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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

FOOD AVAILABLE 4 PM TO 6:30 PM Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, or Chili Dogs

VETS RECEIVE A FREE MEAL

Riverside Elks Lodge #643 6166 Brockton Ave.



FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Greeting Riverside Elks,

The holidays are upon us, in this season of giving is where generosity and kindness are center stage, reflecting the true spirit of Elkdom.

The Elks have a long-standing tradition of giving during the holiday season. One of the most notable traditions is the Christmas Basket Program, where Lodge members distribute baskets filled with food and holiday items to families in need. This program has been a cherished event for over 70 years, providing essential support to those who may not have the means to celebrate the holidays. The Elks also extend their charitable efforts to children, through such programs as our Children's Christmas Party and donation of toys to RPD for calls where children are present. These traditions are a testament to the Elks' commitment to community service and their dedication to helping those during the festive season.

There is no better time to donate your efforts to making this another successful year. It takes a village to accomplish our charitable goals. We can not do this without our members. Last year with your help and the assistance of some of our local schools we were able to have enough food and toys to reach a record number of families in the community.

If you would like to be involved with any of the following activities and/or events please contact the members listed below:

- Christmas Baskets Gerrie Brewington or Julie Greenberg
- Children's Christmas Party Julie Greenberg
- Bingo Food Service Amie Fernandez
- Veterans Float Cliff Wadley or Rose Barr
- Veterans Committee Erik or Kim Perry
- Cook teams Julie Greenberg (Sunday Breakfast and Friday Dinners)

You can always contact me when I'm not at the Lodge at torgerse-namy@gmail.com or leave a message in the office.

Fraternally,

Amy Torgersen Exalted Ruler



Officer's for 2025—2026

Exalted Ruler	Amy Torgersen
Leading Knight	Julie Greenberg
Loyal Knight	Elizabeth Prince
Lecturing Knight	Linda Herrera
Secretary	Rose Smith
Treasurer	Bonnie Wadley
Tiler	Logan Casem
Esquire	Pam Elias
Chaplain	Steve Gilson
Inner Guard	
Organist	Vacant

Trustees for 2025—2026

One Year	Jim Madison, COB
Two Year	Amanda Deniston
Three Year	
Four Year	James Skaggs
Five Year	Jacob Drake

Committee Chairpersons for 2025—2026

EXALTED RULERAmy Torgersen
AmericanismMike Van Gorder
AuditingMona Perez, PER
Liz Brown
Frances Rojas
Bulletin
Lodge ActivitiesJulie Greenberg
Members MemorialLodge Officers
MembershipRose Smith
Safety OfficerJames Skaggs LEADING KNIGHTJulie Greenberg
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BingoJosie White
CharityJulie Greenberg
Christmas BasketsGerrie Brewington
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Purple Pig/Piggy BankKristina Wendt
ScholarshipSusan Straight
Sickness & DistressJulie Greenberg
Youth Activities/Awards Evelyn Eckroth
LOYAL KNIGHTSaturday Prince
Drug AwarenessRose Smith
Hoop ShootSaturday Prince
Public RelationsPam Elias
Veteran's CommitteeErik Perry
Kim Perry
LECTURING KNIGHTLinda Herrera
Flag DayErik & Kimberly Perry
New Member OrientationLarry Perez
Old Timers NightTom Leslie, PER
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Dart LeagueJenna Drake
Elks of the YearCarole DeLaOssa
Facebook AdminJulie Greenberg
Pam Flias
Golf ClubTerri Russell
GrantsMona Perez, PER
Kamper KlubChip Davies
P.E.R. AssociationLilly Allala, PER
Pistol Team
Web Master James Skaggs
web Master James skaggs

Office Staff 2025—2026

Bookkeeper	Kristina Wendt
Club Manager	
Office Assistant	Keilani
Rental Coordinator	Gerrie Brewington



FROM YOUR LEADING KNIGHT

Greetings Elkdom,

Riverside Elks Christmas Charity Fund – Share the Spirit of the Season.

