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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Friday Nights at 7:00 pm

Elk Members & Guests

See Calendar and Flyers for details!



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"See Calendar for Hours"

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Tuesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Wednesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Please leave a message for Bobbie Strelow.

EXALTED RULER

Simon Coombs



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'm very late submitting this missive as I've been somewhat busy with the build-up to our Thanksgiving Dinner and then cleaning up afterward!

I started this three years ago and we had sixteen people come for dinner. It's grown a little and this year we hosted a total of FORTY-FIVE! That includes my daughter and one of her school friends who helped with preparing last-minute things like gravy and getting everything from the kitchen to the dining room – thanks guys!

Looking back over the last month, our Veterans' Dinner was an enormous success, and I have to thank everyone who helped, but most of all Randy Lewis who cooked a dozen turkeys to perfection!

Our Variety Show was another huge hit. Thank you to all involved, especially Betsy and Marty.

Looking ahead, our Memorial Service will be done by the time you get this, but we have Ribs and Karaoke (including December Birthdays), Christmas Dinner and the New Year's Ball still to come.

Then there's our Monday Game Nights and all manner of other fun stuff, so do check the calendar!

See you at the Lodge!
Yours Fraternally,

Simon



Century Club and Millenium Club Awards

Midge Swoger

with E.R. Coombs



Elk of the Month for April 2024

Tina McConnell

with E.R. Simon Coombs

DECEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

12/2 Los Robles. 9:00. \$55

12/9 Sterling Hills. 8/00. \$60

12/16 Westlake. 9:20. \$50

12/23 No Golf

12/31 No Golf



Happy Birthday! to our DECEMBER babies

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| Dennis A Cicioni | 12 | 01 |
| Roy Land | | 01 |
| Troy Lesovsky | | 01 |
| Ronald Dyer | 12 | 03 |
| Suzan Holmquist | | 03 |
| Christina L Davis | 12 | 05 |
| Jerry V Burch | 12 | 06 |
| Alan Freas | | 06 |
| Andre Joyal | 12 | 10 |
| Sandy Williams | | 10 |
| Yvonne Zellmer | | 10 |
| Joseph L Fattrusso | 12 | 12 |
| W Duffy | 12 | 14 |
| Brenda Gordon | | 14 |
| William F Pol | 12 | 18 |
| John H Olip | 12 | 19 |
| Eckwood H Solomon III | 12 | 20 |
| Mark G Zaricki | 12 | 21 |
| Charlotte Scipioni | 12 | 25 |
| Scott Smith | 12 | 28 |
| Hector D Juarez | 12 | 29 |
| Christopher Heard | 12 | 30 |
| Robert H Henke | | 30 |

CHEA Purple Pig

California Hawaii Elks Association

Donations through December 1st is

\$6,937.30

Our goal for 2023-2024 is

\$20,000.00

ENF

2024-2025 Donations: Actual to date:

\$1986.00

2022-2023 Donations: **\$2,780.00**

Help Us Make Our Goal!

Please

Join me in welcoming our new brothers to our lodge!



Eric Cloud



Daniel Norman



Fred Masino



Scott Smith



New Members: Eric Cloud, Scott Smith, Daniel Norman, and Fred Masino With E. R. Simon Coombs



Flag Winner
Fred Masino

Beatles

Tribute Round-up

The crowd gathered in the picnic area on a cool November Friday evening for dinner and to sing and dance to Beatles' music. With 22 volunteers from our lodge making it happen, our guests from Huntington Beach #1989, Elk Grove #2577, Paso Robles #2364, Kona #2616, Porterville #1342, Santa Clara #2379, Redondo Beach #1378, Fresno #439, Modesto #1282, Newport Harbor #1767, Santa Monica #906, Kailua #2230, members from 4 of our district lodges and out own members had a great time. Many in the crowd were decked out in their best 1960's attire!

Did people have a good time? That evening guests came up and said, "first drink is on us when you visit our lodge- your hospitality, friendliness, everything was just outstanding, hope to see you soon." Gloria from Santa Monica said after taking the lodge tour, when someone says they need a venue in the valley for an event- I will tell them the only place they need to look is the Canoga Park Elks Lodge! The next day at the mid-term convention, people came up and said one of the best evenings they ever had at a convention. Third party comments on how an event went are the best!

My thanks to all the volunteers-decorating, set-up, tear down, kitchen, greeters, check-in, parking lot coordination, lodge tour team, raffle & Jell-o shot teams, bartenders, and the buffet line and dessert team- we had a superb group working together!

Photos- Vivian Parcels in the photo booth, table decorations, bar fun with Rochelle, Kathy, Laurene, Gayle, & Bobbie, Toni Najera decked out, dancing all night long, Jell-o shots aptly named-John-Paul-George-Ringo; Rick Parcels with John Smith (Kona Elks) – ENF drawing winner.





