



**San Pedro Lodge #966**  
**Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks**  
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**San Pedro Lodge #966**  
**of the Benevolent &**  
**Protective Order of Elks**  
**Six-Bells**



Exalted Ruler: Michael Bennison

September 2021

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**September Upcoming Events:**

**Outdoor/Indoor Dining Daily:**

**Sunday 9am to 8pm**

**Mon – Wed from 12 to 8pm**

**Tuesday: Family Night Menu 5 to 8pm**

**Thurs – Sat from 12 to 10pm**

**Mondays: after 6pm for BPOE Members Only**

Happy Hour: Monday – Friday 2 to 6pm

**Family Night Dinner on Tuesdays**

*More details on the calendar inside this bulletin*

**Labor Day Pool Party – Monday, Sept. 6th**

*Includes Horseshoe Pitching Contest – details inside this bulletin*

**San Pedro Elks Lodge #966 CLOSED on  
 Wednesday, September 8th**

**Private Use – No members allowed**

**Retired Elks Luncheon September 15th**

Lunch is served at 11:30am **RSVPs REQUIRED**

**Car Show – Saturday, September 18th**

11am to 5pm – More details inside this bulletin

**Ale & Quail Luncheon – Friday, Sep 24th**

*More details inside this bulletin*

**Elton John Tribute Concert – Fri, Oct 1st**

*More details inside this bulletin*

**Continuing Lodge Fundraisers:**



Commemorative Pins for sale at \$10 each  
*More details inside this bulletin*



Commemorative Hall **Name Plate**  
*More details inside this bulletin*  
**See sample Name Plates**



Lodge Room Chair **Name Plate**  
*More details inside this bulletin*



From the Station of the Exalted Ruler  
**Michael Bennison**

Dear Members,

On Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge will have a Labor Day poolside celebration. Hamburgers, hot dogs, bbq corn, and drink specials will be available for purchase. There will also be a Horseshoe Tournament. Entry fee for the Horseshoe Tourney is \$10 per person. Please see the two (2) flyers inside this bulletin for more details on our Labor Day celebration.

On Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a car show on the premises. There will be a lot of beautiful vehicles to look at and live entertainment to enjoy. The participants really put a lot of time and love into their hobby. Please come up and enjoy these wonderful cars.

We, as members of San Pedro Lodge #966, took an oath to obey the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Order. I suggest that the members spend a little time reviewing the By-Laws as we all need to abide by them. Rules such as, no tank tops allowed in the inside dining areas and indoor bars. Also for the pool, children 14 years of age and younger are required to be accompanied by a member parent, grandparent, or adult guardian at all times. You can go to our website or pick up a copy at the front desk of the Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Mike Bennison  
Exalted Ruler  
The Station of Fidelity

**Pool Hours**

8:00 am - 10:00 am LAPS ONLY  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm Free Swim  
6:00 pm to Dusk LAPS ONLY

Please review the House Rules for our swimming pool guidelines and restrictions.

Check in at the Business Office to receive a wrist band for you and your guest.

**REMINDER:** there is NO outside food or drinks allowed at the Pool or at the Lodge.

Members are to bring their own towels and chairs for the pool.



From the Station of the Esteemed Leading Knight  
**Robert Heredia**

Dear Members,

At a recent Leading Knights meeting I got very good news from our District that we are number one (1) Lodge for Major Projects Purple Pig. Remember, "a coin a day so children can walk, talk, see, and play." We could not have got this done without all of you members. Like I've said at the meetings, I'm only the Chairman for Major Projects for San Pedro Elks Lodge and without all of you members this could not have been done. I'm so proud of all of you. Let's keep up the good work and become number one in all of "Elkdom." We can do this together. You make me proud of all of you members.

I want to say a big thank you to Tricia Mora for keeping our office well stocked with Purple Pigs. She also helps get Purple Pigs in the hands of members. Thanks Tricia!

Fraternally,  
Robert Heredia  
Leading Knight  
The Station of Charity

**Pull Tabs from Aluminum Cans**

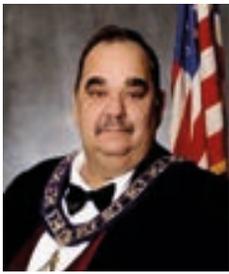


Did you know that each pull-tab from an aluminum can helps subsidize the costs of families staying at Ronald McDonald House?

The San Pedro Elks Lodge is proudly collecting pull-tabs and delivering them to the Ronald McDonald House at the Miller's Children's Hospital in Long Beach. This is an on-going collection, so there is no deadline.

Please start collecting pull-tabs (fill up a zip-lock sandwich bag – or larger). By the way, you do not have to be a member of the Elks Lodge to participate in this collection of pull-tabs.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this most worthy charity project!