The holiday season is a time for giving, and the members of Riverside Elks Lodge #643 have always answered the call with generous hearts and a commitment to serving others. Each year, through our Christmas Charity Fund, we come together to support families and Veterans in our community who may be struggling during the holidays. Whether it's a warm meal, Christmas dinner ingredients, or gifts for the little ones, these small acts of kindness make a meaningful difference.

Over the past six years, our Lodge has provided holiday baskets to more than 100 local families, thanks to the compassion and support of our members. This tradition reflects the very foundation of Elkdom - Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity - and reminds us what it means to be a Lodge dedicated to service.

This year, we once again invite you to join us in helping families in need by contributing to the Riverside Elks Christmas Charity Fund. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and go directly toward purchasing food, essentials, and gifts for families who might otherwise go without this Christmas.

In addition to donations, we are also accepting nominations for families in need of a Christmas Basket. If you know a family, perhaps a neighbor, co-worker, or Veteran household, who could use a helping hand this holiday season, we encourage you to submit a Christmas Basket Request Form. Forms will be available in the Lodge, through email, and in this bulletin.

Important Dates

- Request Deadline: December 8, 2025
- Basket Pickup/Delivery: December 19 & 20, 2025 (by appointment)
- Nomination Requirement: Each family must be sponsored by a Lodge member
- Confidentiality: All nominations are handled privately and with respect

How to Donate

Checks may be made payable to:

BPOE #643 Charity Fund

6166 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Attn: Julie Greenberg

You may also donate in person at the Lodge or contact us to contribute toward gift cards or grocery items.

Submit Basket Requests

Request forms may be returned by:

Email: ElksEvents643@gmail.com

Drop off: Lodge Office

Contact: Julie Greenberg, Chair – Christmas Charity Fund

Thank you for helping us bring comfort, joy, and hope to families in our community during this holiday season. Together, we keep the true spirit of Elkdom alive.

"Elks Care – Elks Share."

Fraternally,

Julie Greenberg

Esteemed Leading Knight



FROM YOUR LOYAL KNIGHT

Dear Fellow Elks,

It's been a rough week, and I have been in search of inspiration. I found it in our initiation ritual. If you ever feel you need to get back to basics, look there. Come to a meeting. Buy opportunity tickets. Most of all, listen to the ritual.

The Lecturing Knight talks about brotherly love. "...but the passing moment is ours long enough to grasp the hand in friend-ship, to lighten each other's burdens, to bring rest to the weary, and to comfort those who mourn."

The Loyal Knight talks about justice. "But the Order of Elks not only exacts from you the strict performance of the duties of membership; it likewise bestows upon you cherished rights and privileges which its whole power and authority will ensure and protect.

The Leading Knight talks about charity. "...Charity is the greatest of all the virtues; ...leading us to speak no unkind word, to harbor no evil thought, to bear no malice, to support no wrong; but to nurture, love and protect; to condone, forgive and forget.

And the Exalted Ruler talks about fidelity. "Fidelity implies strict adherence to our Obligation and faithfulness in the discharge of our duty as members of society."

So be good friends to each other. Know that you are respected and protected in the Lodge. Take good care of our members and our community. And stay faithful to our commitment as Elks.

Considering these things usually helps me get back on track when I need to, and I hope it does for you also.

Saturday Prince

Esteemed Loyal Knight



FROM YOUR LECTURING KNIGHT

Hello My Brothers and Sisters in Elkdom

WOW! We are almost at the end of October, and what a busy month it has been! From Karaoke Potluck, Oktoberfest, Murder at Deadwood, Elks Hoop Shoot and ending with a Halloween Party. Whew! What a month at the 643.

The DD visits are coming to an end. I enjoy visiting other lodges for different dinners. One gets to mingle with others members of the hosting lodge and everyone is getting along and having a good time.

Brotherly Love!! Even though someone might not like your personality or even disagree with your approach to Elkdom, Brotherly Love squashes all.

No lodge is perfect. When you have a group of people with all these different personalities, there are going to be differences.

I read an article in the Bugle regarding toxicity in the lodge. It was a great article. We all need to put our differences aside. We need to edify each other, help each other in every way we can. We are brothers and sisters in Elkdom and have one goal in mind. A successful Elks lodge, where we can work together raising money to help our community, raising money for ENF, helping children walk talk see and play and helping to provide for our Vets needs.

