

# Monterey Elks Lodge #1285

## December 2024 Special Edition

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As we approach the end of 2024, I want to take a moment to wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday season. May your December be filled with joy, happiness and love, surrounded by the warmth of family and friends.

This time of year reminds us of the importance of coming together as a community, supporting one another, and sharing in the spirit of kindness and giving. I am truly grateful for the dedication and camaraderie that each of you brings to our lodge. Wishing you a season filled with peace and a prosperous New Year ahead! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Yuletide Greetings, Happy Holidays, Joyous Noel, Feliz Navidad and Seasons Greetings.



In this News Bulletin we are providing a **“Year in Retrospect”**, highlighting our Lodge events and activities. Please enjoy the photos and our memories from 2024.

Join us for a night to remember at our New Year's Eve “James Bond” Gala! Dress to impress in James Bond formal attire as we celebrate the arrival of 2025 with great food, music, friends, and plenty of festive cheer. Please note that this is an adult only event, and no children will be admitted. Don't miss out and sign up now to secure your spot for this amazing celebration!

*Fraternally, Pamela L. Soboleski, ER*

### Officer of the Month

Thank you to Mindi Harris for your continued support, dedication, reliability and positive impact you have made throughout the past year as Loyal Knight.

### Elk of the Month

A special thank you to Kathy Gombas, who was instrumental in researching our RV Park reservation software options and assisting with the launch of our new WebRezPro RV system.

# Appreciation

I want to take a moment to recognize and express our sincere gratitude to Gli Von Winning-Barrett, Chair of our annual Holiday Craft Fair. Gli's consistent support has truly made a difference, not only in the event itself, but in the joy and spirit Gli brings to our Lodge. Thanks to her Committee: Dennis Barrett, Marcell Vargas, Rosalinda Vargas, Janelle Ansberry and Caroll Mendoza.

A shout out to John Cardinali, for his delicious Thursday pasta nights. The sauce is delicious!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Alma McHoney for organizing an exceptional Veterans Observance Dinner in honor of our veterans. Alma's remarkable efforts brought warmth and respect to the event making it a memorable night for everyone involved. And, thank you Marcell Vargas and Joseph Cardinali for symbolic demonstration, the 13 folds of the American flag, during our annual Veterans Observance Dinner.

*Pamela L. Soboleski, ER*

## MONTEREY ELKS LODGE #1285

*Elks Memorial Service*  
*To remember and honor our*  
*departed members*



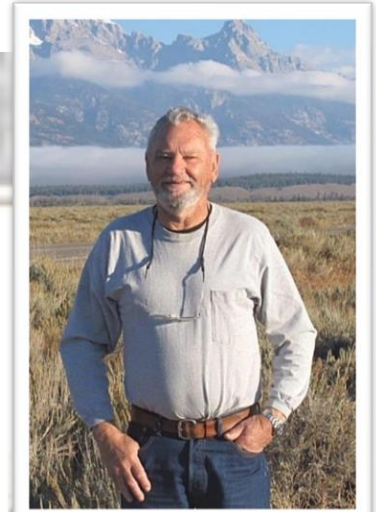
**Sunday, December 1 at 10 am**  
**Lodge Room**