From the Station of the Esteemed Loyal Knight  
**Joe Justiniano**

Dear Members,

As we enter September I would like to remind everyone that 9-11-2021 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and those tragic those tragic moments that followed. But we must also remember the dedication of our troops and first responders who risked their lives to save others. We need to remember how we all pulled together as one Nation to help each other get through those tragic times. Let us pledge on this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary to rekindle that spirit and pull together as “one Nation under God” again.

As the spirit in America was strong on 9/11, so was our spirit after the fire of our Lodge. Last month we marked the first anniversary of the official reopening of our new Lodge building. We also have welcomed many new members to our numbers. Let's help these new members see the importance of getting involved in all the good works of Elkdom and get them involved as soon as possible.

*"September 11 is one of our worst days but it brought out the best in us. It unified us as a country and showed our charitable instincts and reminded us of what we stood for and stand for."* – Lamar Alexander

*"Americans never quit."* – Douglas MacArthur

Fraternally,

Jose Justiniano Jr.  
 Loyal Knight  
 The Station of Justice

**Have you recently moved or changed your phone number?**

Please let our office know when you have moved, changed your email address, phone number or changed your last name, gained or lost a spouse. You may either call our office at 310-831-0624 or send us an email at [membership@sanpedroelks.org](mailto:membership@sanpedroelks.org), or send us a short letter advising us of any changes to your contact information. Please be sure to include your membership number so that we update the appropriate record.

Our mailing address is: San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966  
 1748 Cumbre Drive, San Pedro, CA 90732

Thank you,  
 Sean Mejia  
 Lodge Secretary



From the Station of the Esteemed Lecturing Knight  
**Kim White**

Dear Members,

September always reminds me of ‘Back to School.’ Vacations are done. It is time to get back to ‘normal’ life. This year, we don’t know what that will look like. As Elks, we are back to our normal life of helping out our Veterans, our community and children who can’t walk, talk see or play. Our charities are awesome and so are our members who support them.

Do you know about all of the areas our Lodge helps people? Maybe it’s time to look to see how your talents and skills can help. Do you love putting on parties? Maybe you can help with our in-house events. Do you love working with children? Consider helping out with the pool parties, holiday parties, the Dictionary Project, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot or Scouting. Do you have a few hours per week available? Consider volunteering at the front desk or with the Ruff-Neks.

Don’t have time to put in? Feel free to make donations of any size to our charities, Elks National Foundation, and Major Projects. You can even donate blood at the Red Cross, bring your note from them to the office and get credit towards our Lodge.

Do you have ideas that would bring value to our Lodge? Consider writing up your idea and presenting it to the House Committee. The more people that get involved, the better our Lodge will be and the benefits we will all share.

Fraternally Yours,

Kim White  
 Esteemed Lecturing Knight  
 The Station of Brotherly Love

**Attention Campers!**

**The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Elks Rally** is being held on October 14 – 17, 2021 at the Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet, CA  
 Early Registration deadline of your RV or RV Group is October 1, 2021.



Event information and registration form may be found at [www.ElksRally.org](http://www.ElksRally.org). You may use the official registration form and submit your registration online at <http://CAElks.Eventbrite.com>  
 Early registration is \$180

After Oct 1<sup>st</sup> registration is \$200  
 Breakfast as well as Thursday, Friday and Saturday dinners are on the Registration form. There are also event souvenirs for purchase such as hats and pins.

**San Pedro Retired Elks  
..... where fun and camaraderie reign!**

Next Luncheon Meeting

Date: September 15, 2021

Place: San Pedro Elks Lodge - The Pacific Antler Room (main dining room unless it is already booked)

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Menu: Chicken Alfredo or Baked Fish

Both entrees served with salad, sides of baked potato and broccoli rolls and butter, Chef's assorted desserts and beverage

Price: 25.00

ENTERTAINMENT: Augie Bezmalinovich,  
Port of L.A. update on San Pedro's Waterfront

For those of you who are interested in what's happening to those "empty spaces" on San Pedro's Waterfront between the Maritime Museum and what used to be the Ports 'O Call Village, you won't want to miss our next luncheon meeting. Mr. Augie Bezmalinovich, Public Liaison Officer for the Port of L.A. (Harbor Department), will give us an informative update on what's happening and what is planned in the future for our beloved harbor which will, I'm sure, include the aforementioned areas and a whole lot more.

**Once more . . . a REMINDER.** If you miss the monthly call by one of our volunteer Phone Callers, or would like to change your reply (cancel, add or delete a guest, etc.), PLEASE contact Judy Getzin at (310) 377-3496, or by emailing her at: [judyg117@cox.net](mailto:judyg117@cox.net) But please do this on or before the Wednesday **one week prior** to the date of our meeting.

See you on the 15th!