We should all remember one thing, kindness goes a long way!

Be kind to others.

Linda Herrera Your Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Lodge Meetings



Thursday November 6th NO MEETING

Thursday November 20th Meeting - 7:00pm Initiation

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Please welcome our Newest Members!





| Happy Birthday Member! Bring this with | you on |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| the 1st Friday of the month for HALF   |        |
| OFF your birthday dinner!              | 4      |
|                                        |        |

| Member's Name _ |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Birth Date      |  |
| Flyc 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

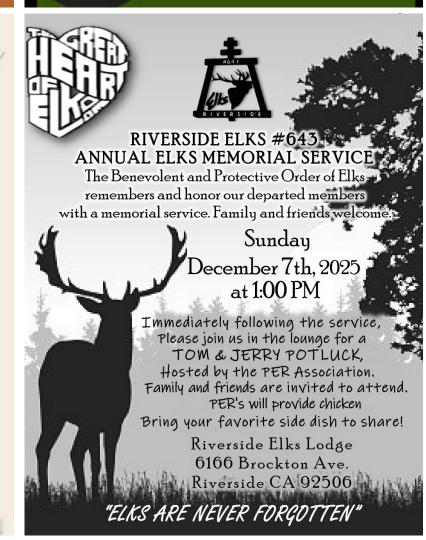












### HONORING VETERANS RIVERSIDE STYLE!

Submitted by Tina Sydow, PIO-Veterans Committee

Mark your calendar to enjoy in a full day of fun on Saturday, November 8 The Riverside Veterans Parade and Expo is an annual celebration honoring the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of Veterans from every generation. This community event brings people together to show genuine appreciation for those who have served and continue to protect our freedom.

This year, Riverside Elks Lodge #643 is proud to join the lineup with a patriotic float honoring our Veterans.
After the parade and expo our lodge will host a community celebration in the afternoon and evening with great music, delicious food, and good company, a perfect way to keep the spirit of the day going!

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Would you like to help bring our Elk float to life for the hometown parade?
Call the office at 951-683-0370 and leave your contact information.
Cliff Wadley will head up the building and engineering of the float, while 
Rose Barr will lead the decorating crew. Let's team up, have some fun, and make this float one to remember!

Come out and bring your family, friends, and flags and join us as we come together to honor our heroes and celebrate the true spirit of service, community, and patriotism.



### PROPOSITONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

### NAME

Brett Acrev Scott Andresen Shelly Garth Yolanda Guevara Patricia Meraz Peggy Miller Ray Miller Mathew Parrish lames Pickle Bernardo Torres

> TRANSFER John Weber

### PROPOSED BY

Lana Hapeman Steve Andresen Morris Davies Steven Andresen Ruben Hernandez Kimberly Perry Kimberly Perry James Madison Ruben Hernandez Judith Lumbreras

CORONA



Theme Child

Do you know someone who would be a great Elk? Register on-line at elks.org, then invite them to apply on-line using this link: https://www.elks.org/emas/prosper.cfm?

### SPONSOR A VET FOR TUESDAY STEAK DINNER

Member's Name Elks Card #

Donation amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_



# **Veteran Dinner Donations**

Steve Borden, Hubie Shipley, Jim Nichols, Dan Orvananos THANK YOU!

### **CONGRATULATIONS**



ER, Amy Torgersen awards Jake Drake with Officer of the Month for October



ER, Amy Torgersen awards Kimberly Perry with Elk of the Month for October



Congratulations to Rose Smith, our new Lodge Secretary. With her strong background and experience in the corporate world, Rose brings valuable skills and a commitment to helping our Lodge thrive.



ER, Amy Torgersen presents Erik Perry with his watch from the GER for bringing in over 11 new members.