*Cake and champagne*  
*served after Memorial*

# LODGE OF SORROW



**Tommy Dimaggio**



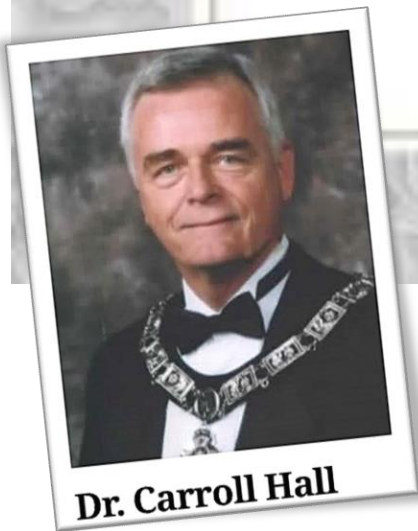
**Robert Nelson**

## *In Memoriam*

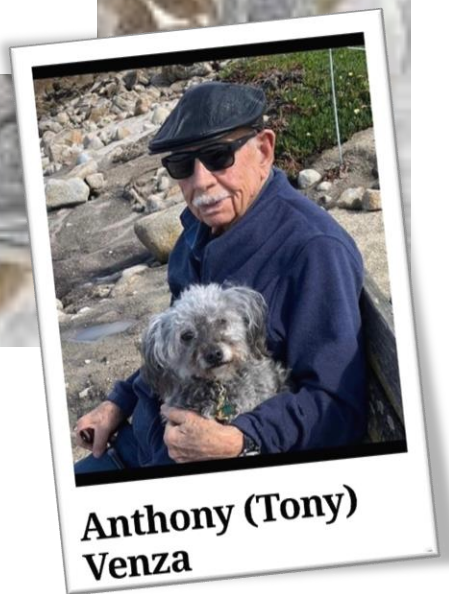
*Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten,  
never forsaken.*

*Morning and noon may pass him by,  
the light of day sink heedlessly in the West,  
but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall,  
the chimes of memory will be pealing forth  
the friendly message,*

*To Our Absent Members*



**Dr. Carroll Hall**



**Anthony (Tony)  
Venza**

	<b>Born</b>	<b>Initiated</b>	<b>Deceased</b>
<b>Tommy Dimaggio</b>	11/18/1922	01/25/1995	10/5/2024
<b>Robert Nelson</b>	12/02/1939	09/12/2024	11/14/2024
<b>Carroll Hall, PER</b>	05/21/1944	03/2/2002	02/1/2024
<b>Robert Barton Jr.</b>	06/18/1939	12/23/1998	06/11/2024
<b>Anthony Venza</b>	03/09/1933	04/30/2021	03/06/2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monterey Elks Lodge

150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey, CA



Wednesday, December 4

Exalted Ruler Pamela Soboleski and her Corps of Officers cordially invite you and your significant other, officers, and members to attend the December 4th visitation of our West Central District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Betty McClellan and her husband Randy.

#### Visitation Schedule

4:30 pm - Arrival of DDGER Betty McClellan & Randy  
 5:00 pm - Meeting with Exalted Ruler, Secretary & Trustee Chairman  
 5:30 pm - Meeting with Officers & Committee Chairpersons  
 6:00 pm - Dinner & Program

#### Dinner Menu - \$25

Chicken Fried Steak with Mashed Potatoes & Country Gravy  
 Seasonal Vegetables  
 Mixed Green Salad & Dinner Rolls with Butter  
 DDGER Special Dessert

RSVP (831) 373-1285 by 2 pm December 2

### MONTEREY ELKS LODGE

## Breakfast with Santa

ENJOY THE BREAKFAST WHILE GETTING ENTERTAINED BY SANTA.

SCRAMBLED EGGS  
 BACON & SAUSAGE  
 SANTA PANCAKES  
 BISCUITS & GRAVY  
 BEVERAGE

SUNDAY | DEC 8

10 AM - Noon



BREAKFAST TICKET: \$15  
 CHILDREN <10 YEARS EAT FREE & RECEIVE GIFT

RSVP by Dec 5 - (831) 373-1285



Sponsored by the  
 Monterey Elks Lodge

December 14  
 9 - 11 AM

Boys & Girls Club

1332 LaSalle Ave  
 Seaside, CA

Six divisions:

Girls  
 ages 8-9

Girls  
 ages 10-12

Girls  
 ages 12-13

Boys  
 ages 8-9

Boys  
 ages 10-12

Boys  
 ages 12-13

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children age 8 - 13. Age group is based on the contestant age on April 1, 2025