Capital Campaign Project

Beginning December 1st, we are conducting a **90 Day Capital Campaign** raising funds to update our Departed Members Board in the front lobby. Our goal is \$1,000. This will cover the nameplates and hardware, an additional mounting board and bring us current through November 30, 2024.

This was last updated in August 2018. We have 60 names to add to the Departed Members Board.

The Veteran's Committee has brought this to the attention of the Board of Trustees. This update is not covered in our current year budget.

Donations will be separately tracked, and progress will be reported at Thursday Lodge Meetings.

Cash donations can be made in the Building Fund box, mounted on the wall just outside the women's rest room, in the office (office hours are Tues-Wed 9 to 4:00) or by sending in a check to the lodge. Please note on the check "Capital Campaign".



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SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Gayle Carter was on medication that caused blood clots in her lungs, but is doing better

Byron McKibben's wife Mary passed.

Margaret Amescua's daughter has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

PDDGER
Larry Lousberg had a stroke, but is doing good.

"Sickness and Distress are always in order"

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December 2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| 1 Annual Elks Memorial Service 12:30 am Brunch 11:00 am (See Flyer) | 2 GOLF MNF (See Flyer) Lodge Decoration Parking Lot Rental <i>Investigation</i> | 3 Lodge Open 11 to 2 pm Big Band 11 to 1 pm Parking Lot Rental Spartans Christmas | 4 Lodge Closed | 5 Lodge Open 6 to 9 pm Meeting 7:30 pm Lodge Shirts <i>Balloting</i> | 6 Bruce's Company Christmas party 11 to 4 pm | 7 Valley Village 11 to 1 pm Margaret Rental 2 to 11 pm |
| 8 Lodge Closed | 9 GOLF MNF (See Flyer) Ugly Sweater Party & Dinner (See Flyer) | 10 Lodge Open 11 to 2 pm Big Band 11 to 1 pm | 11 Lodge Closed Rental 6 to 9 pm Parking Lot Rental 7 am to 7 pm | 12 Lodge Open 6 to 9 pm Meeting 7:30 pm Lodge Shirts | 13 Holiday Karaoke & Rib Dinner \$15.00 Charity Food Collection December Birthday Dinner | 14 Lodge Closed Margaret Rental 2 to 11 pm |
| 15 Lodge Closed | 16 GOLF MNF (See Flyer) Game Night & Fill Charity Baskets <i>Orientation</i> | 17 Lodge Open 11 to 2 pm Big Band 11 to 1 pm | 18 Board Meeting 6:30 pm Knights of Pythias | 19 Lodge Open 6 to 9 pm Meeting 7:30 pm Black Tux <i>Initiation</i> | 20 Jambalaya Dinner \$15.00 (See Flyer) | 21 Rental 1 to 5 pm |
| 22 Lodge Closed No Knights Meeting | 23 NO GOLF WOW 7 am to Noon | 24 Lodge Closed | 25 Christmas  | 26 Lodge Closed | 27 Simon's Dinner TBD \$15.00 | 28 Lodge Open 12 to 2 pm Brat Burgers 12 to 2 pm |
| 29 Lodge Closed | 30 NO GOLF MNF & Game Night WOW 7 am to Noon NYE Setup | 31 New Years Eve Ball (See Flyer)  |  | | | |

January 2025

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|
|  |  | | | | | |
| 5 Lodge Closed Jazz Club | 6 GOLF Game Night <i>Investigation</i> | 7 Lodge Open 11 to 2 pm Big Band 11 to 1 pm Spartans | 8 Lodge Closed | 9 Lodge Open 6 to 10 pm Meeting 7:30 pm Lodge Shirts <i>Balloting</i> | 10 Ribs & Karaoke \$15.00 (See Flyer) | 11 Lodge Open 12 to 2 pm Brat Burgers 12 to 2 pm \$12.00 |
| 12 Lodge Open 9 to 1 pm PER Breakfast 9 to 11:30 am \$12.00 (See Flyer) | 13 GOLF MNF & Game Night | 14 Lodge Open 11 to 2 pm Big Band 11 to 1 pm | 15 Lodge Closed | 16 Lodge Open 6 to 10 pm Meeting 7:30 pm Lodge Shirts | 17 Lodge Open 6 to 10 pm Dinner TBD \$15.00 | 18 Lodge Rental |
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The Order of Elks is an organization of American citizens who love their country and desire to preserve its cherished institutions; who love their fellow man and seek to promote his wellbeing; and who love the joyousness of life and endeavor to contribute to it, as well as to share it.

This Fraternal Order was founded “To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship.” God Bless America!

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