### OCTOBER IN PICTURES







# CHRISTMAS BASKET REQUEST FORM – Riverside Elks Lodge #643 Pickup/Delivery Dates: Friday & Saturday, December 19–20, 2025 (by appointment) Submission Deadline: December 8, 2025 All nominations are confidential. Family must reside within our service area and must have a Lodge member sponsor their request. Sponsored By (Elks Member Name): \_\_\_\_\_\_ Member Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Phone: Family Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_ State: CA Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Household: \_\_\_\_\_ Names & Ages of Children: Additional Information (optional):

Submit form by December 8, 2025

Email: ElksEvents643@gmail.com or drop off at the Lodge Office

Contact: Julie Greenberg, Chair - Christmas Charity Fund



# **Old Timers Night**

January 29, 2026



### Presentation of Membership Pins to Honor Your Years in Our Order

Presented by Riverside Lodge #643 P.E.R. Association

### SCHEDULE 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner Includes Salad, Bread \$5.00 Red or White House wine: Tickets cost \$3.50 each, 2 for \$7.00 Limit two tickets per person

### Please call the Lodge office by January 25th:

- To confirm if you will be attending
- The number of people in your party
- · How many dinners in your party will be needed

### 7:00 PM Awarding of Membership Pins

- Membership Pins are presented in 5-Year increments (5-year, 10-year, 15-year etc.)
- To be credited with the full 5-Year Increment, your 2025-2026 Membership dues must be paid in full.
- If you are not listed under the proper year or not listed at all, please call the Lodge office ASAP so that any error can be corrected; call by January 3<sup>rd</sup>. at the latest.
- If you have a Pin due you and are unable to attend "Old Timer's Night", please call the office and make arrangements to pick up your Pin.
- If you dropped your membership and you were reinstated, your years credited begin with your reinstatement date.

This is an OPEN EVENT... Bring your family and Friends and enjoy the Fun and Friendship of the evening. Meeting will be held in the Dining Hall

Whether you are or are not receiving a Pin, come on down and honor your fellow Members.

Your Lodge's Past Exalted Rulers look forward to honoring You!

Lodge office: 951-683-0370
Office hours: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday thru Friday