MORE INFO CONTACT:  
 Ron Powell  
 Recreation Specialist for  
 the Marina Recreation &  
 Culture Services  
 CALL (831) 884-1254  
 email: rpowell@cityofmarina.org

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# NEW YEAR

Dinner & Music  
 DECEMBER 31st



Tickets are \$70  
 Appetizers at 6 pm  
 Prime Rib or  
 Vegetarian Lasagna  
 Music by Dance Trax  
 11 o'clock Toast

Monterey Elks Lodge

RSVP (831)-373-1285  
 by 2 pm Dec 20



**MEDIA**

**ALERT**

*A Fraternal Organization*  
2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1889

Contact: Rick Gathen  
Phone: (862) 324-2412

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **ELKDOM'S HEART FOR AMERICA THIS DECEMBER**

**Chicago, IL** – This December, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is spreading hope and holiday cheer across the nation and beyond. From small towns to major cities, Elks Lodges in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and the Panama Canal Zone are stepping up to serve their communities. Elk volunteers will deliver food baskets and gifts to thousands of struggling families, while hospitalized Veterans—our nation’s heroes—will be honored with visits, gifts, and festive celebrations. The Elks’ unwavering promise remains: **“So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”** This year alone, the Elks have provided over **\$55 million** in support to Veterans and active-duty service members, aiding more than 300 VA medical centers, clinics, and care facilities with food, comfort packages, and recreational activities.

#### **Investing in Futures and Communities**

The Elks will also review thousands of scholarship applications this month, contributing **\$5 million annually** to help students achieve their dreams. Their **Community Investment Program** will deliver **\$16 million** to local projects that enrich and uplift neighborhoods. In 2024, the Elks’ commitment to service has totaled over **\$505 million**, embodying their motto: **“Elks Care – Elks Share.”**

#### **Join the Elks in Service**

With nearly 1,800 Lodges and 800,000 members, the Elks welcome American citizens aged 21 and older who believe in God to join their mission. Learn more at [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) or explore membership opportunities at [Join.Elks.Org](http://Join.Elks.Org). Together, let’s make this holiday season brighter for all. For over 156 years, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been a cornerstone of community support and patriotism. From aiding Veterans to empowering youth and strengthening neighborhoods, the Elks are dedicated to building a stronger, more compassionate future.

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks • Grand Lodge

**Elks Care – Elks Share**

# December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NO BBQ	2 GYM Committee 6 PM *CW Dance 6:30 pm	3 Lodge Closed	4 **Monterey DDGER Visitation DINNER Chicken Fried Steak 6 PM	5 Lunch 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Pasta Football Night 5:30 PM	6 NO Lunch PRIVATE EVENT 5-11 PM	7
8  Breakfast with Santa 10 AM - Noon NFL BBQ on Patio Noon	9 *CW Dance 6:30 pm	10 Lodge Closed	11 **DINNER Chicken Cacciatore 6 PM HC Meeting 4 PM Trustee Meeting 5 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM 	12 Lunch 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Pasta Football Night 5:30 PM PRIVATE EVENT 4-8 PM	13 NO Lunch PRIVATE EVENT 5-11 PM	14  Boys & Girls Club 9 – 11 AM
15  NFL BBQ on Patio Noon	16 No CW Dance	17 Lodge Closed	18 **BIRTHDAY DINNER Stuffed Pork Chops 6 PM	19 Lunch 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Pasta Football Night 5:30 PM	20 Lunch 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	21
22  NFL BBQ on Patio Noon	23 No CW Dance	24 Lodge Closed	25 LODGE CLOSED 	26 No Lunch due to Holiday NO Pasta Night due to Holiday	27 No Lunch due to Holiday	28
29  NFL BBQ on Patio Noon	30 No CW Dance	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA 6 pm to midnight	*Monday Country Western (CW) Dance Lessons \$5/person RSVP 831-261-8087	**Dinner reservations must be made by 2 pm the previous day		

## SUPPORT ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION – Carol Mendosa (PER), Chair

Help Elks build stronger communities with a tax-deductible donation to the Elks National Foundation (ENF), a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1959. Donations are payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express. You can also make a pledge to donate to the ENF on an annual basis. There are many ways to donate to ENF. Select your choice by visiting <https://www.elks.org/ENF/supportENF.cfm>

## CALIFORNIA-HAWAII MAJOR PROJECTS, INC (CHEMPI)

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., a committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, pledges its commitment to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to the families and without discrimination. Please make a donation to CHEMPI today.

