hawaii Elks Association 110th Annual Convention



May 7-10, 2025





Visit www.cheaconvention.com for more information

Activities at all 8 Orange Coast Lodges All within 30 minutes of the Convention

Buena Park • Fullerton • Garden Grove • Huntington Beach Mission Vielo/Saddleback Valley • Newport Harbor • Orange • Santa Ana

Local attractions include Disneyland, California Adventure, Knotts Berry Farm, Angels Baseball, Beaches, Parks and more. Learn about the things to do at www.visitanaheim.org.



Questions? Context cheesetere2025@gmell.com

INAUGURAL BALL 2025



























DRUG AWARENESS

Our Lodge Drug Awareness Program's Mission is to inspire, to educate, to support and to assist our schools and community.

Elks National Drug Awareness Program - the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. We are proud of our dedicated army of volunteers who freely give their time and talents to this noble cause. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

Our Mission: To Inspire, educate, support, and assist. What We Do: Dictionary Project; Promote School Attendance; National Night Out; Poster, Essay & Video Contest; Red Ribbon Week. What You Can Do: Ask questions; Get Involved; Join a DAP Committee. Future Projects include Red Ribbon Week Activities, Supporting our local schools, Student of the Month Programs and awards, and a Dictionary Giveaway Project. For more information and to join the DAP Committee, please contact Rose Smith @ 951-892-5373.

Did you know that Drug Awareness/Substance Abuse and Mental Health are closely related? Millions of Americans are touched by substance use and mental health issues daily. People in the throes of conditions like depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, addiction, and many others are often in great pain and see no way out of their situation. Each month, I would like to share Drug Awareness, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health Awareness tips that could provide useful information and tools so everyone can live a better life.

Why is it important to raise awareness about substance abuse?

Raising awareness about substance abuse is crucial because it impacts not only individuals but also the broader community. Substance misuse poses significant public health threats, leading to mental and physical health issues, addiction, and financial strain. Education about the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol can better prepare people, especially vulnerable populations like adolescents, to make informed decisions. Public knowledge of the consequences of substance abuse encourages preventative measures. When schools and families actively promote healthy coping mechanisms, they help reduce the risk of addiction. Awareness campaigns can foster an understanding of the risks associated with substances and assist individuals in recognizing signs of abuse early.

Monthly Activities

On April 24, 2025, we had our annual Youth Awards Banquet, celebrating our students' high academic achievements and receiving scholarships through Elk's Lodge #643. We also honored eight students for their participation in our Drug Awareness Contest. Thank you all for your support in this year's Youth Awards, and special thanks to Evelyn Eckroth for making this all possible.

Submitted By: Rose Smith, DAP Chairperson, rosemariesmith1960@gmail.com or 951-892-5373



CONGRATULATIONS



Pam Elias is awarded Officer of the Year for 2024-2025 by outgoing Exalted Ruler Diana Reveles



Ken Campbell is awarded Elk of the Year for 2024-2025 by outgoing Exalted Ruler Diana Reveles



Congratulations to Ken Kelly for receiving the honor of Citizen of the Year for 2024-2025.



Amy Torgersen is presented with a gavel, a gift from DDGER, Larry Perez and Mona Perez

Logan Casem is installed as our Tiler by DDGER, Larry Perez



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REMEMBER AND HONOR

A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.



THE LODGE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

DISCO NIGHT AT THE LODGE



























60K 50K \$7092=\$14,185 - \$5161=\$10.323 40K - \$3508=\$7016 - \$2321=\$4642

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NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

An invitation to join the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Riverside Lodge #643, has been extended to the following:

NAME

Ruben Bagsby Patti Baker Rodney Bowen Tamara Bowen Jacob Flores Nicole Godfrey Rachea McKown lose Ramirez

Reinstatement Karen Wright

Transfer Daniel Valdivia **Richard Hilliard** Linda Millard

Associate Matthew Adams PROPOSED BY

Lucy Ball David Baker Linda Herrera Linda Herrera Lucy Ball Judy Plaxco **Gigi Flory** Lucy Ball

Santa Ana Lodge Garden Grove Lodge Garden Grove Lodge

Orange Lodge

COME TO THE MEETING AND CAST YOUR VOTE!!!