### Old Timers Pin Night, January 29, 2026

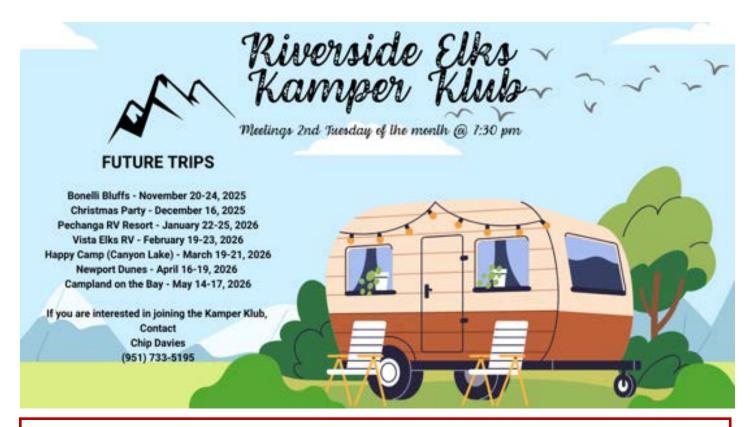
| 5 Year Members           | 5 Year Members            | 5 Year Members              | 5 Year Members         |  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Aburto, Ulysses          | Dement, Sara              | Hughes, Roger               | Owen, Susan            |  |
| Akes Jr., E Randy        | DeRuyter, Jacob           | Johnson, Debra              | Parrish, Dana          |  |
| Allala, Ray              | Diaz, Fernando            | Johnson, E Sparkles         | Parslow, Stacy         |  |
| Antongiorgi, Jeanette    | Diaz, Jennifer Eileen     | Johnson, James              | Patterson, Michael J   |  |
| Arenas, James            | Diaz, Robert              | Jones, Mike                 | Perkins, Maria         |  |
| Arias, Mr. Greg Tim      | DiBonaventura, Kathleen J | Jones, Scott                | Perry, Erik            |  |
| Baker, David             | Dobson, Carol Ann         | Joslen, Robert              | Phelps, Sharon Paisley |  |
| Bandelean-Busch, Cynthia | Dolphin, Jason            | Juarez, Arthur V            | Pitruzzello, Trey      |  |
| Barba, Jesus             | Domanske, David Chadwick  | Kelley, Deborah             | Prewitt, Janna         |  |
| Barba, Luis              | Donley, Thomas            | Kelley, Steven              | Quesada, Romaldo       |  |
| Bartoo, Esther           | Drexler, David            | Kennedy, Ronald R           | Ramirez, Xavier G      |  |
| Beebe, Ian               | Evans, Maria              | Kesterson, Jennifer         | Ratnayake, Hasaranga   |  |
| Beebe, Travis            | Evans, Phyllis            | Kinsman, Christopher A      | Reay, Eric             |  |
| Bengard, Jonathan        | Farrand, Cameron          | Larsen, Nanci               | Rich, Bob              |  |
| Brown, Elizabeth         | Fedele, Tracy             | Ledgerwood, Verneil (Ledge) | Roberts, Robbie        |  |
| Brown, Kenneth W         | Fleming, Ronald           | Lesch, Jacqueline           | Robles, Paul J         |  |
| Brown, Mitchell          | Flory, GiGi L             | Leyva, Trisha L             | Rojas, Mary Frances    |  |
| Brown, Weldon L          | Flury, Thomas             | Lowe, Timothy               | Ross, Kenneth          |  |
| Bruins, Justin           | Foglietta, Mariah         | Machado, Charles            | Ruiz, Deloris          |  |
| Bunch, David             | Ford, James               | Machado, Jennie             | Rung, Daniel           |  |
| Butler, William          | Gardner, Rich             | Manwaring, Robert           | Ruvalcaba, Josephine   |  |
| Buttaccio, Kathryn       | Graham, Ms. Gina          | Martinez, Cris              | Salisbury, Tamara G    |  |
| Campbell, Gregg          | Hardesty, William A       | Martinez, Rebecca           | Schmoldt, James        |  |
| Campbell, Kenneth        | Harmon, Gregory Vaughn    | Mathe, Ray                  | Schmoldt, Sophia       |  |
| Cantu, Patricia          | Harper, Brian C           | Matteson, Tamara M          | Schneider, William     |  |
| Canup, David             | Harris, Mark              | McKinley-Powell, Charlene   | Seckinger, Trent       |  |
| Carnes, Susan            | Hart, William Scott       | Meehan, Joshua              | Seminaris, Frank       |  |
| Chadwick, Monique        | Heckenlaible, Michael     | Mensel, Michael J           | Shafer, Ron            |  |
| Collier, Leah M          | Hendershot, Rachel        | Mitchell, Brad              | Shipley, Darren L      |  |
| Cook, Angela M           | Hendershot, Westley       | Moore, Ronald               | Sjogren, Cynthia       |  |
| Corbin, Katherine        | Hernandez, Paul           | Morales, Bobby Smith, Dean  |                        |  |
| Corea, Robert            | Herndon, Carolyn          | Morales, Yvette             | Snider, Kristin        |  |
| Corea, Tammy S           | Herrera, Michelle         | Moreno, James P             | Somody, Perri          |  |
| Corona, Michael Anthony  | Holman, Lucy              | Mountain, Michael           | Soria, Robert          |  |
| Crain, Brian             | Holston, Ernest           | Navarrette, Mr. Alfonso     | Southern, Wlliam       |  |
| Cretty, Bonnie           | Holston, Ingrid           | O'Donnell, Patti            | Spears, Destiny        |  |
| Crossley, Eryka          | Horrigan, Judith          | Ordaz, David                | Staudt, Kyle           |  |
| DelaParra, Rhonda        | Huerta, Johnnie Z         | Ortiz, Juanita              | Stolfus, Wayne         |  |