<https://chea-elks.org/make-a-donation/>



## 2024 Major Project Contributors – Year to Date

<b>52 Club Donors over \$50</b>	<b>Century Club Donors over \$100</b>	<b>Millennium Club Donors over \$1,000</b>
John Farrell	Jim Collins	Purple Pig Race
Greg Burhart	Ted Blocker	
Greg Deaton	Theresa Petersen	
Kathleen Freeman	Cathy O'Brien	
Tamara Farber	David Leonard	
Don Koch	Wednesday Night Dinners	
	Anonymous	
	Bar Purple Pig	
	Glenn Hunter	
	Joe Mendoza	
	Lori Willingham	
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### Rudolph was almost called Reginald

Since childhood, we’ve become accustomed with Rudolph and his red nose. However, the adorable reindeer was almost christened Reginald by Illinois-based copywriter Robert L. May, who decided to invent the oddball reindeer as a gimmick in 1939 for a range of Montgomery Ward coloring books.

Robert May considered calling Rudolph Reginald or Rollo, before opting for the now famous name of Rudolph. Moreover, his nose wasn’t going to be red, as a red nose was considered a sign of alcoholism and publishers Montgomery Ward didn’t want the character to be presented as a drunkard!

### Americanism Essay Contest

The Fraternal committee has chosen this year’s Americanism theme: What does patriotism mean to me?”

This should prove to bring a wide variety of essays and we look forward to reading the different interpretations of this year’s subject.

The contest has separate divisions for fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. For each division, first place wins \$1,000, second place earns \$500, and third place receives \$250.

Entrants should send their essay to the Elks Lodge nearest to your home, and only to one Lodge! Each level of judging will send the top three in each division to be judged on the next level.

### Deadline

Student/teacher sends essays to Local Lodge **no later than December 15, 2024.**

Download application packet at <https://www.elks.org/programs/americanism.cfm>

**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST**  
Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of The United States of America

**THEME:**  
*“What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?”*

**RULES:**

1. At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I—5th grade; II—6th grade; III—7th grade; or IV—8th grade.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

**AWARDS:**  
Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Kansas City, MO, June 29–July 2, 2025.

**ENTRY DATE:**  
Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2024.  
*The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.*

Sponsoring Elks Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



**2024 – 2025  
OFFICERS**

**Exalted Ruler**  
Pamela L. Soboleski

**Leading Knight**  
Jason L. Wiginton

**Loyal Knight**  
Mindi Jo Harris

**Lecturing Knight**  
Ron M. Caffall Jr.

**Esquire**  
Kenneth Turgen

**Chaplain**  
Vince Ferrente

**Inner Guard**  
Virginia Crapo

**Tiler**  
Janelle Ansberry

**Secretary**  
Caroll Mendoza, PER

**Treasurer**  
Dan Green

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1YR - Jeff Gorman, COB  
2 YR - John Cardinalli  
3 YR - Robert LaFleur  
4 YR - Marcell Vargas  
5 YR - James Sula

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Russ Ashabranner, Chair  
Eric "Junai" Fincke, PER  
Jeff Manely  
Andrew Runnoe  
Phil Nash  
Steve Cardinalli, PER

**WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS**

Dec 2 - 8	Virginia
Dec 9 - 15	Janelle
Dec 16 - 22	John
Dec 23 - 29	Robert
Dec 30 – Jan 5	Marcell