PURPLE PIG DONATIONS

Lynette Beckedahl, Clarissa Brown, Miki Eckroth, Kristine Ethridge, Richard Haines, Pam Harrison, Cain Jimenez, Patty Laurman, Byron Lewis, Michelle Rivera, Frances Rojas, Mike Sepulveda, Vic Vaniman, Bingo



Recurring Donors: Pam Elias, Julie Greenberg, Chuck Hall, Theresa Kokot, James Skaggs, Rose Smith, Cliff Wadley

CASINO FUN

Fundraiser organized by the Leading Knights Association for our AVP



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By Tina Sydow, Veterans Committee		
Our lodge has been awarded the prestigious support veterans throughout the year with n	\$10,000 ENF Focus Grant, one of only two lo neaningful events and services. As part of th	expanding dinners, and a lasting tribute are on the way!" odges selected within our district. This generous funding will allow us to be grant requirements, the funds must be used gradually, and a mid-yea connect us with more veterans and offer new opportunities for
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Our monthly <u>Veterans Dinners</u> continue to the Important to ensure every guest feels welcome		ing. Last month's dinner was so well attended, we added a third table! I ate to stop by and say hello.
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Photo Submission Details:		
Photo Size: 5x7 or 4x6 preferred, label with	your name, branch of service, dates, wartim	e etc and any other details you'd like to include
		e Attention: Veterans Committee / Vets Corner.
Please Note:	•	
one, or someone who is no longer with us, pl We recognize the deep meaning these photo respect it deserves.	ease reach out and let us know your connec s may hold, especially for those who have p	kept safe. If you recognize one of the photos as belonging to you, a love tion. We would be honored to return it to the display if that is your wish assed, and we are committed to treating each one with the care, love, a
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Steve Borden, Hubie Shipley

THANK YOU!



THE LOUNGE WILL BE OPEN FRIDAY, MAY 23RD NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS



RIVERSIDE ELKS LODGE #643 6166 BROCKTON AVE.



FRIDAY, MAY 30

DINNER AT 6 PM ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW

STAY TUNED. . . MORE DETAILS TO COME!

RIVERSIDE ELKS LODGE #643 6166 BROCKTON AVE.

Margarita Mondays

\$3 Well Margaritas \$5 Cadillac Margaritas

Lounge Opens at 4:00pm



4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING THURSDAY, MAY 22ND 6:30 TO 8:30

\$5/PERSON ALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO THE LODGE

BAR FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

HURSDA THROWBACK PRICES AVAILABLE TIL CLOSE DRINK SPECIALS \$3 DOMESTIC - \$4 IMPORTS \$3.25 WELLS - \$3.25 WINES \$5 MYSTERY COCKTAIL 4TH THURSDAY EVERY MONTH

ELKSLODGE #643

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TUESDAY NIGHTERS Steaks, Chicken, Hamburgers, and Hotdogs

Lounge Opens at 4:00 pm Dinner service 6:00pm to 7:00pm

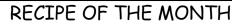




Steve Arbelbide, SED Pistol Shoot Chairman and CEPC Publisher: Yucaipa Lodge



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Bruschetta

4 T Olive Oil

5-6 cloves garlic, finely minced

2 pints of grape tomatoes, your choice of color 1 whole baguette 1 T balsamic vinegar

16 whole fresh basil leaves, plus more as needed, chiffonade Salt and fresh ground black pepper 1+ stick of butter

In a small skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and stir, lightly frying for about a minute, removing before the garlic gets too brown (it can be golden). Pour the garlic and oil into a mixing bowl and allow to cool slightly. (You don't want to overcook or burn.)

Add the red and yellow tomatoes, balsamic and basil to the bowl. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Toss to combine, and then taste and add more basil if needed, and more salt if needed (don't over salt, though!) Cover and refrigerate for an hour or two if you have the time.

Cut the baguette into diagonal slices to allow for the most surface area possible. Melt 4 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet and grill half the bread on both sides, making sure they're nice and buttery. Cook until golden brown on both sides. Repeat with the remaining 4 tablespoons butter and the other half of the bread.

To serve, give the tomato mixture a final stir, and then spoon generously over the slices of bread. Serve on a big platter as a first course or appetizer.

Riverside Elks Swag

Black or Red T-Shirts \$15 Custom Black Lodge Shirt \$49 - \$55 (Embroidered Elk on Back \$44 xtra)

Baseball Hat \$20

For Information, please call the Lodge Office 951-683-0370



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HOW ARE WE DOING? Membership Monthly Report: We have 866 members We are NUMBER ONE in Membership in our District!

Deadline for June Bulletin is May 20th.

ACTIVITIES MEETING

Conducted the 1st Monday of the month in the member room at 6:00 pm

PER MEETING

Conducted the 1st Tuesday of the month in the member room at 6:00 p.m.



The Benevolent & Protective Order Of

Upcoming Events

Birthday Friday - 5/2/25 Kentucky Derby - 5/3/25 Taco Thursday - 5/8/25 Dinner by Felipe - 5/9/25 Mother's Day Brunch - 5/11/25 Tostada Dinner - 5/16/25 Game Night - 5/19/25 Taco Tuesday - 5/27/25 Hawaiian BBQ - 5/30/25

RENTALS AT THE ELKS LODGE

Banquet Hall - Lounge - Chapel FOR ANY OCCASION

Contact Gerrie Brewington, Rental Coordinator at (951) 202-8854 for prices and availability