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### Old Timers Pin Night, January 29, 2026

| 5 Year Members            | 10 Year Members        | 15 Year Members        | 30 Year Members          |  |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Sydow, Cynthia            | Hernandez, Eddie R     | Hinton, Myra           | Griffith, Christopher J  |  |
| Takano, Derrick           | Hernandez, Edward J    | Hodgerson, Lyle        | Krajian, Scott E         |  |
| Taulli, Mr. Stephen V     | Huerta, Richard Arthur | Howard, Diane          | Moureaux, Paul           |  |
| Taylor, Terry             | Huxley, David K        | Mc Carthy, Kathleen    | Patterson, Daniel W      |  |
| Tharp, Kimm               | Jacobson, Barbara Jean | Morton, R C            | Posey, Steven A          |  |
| Todd, Bruce Evan          | Johnson, Christine A   | Mulgannon, Dennis      | Rogers, Spencer C        |  |
| Tonnesen, Mr. David Allen | Lee, Victoria A        | Myers, John W          | Romero, William V        |  |
| Torgersen, Amy            | Maskew, Tina           | Orvananos, Dan         | Stewart, Scott           |  |
| Valdivia, Daniel Raul     | McNiel, Sandra A       | Pendergest, Kathleen   | 35 Year Members          |  |
| Van Dusen, Deborah Gay    | Milanovich, Melissa    | Pendergest, Michael J  | Curtis, Glenn            |  |
| Vanderpool, Jimmy         | Millard, Linda         | Perez, Larry           | Fontaine, Gerald J       |  |
| Vaughn, Larry             | Miller, William H      | Perez, Mona            | Hodder, James A          |  |
| Vigil, Eddie              | Morales, William       | Ragone, Lynn           | Lenon III, James E       |  |
| Villarreal, Feviu         | Morris, Heather        | Shook, Eric            | Nagy, Steven             |  |
| Vogel IV, Louis A         | Muniz, Armando         | Terry, Mark            | Smith, Kurt D            |  |
| Wamsley, Eugene           | Neveau, Sharon         | Thompson, James R      | 40 Year Members          |  |
| Williams, Cindy           | Odebralski, Gary       | Torres, Theresa A      | Foehlinger Jr, Charles C |  |
| Williams, Joseph L        | Rojas, Octavio         | 20 Year Members        | Goffman, Mr. Jerry       |  |
| Wilson, Karen             | Romo, David            | Alberi, Matt           | Rhodes, James            |  |
| Wise, Robert A            | Rowe, Scott            | Arnold Jr, Paul J      | Tong, Henry              |  |
| Yasmer, Michael V         | Sadler, Michelle       | Brauner, Peggy L       | 45 Year Members          |  |
| 10 Year Members           | Smith, Haylee          | Deharo, Linda          | Hall Jr, Chuck           |  |
| Acrey, Larry              | St Pierre, Dawna       | Etter, Joseph C        | Hofmeister, Allen G      |  |
| Amador, David B           | Tapia, Steven          | Fischer, Steven        | Linares, Mario           |  |
| Barefoot, Marya C         | Teagarden, Roger       | Franklin, Larry W      | Urban, Edward W          |  |
| Brewington, Gerrie L      | Toledo, Frank A        | Guerrero, Manuel       | 50 Year Members          |  |
| Brown, Donna              | Towner, Samuel         | Harding, Peter V       | Arellano, Jose R         |  |
| Campbell, Dorothy         | Van Doren, John        | Hilliard, Richard      | Leslie, Thomas E         |  |
| Chapman, Bruce Ray        | Williams, Helen        | Kearney, Darlene       | Mitchell, William G      |  |
| Clark, Monty              | Woolard, Freda         | Kelvington, Fred G     | Petersen, Dave M         |  |
| Coreno, Anna Maria        | 15 Year Members        | McMurray, James E      | Yelton, Stanley E        |  |
| Costa, Mr. Ronald Lee     | Young, William         | Murphy-Grenz, Carole A | 55 Year Members          |  |
| DeLaOssa, Carole          | Barr, Richard          | Rouse, Randall         | Magnuson, Rollin E       |  |
| Diage, Peter H            | Barr, Rose Marie       | Spence, Robert W       | Mowry, Ronald D          |  |
| Eckroth, Abelina          | Brower, Steve          | Steele, Jimmie         | Rector, Ronald G         |  |
| Evans, Kimberly Anne      | Byrne, Robert A        | White, Susan E         | 60 Year Members          |  |
| Fischbeck, Marilyn        | Colon, Luis            | Wilkins, Jerry R       | Avalos, Paul E           |  |
| Gumbleton, Gary           | Cowles, Carol          | Zuel, Jonie L          | Ricker, Bruce F          |  |
| Hahne, Larry              | Dominguez, Albert      | 30 Year Members        | Walsh Jr, Joseph E       |  |
| Hapeman, Lana             | Fillon, Alfonso        | Brown, Larry W         | 65 Year Members          |  |
| Hawkins, Kelly A          | Flores, Gilberto       | Fountain, Brian R      | Hill, Scotty D           |  |