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

<b>AMERICANISM</b>	Don Koch, PER
<b>AUDITING &amp; ACCOUNTING</b>	Thane Wilson
<b>BY-LAWS</b>	Eric Fincke, PER
<b>DRUG AWARENESS</b>	Charles Carman & Alma McHoney
<b>ELKS MEMORIAL DAY</b>	Hitoshi Yamaguchi
<b>ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION</b>	Caroll Mendoza, PER
<b>FLAG DAY</b>	Marcell Vargas
<b>GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</b>	Vince Ferrente
<b>GYM</b>	Kai Langenberg
<b>HOOP SHOOT®</b>	Ron Powell
<b>LODGE ACTIVITIES</b>	John Cardinalli
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Pamela Soboleski
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>	Kathy Gombas
<b>RITUALISTIC</b>	Don Koch, PER
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	Michael Houston
<b>SCOUTING</b>	Marcell Vargas
<b>VETERANS SERVICES</b>	Charles Carman & Alma McHoney
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## **Veterans Transition Center Lightfighter Village**

Lightfighter Village is a 71-unit affordable housing project, exclusively for Veterans and their families. The project is a partnership between two non-profits: EAH Housing and Veterans Transition Center of California (VTC). The housing village is being built on VTC property in Marina and is named after the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, the Lightfighters, that served as the host unit on the old Fort Ord.



VTC will provide all wrap around services for Lightfighter Village including case management, counseling, food, clothing, and transportation.

Construction is targeted to finish in late December and the Village will officially open in January 2025, and feature an extensive library courtesy of the **Monterey Elks Lodge**. A formal ribbon cutting will be scheduled in May.



Photos courtesy of Huff Construction

## **VETERANS WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

The Monterey Elks Lodge Veterans Committee has launched a Clothes Closet at the VA Clinic. We have had several veterans recently in need of cold weather clothing and we seek your help.

We have placed a donation box at the Elks in the lobby for any donations including warm weather wear - sweats, jackets, hats, gloves.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

*~Alma and Charlie~*

## **MONTEREY ELKS LODGE**

### **WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

We have a clothes closet at the VA Clinic and are taking donations for gently used or new winter clothing items, e.g. sweaters, jackets, hats, gloves.

Let's make this season a little cozier for our Vets.

Donation box located  
in the Lodge Lobby



## MONTEREY ELKS LODGE RV PARK



November 1, the Monterey Elks RV Park reservation system was fully converted to the WebRezPro reservation program, which offers upgraded functionality to better serve our Elks RVers. Rosalinda Vargas, our RV Host, went through extensive training and converted reservations into the new system. Take a look at our [RV Website Page](#) to see the “new look” of the new reservation system.



We would like to thank Michel Degive, provider of our previous RV Software, for all his support over the years. Michel was also a key player in the conversion to WebRezPro.



## ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS – MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR YOUTH

Contact Michael Houston, Monterey Elks Scholarship Coordinator @ [miocholo@comcast.net](mailto:miocholo@comcast.net)

### 2025 LEGACY AWARD

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members.

The student must complete and submit the ONLINE application by **February 3, 2025 at 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time.**

**APPLY NOW** at <https://www.elks.org/legacyscholarship/>

#### Who is Eligible?

1. Any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2022, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2022, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2025. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior.
3. The applicant must apply online only.
4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.
5. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2025 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
6. Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.
7. Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges, or universities.



Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the sponsors and the new members who joined the Monterey Elks Lodge this year! Together we will foster fellowship, build strong bonds within our membership, and do GREAT things for our community.