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### THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those who believed in me and who supported me during my time as the Secretary of this great Lodge. I truly did enjoy doing the work and learning so much about what actually happens in the office. I have no doubt that our new Secretary, Rose Smith, will be a wonderful asset to the Lodge and membership.

I have been a member for almost 18 years now, but it is just time to step back and enjoy myself at the lodge in more of a volunteer role. Of course, I am still preparing the bulletin for you all and hopefully will continue to do this for some time. You will still see me around, and I look forward to continuing to support our Lodge.

Many thanks again,

Rose Barr, Past Secretary

### SCHOLARSHIP NEWS BY SUSAN STRAIGHT



Lodge Members,

Teaching at UCR, I often talk to students from Riverside and San Bernardino, and I always think of how important our MVS Scholarships are in helping high school students heading off to college. November 12 is the deadline for this year's competition, so encourage students you know to apply through the MVS online process. Our lodge judging will begin

around December 1, and I'll miss Carol Tong's cheerful, patient presence. But two new judges will assist - welcome to Lorna Deremiah and Steve Gilson. We'll keep the spirit of lodge generosity going, knowing Carol is always with us.

Susan Straight Scholarship Chair

### 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.

**October is National Drug Awareness Month.** Substance Abuse Prevention Month is observed annually in October. In 2025, it will run from October 1 to 31. This month aims to raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse, promote prevention efforts, and support individuals in recovery. It also highlights the availability of treatment and resources for those struggling with substance use disorders.

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 can provide useful information and tools so everyone can live a healthier life.

In October, our committee delivered the Drug Awareness Contest packets to schools in the Riverside area. We also visited Arlanza Elementary School and May Ranch Elementary School to deliver dictionaries to the Third grade students. I want to thank Evelyn Eckroth, Dave Survillas and Kyle Torgersen for coming out to help decorate the Lodge for Red Ribbon.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**November 7, 2025:** Drug Awareness Contest Applications DUE.

**December 7, 2025:** Contest Judging at the Lodge

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



# SUNDAY FOOTBALL

DRINK SPECIALS
THROUGHOUT THE DAY
LOUNGE IS OPEN FROM
9:30 AM TO 9:00 PM

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED 10:00 TO 11:30

BREAKFAST SPECIALS \$8.00

BREAKFAST BURRITO OR BOWL CHOICE OF SAUSAGE, BACON, POTATO, AND/OR CHEESE

### POTLUCK IN THE AFTERNOON

Riverside Elks Lodge #643 6166 Brockton Ave.



Winner's Choice \$ 1,500 Gift Card



\$5 per entry See your Leading Knight to purchase



Drawing January 10, 2026 at the President's Dinner \*Winner need not be present\*



# PURPLE PIG DONATIONS

Gerrie Brewington, Phillip Emerson, Lisa Green, Dick Haines, Wes Jacobsen, Dan Orvananos, Kerry Smith, Steve Weischedel, and Bingo



A Coin a Day so they can Walk, Talk, See and Play!