#### APRIL

*(L-R): Bryon Saffer; Kenneth Bergquist; Taresa Blair-Wilson; Pamela Soboleski, ER; Anthony Costanza; Peter Speciale; & Roger Pich.*



#### MAY

*(L-R): Matthew Manely; Mitchell Secondo; Stephanie Allan; Pamela Soboleski, ER; Nicholas Dillon; Robert Culver; & Nicholas Carswell.*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### JUNE

*(L-R): John Caniglia; Felix Colello; Martha Myszak; James Linder; Travis McCabe; Barbara Johnson; John Farrell; Pamela Soboleski, ER; Michael Mazzitelli; Robin Dinner; Thomas Stratman; Otis Stevenson; Julia Balcar; Kirsten Woods; Mike McCann; & Gurdish Kumar.*



### JULY

*(L-R): Angela Haines; Ismael Anda; Jana Hatten; Amanda Carter; Pamela Soboleski, ER; Irma Perez; Elizabeth Culligan; & Arthur Parra. Back row (l-r): Billy Mitchell; Chris Lint; Jay Ono; Paul Aliotti; Ben Cooper; Maria Della Maggiore; Mary Vaughn. Not photographed are Jeffrey Honda and James McDowell.*



### AUGUST

*(L-R): Katherine Busch; Brent Graflund; James Decker; Marc Cusenza; Amanda Menefee; Pamela Soboleski, ER; Stephanie McNamara; Carrie Wilson; Stephanie Beck; Marissa Ibarra; Collin Gough; Terry Davis; & Willi Franz. Not photographed Peter John Curatolo.*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### SEPTEMBER

*(L-R): Dania King Ketcham; Jeanie Gould; Pamela Soboleski, ER; Warren Ruhl; June Serrano; Cheryl Parker; & Dorothy Nelson. Not photographed Jason Soboleski, Richard Wilson, & Robert Nelson.*



### OCTOBER

*(L-R): Katherine Conners; Vauncia Parker; Pamela Soboleski, ER; Braden Volz; Thomas Ellzey; Bernadette Villarreal; John DiGirolamo; & Sylvia Newton. Not photographed Ken Stewart & Trish Doon.*



### NOVEMBER

*(L-R): Gabriel Hayes, Katherine Taylor, Emily Higuera, Antonia Ihnot, Pamela Soboleski, ER Jana Leigh Hamilton, Michelle O'Connor, & Erica Walker.*

# APRIL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY



On April 16, we recognized our valued employees during a celebration dinner.

Back row l-r: Israel Parra; Janelle Ansberry; Jennifer Scheiber; Gli VonWinning (PER); Robin Boyd; Jeff Gorman (Trustee); Robert LaFleur (Trustee); James Sula (Trustee); Ron Caffall Jr (Lecturing Knight). Front row l-r: Alma McAfee; Gina Gomez; Jeanette Mazzarino; Patricia Walton; Carolyn Orr; Carrie Griffin; Caroll Mendoza (PER); & Lynn Catania (PER). Not pictured: Kenneth Turgen (Esquire); Marcell Vargas (Trustee); & Rosalinda Vargas.

## May Salsa Cooking Demo & Pepper Tasting



### Scoville Scale

PURE CAPSAICIN	/ 15,000,000
PEPPER SPRAY	/ 2,000,000 - 5,300,000
CAROLINA REAPER	/ 1,400,000 - 2,200,000
TRINIDAD SCORPION	/ 1,200,000 - 2,000,000
GHOST PEPPER	/ 855,000 - 1,041,427
CHOCOLATE HABANERO	/ 425,000 - 577,000
SAVINA HABANERO	/ 350,000 - 577,000
FATALI	/ 125,000 - 325,000
HABANERO	/ 100,000 - 350,000
SCOTCH BONNET	/ 100,000 - 350,000
THAI	/ 50,000 - 100,000
CAYENNE	/ 30,000 - 50,000
TABASCO	/ 30,000 - 50,000
SERRANO	/ 10,000 - 23,000
HUNGARIAN	/ 5,000 - 10,000
JALAPENO	/ 2,500 - 8,000
POBLANO	/ 1,000 - 1,500
ANASHEIM	/ 500 - 2,500
PINWENO	/ 100 - 500
BELL PEPPER	/ 0



Pictured Above (l-r): Chaz Wilson; Kathy Gombas; Tom Barrera; & Robert LaFleur, Trustee.

## Mother's Day Brunch



## Gold Coast Rods Car Show & BBQ



Pictured (l-r): Steve Mast; Otis Stevens, Gold Coast Rods President; Pamela Soboleski, ER; & Russ Ashabanner, House Committee Chair.

May 26 – Gold Coast Rods

# PUBLIC RELATIONS

COMMUNICATION INTERNET JOURNAL EVENTS RADIO + TV SOCIAL MEDIA CUSTOMER

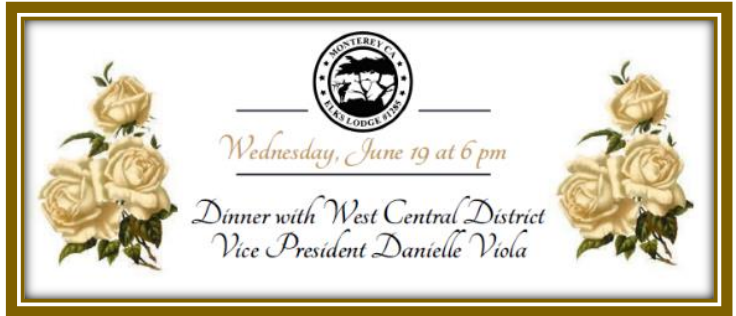
During the **California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention in Fresno on May 15-18**, Monterey was awarded the State's four top Public Relations Awards.



## June 19 - AVP Visitation



*Pictured Above (l-r): Christopher Viola – First Gentleman; Danielle Viola - WCD Vice President; & Pamela Soboleski - ER.*



## FLAG DAY CEREMONY



*Pictured Above: Scout Troops 2 and 2002 along with Kathy Gombas, #1285 Public Relations, who presented 31 Words the original version of the Pledge of Allegiance.*



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ Celebration



BBQ Team pictured L - R: Tosh Yamaguchi; Ron Caffall Jr.; Ken Turgen; & Robert LaFleur (not pictured Bobby DeLuca).

## Elks National Convention



Pamela L. Soboleski, ER & Bryan Klatt, Grand Secretary.

On July 13, the **Laguna Seca Volunteer Association** presented a check for \$5,000 to the Monterey Elks Lodge to support scholarships, Hoop Shoot, and local High School and Middle School sports programs in our community.



Pictured (l-r): Bob Crannell; Pamela L. Soboleski, Exalted Ruler; James Sula, Youth Activities Committee Chair; & Chaz Wilson.

Monterey Lodge 1285 raised over \$3,200 for California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project; Inc. during their Purple Pig Race Fundraiser held on August 29.





*Jose Valenzuela*

Our 9/11 Observance Dinner was a very special event we hosted to honor our First Responders. Our special guests included keynote speaker Felix Colello, former Division Chief with the Monterey Fire Department, and Jose Valenzuela playing Taps.



*Felix Colello*



## Labor Day BBQ



*Our awesome BBQ Crew (l-r): Willi Franz; Ken Turgen; Pamela Soboleski, ER; Tosh Yamaguchi; & Bobby Delucca.*

## SEPTEMBER Chili Cook Off



Contestants & Judges (l-r): Tosh Yamaguchi; Tim Wood, Pamela Soboleski, ER; James Sula; Ken Turgen; Dee Fineron; Chris Hix; Willi Franz; & Caroll Mendoza (PER).

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Caroll Mendoza  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ken Turgen / Willi Franz  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tosh Yamaguchi  
 Our Chili Cook Off Proceeds benefited the Elks National Foundation.