### Recurring Donors:

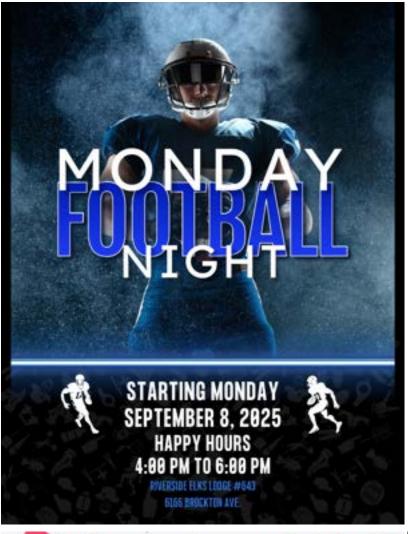
Pam Elias, Julie Greenberg, Chuck Hall, Theresa Kokot, James Skaggs, Rose Smith, Cliff Wadley, Rose Barr, Rich Barr, Saturday Prince

















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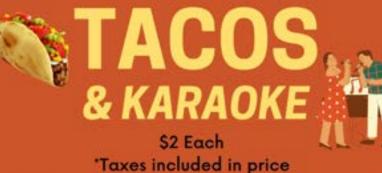


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- May 19
- June 16
- July 21
- August 18 September 15
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- November 17
- December 15







Thursday - 11/13 @ 6:00 (Bonnie & Cliff) Tuesday - 11/25 @ 6:00 (Chris & Rob)

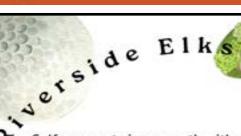
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If you have any questions, contact Terri (951) 205-4725

Golf Club Meeting First Wednesday of each month 6:00 PM in the lounge

Southern California Golf Assoc. Instructions to join the SCGA Sign on to SCGA.ORG Scroll down to: "Find a Golf Group that plays near you" Type in "Riverside" then click on the "Search button Scroll down to the names of the clubs Click on "Riverside Elks Golf Club" and join, easy.



Meeting Wednesday November 5, 2025





NIGHTS

EARLY BIRD - 6:00 PM REGULAR - 6:30 PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VOLUNTEERING - 951-683-0370 1<sup>2</sup>2

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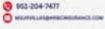
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| SUN                                                                            | MON                                                                                                                                       | TUE                                                                                                      | WED                                                                                                             | THU                                                                | FRI                                                                                                | SAT                                                                          |
| MONDAY<br>4:00 PM -<br>SUN<br>9:30 AM -<br>CLOSING                             | HOURS - FRIDAY 10:00 PM IDAY - 9:00 PM HOURS O CHANGE                                                                                     |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                 |                                                                    |                                                                                                    | 1                                                                            |
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| 9<br>SUNDAY FOOTBALL<br>Breakfast<br>10:00 - 11:30<br>LOUNGE OPEN<br>9:30-9:00 | Gov. Body and Trustee Meeting 6:30 PM Margarita Monday Hot Dogs Available Monday Night Football Food Available 5-7 LOUNGE OPEN 4-10       | Tuesday Niters Dinner - 6:00 PM Vets Committee Mtg 6:00 PM Kamper Klub Meeting -7:30 pm LOUNGE OPEN 4-10 | 12 BINGO  Bingo Food Available 6:00—7:00                                                                        | Taco Night (Bonnie & Cliff) 6:00 PM KARAOKE                        | 14  Soup-er Bowl Ngt 6:00 - 7:00 PM ENTERTAINMENT BY LATIN CROONER  LOUNGE OPEN 4 - 10             | 15 LOUNGE CLOSED                                                             |
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| 30<br>SUNDAY FOOTBALL<br>Breakfast<br>10:00 - 11:30                            |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                 |                                                                    | OFFICE<br>MONDAY<br>10:00 AM                                                                       | - FRIDAY                                                                     |

**LOUNGE OPEN** 9:30-9:00

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### **HOW ARE WE DOING?**

**Membership Monthly Report:** 

# We have 912 members We are NUMBER ONE in Membership in our District!



**Deadline for December Bulletin** is **November 15th**.

### **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.

# **Upcoming Events**

Birthday Friday - 11/7/25
Veteran's Day Celebration - 11/8/25
Taco Thursday - 11/13/25
Soup-er Bowl Night - 11/14/25
Game Night - 11/17/25
Beef Stroganoff - 11/21/25
Paint Night - 11/24/25
Taco Tuesday - 11/25/25
Elf-icer Takeover - 11/28/25
Birthday Friday - 12/5/25 - Winslow Country
Birthday Friday - 1/9/26 - Midnight Ride