**JUDGES:**  
 Chris Hix, Tim Wood, & Dee Fineron

## OCTOBER Trunk or Treat

### Best Decorated Vehicle Winners

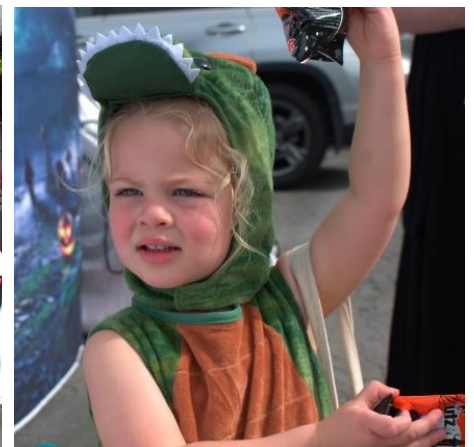


Cathy Gomez – 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Stefanie Durich Beck – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### BBQ Team



Willi Franz & Ken Turgen



# November Activities

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Fair was held on November 9 with over 30 artisan vendors selling their handcrafted items.



**Veterans Observance Dinner** was held on November 13 with local scout Joe Cardinalli assisting Trustee Marcell Vargas, Scouting Committee Chair, in folding the American Flag while our Exalted Ruler Pamela Soboleski recited [\*The 13 Folds of the American Flag\*](#). Alma McHoney and Charlie Carman, Veterans Committee Chairs, read letters from members who wrote about their hero who has impacted their life.



**The PUNT, PASS & KICK Program**, sponsored by the Monterey Elks Lodge in partnership with the Pacific Grove Recreation, was held on November 16 at the Pacific Grove High School. The program was developed specifically for physical education teachers and coaches so that they may better teach the fundamentals of punting, passing, and kicking a football, as well as the teamwork needed to successfully play sports. Regardless of a player's ability, we encourage fun and appreciation of the game while teaching and developing important skills.



## Hours of Operation

Office	Swimming Pool	Gym
<p><b>Monday – Friday:</b> 9:30 am - 2:30 pm <i>Phone #: 831-373-1285</i> <i>Email:</i> <a href="mailto:secretarycaroll@gmail.com">secretarycaroll@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Daily:</b> 7 am to dusk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$10 fee for guests (2 guests maximum) to be paid during office hours. No fee for members, their spouses, &amp; immediate family members.</li> <li>▪ Sign in at the office during office hours</li> <li>▪ After hours, sign in at the gym desk</li> <li>▪ No Lifeguard on Duty!</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> Pool closed from 11 am – 1 pm for cleaning</p>	<p><b>Daily:</b> 5 am - 9 pm <b>Lodge meeting nights:</b> close 7:15 pm!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gym use is <u>ONLY</u> for members, their spouses, &amp; children between the ages of 14 and 21. Children must be accompanied by a member. NO GUESTS allowed.</li> <li>▪ Users must sign in at gym desk</li> <li>▪ Absolutely no one under age 14 is allowed to use gym, sauna, or hot tub!</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday:</b> Hot tub closed from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm for cleaning</p>

### MEETING NIGHTS ARE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

(except December - meeting will only occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

- House Committee Meeting – 4:00 PM
- Trustees Meeting – 5:00 PM
- Lodge Meeting – 7:30 PM

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## Bar Hours

as of 1/26/2024

## Monterey Elks Lodge

**Mon**

**4:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Wed**

**4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
LODGE MEETING NIGHTS (2nd & 4th Wed)  
**4:30 PM - 9:00 PM**  
NON-LODGE MEETING NIGHTS

**Thu**

**11:00 AM - 2:30 PM**  
**4:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Fri**

**11:00 AM - 2:30 PM**  
**4:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**Sat**

**10:00 AM - 9:30 PM**

**Sun**

**10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

LAST CALL 30 MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING

# Lunch Buffet

**Thursdays & Fridays**  
**11:30 am - 1:30 pm**



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**SPECIALITY HOT SANDWICH**  
with Small Salad or Soup

OR

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
Salad Bar & Soup

MONTEREY ELKS LODGE