John Brunac  
Retired Elks Chairman



**SAN PEDRO ELKS LODGE #966**

Having a baptism? Quince? Wedding? Birthday Party? Holiday Party?  
Call us for all of your event and catering needs!

events@sanpedroelks.org  
Alexis 310-831-0624 ext 4105  
sanpedroelks.org

**Elks Ladies Auxiliary**

Some of the Ladies in our group will be assisting with the Labor Day Pool-side Party by selling food tickets, etc., that day between the hours of 12noon to 4 p.m. We are looking forward to this event as it will be a great opportunity for some camaraderie with long time and new friends. This month we are skipping our monthly luncheon as the third Saturday is the day of the long awaited Car Show. We hope that you are making plans to attend that event, too. And, we are happy to welcome new members to the Elk Ladies Auxiliary.

**Thought for the Day**

*"Look for strengths in people, not weaknesses; for good, not evil.  
Most of us find what we search for." . . . J. Wilbur Chapman*

For those of you who are new to the Lodge, the Elks Ladies Auxiliary are women who are either spouses of members, widows or members of the San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 and they have luncheon meetings usually on the third Saturday of the month. Many of these ladies are former Emblem Club members. This group has no membership dues; however they do donate \$5 per month (optional) to a fund to be given to the San Pedro Elks Lodge at the beginning of the "Elks" year (April). They also donate \$5 each towards the purchase of cookies which they bag up in individual servings for the Veterans Hospital visitations. Their main purpose of being is to be helpful to our Elks Lodge whenever needed. If you would like to join us, or have any questions regarding our group, please do not hesitate to contact me at 310-326-4932 (please leave a message after the beep).

Fraternally yours,

Carol Muro



**The GYM is now open during daily Lodge hours.**

As a reminder, spouses/widows are required to pay \$150 for use of the Lodge Gym.

A special stamp is required for their Identification Card to enter the Gym and is to be shown when signing in at the Lodge.

This stamp can be received from the Membership Office during business hours.



## Membership/Lapsation Report San Pedro, CA Lodge 0966

<b>Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2021</b>	2014
<b>Added since April 1, 2021</b>	
Initiated	166
Transferred In	1
Reinstatemented	11
<b>Added through August 31, 2021</b>	178
<b>Dropped since April 1, 2021</b>	
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	4
Absolute Dimits	0
Deaths	4
<b>Dropped through August 31, 2021</b>	8
<b>Delinquencies as of August 31, 2021</b>	
Six months	266
One year	0
Over one year	0
<b>Total Delinquencies as of August 31, 2021</b>	266
<b>Lapsation Rate</b>	13.21%
<b>Waiting for Investigation</b>	16
<b>Waiting for Vote</b>	6
<b>Waiting for Indoctrination</b>	5
<b>Waiting for Initiation</b>	3
<b>CLMS Active Members</b>	2182
<b>Average age</b>	63.07
<b>Life Members</b>	277
<b>Honorary Life Members</b>	15

## Propositions for New Membership

<b>Lilo Avgelb</b> Title: Business Owner Proposer: Anthony Mardesich	<b>Laura Fisch</b> Title: Physician Proposer: Joanne Church	<b>Sanam Lamborn</b> Title: College Instructor Proposer: Scott Paine
<b>Joe Bogdanovich</b> Title: Longshoreman Proposer: Joe Justiniano	<b>Nick Geich</b> Title: Crane Operator Proposer: Gary Miley	<b>David Lapkin</b> Title: Insurance Proposer: Steve Schiazzano
<b>Heather Bown</b> Title: Project Manager Proposer: Joe Sulentor	<b>Gregory George</b> Title: Landscape Architect Proposer: Nick Baccari	<b>Jill Haruno Manuel</b> Title: Teacher Proposer: Andrea MacDonald
<b>Curtis Buchanan</b> Title: Contractor Proposer: Erik Bettis	<b>Mukui Ghosh</b> Title: Self Employed Proposer: Joseph Denuc	<b>Matthew Marchese</b> Title: Financial Manager Proposer: Anthony Lauro
<b>Jessica Chaplin</b> Title: Self Employed Proposer: Diana James	<b>David Henseler</b> Title: Retired Proposer: Wayne Perry	<b>Vito Rakocija</b> Title: Retired Proposer: Mira Cvithalovich
<b>Debbie Ciaramitaro</b> Title: Parks & Rec Proposer: Drina Semenjuk	<b>Jill Herrera-Lagafuaind</b> Title: Brand Director Proposer: Anthony Pomella	<b>James Reed</b> Title: Engineer Proposer: John DiMond
<b>Daniel Cordova</b> Title: Admin Proposer: Andrea MacDonald	<b>Alexander Hynes</b> Title: Data Cabling Proposer: Erik Bettis	<b>Anthony Scheffler</b> Title: Accountant Proposer: Jonathan Scheffler
<b>Mario N. Di Leva</b> Title: Musician Proposer: Mario A. Di Leva	<b>Alana Johnson</b> Title: Longshoreman Proposer: Alexis Markulis	<b>Paul Singleton</b> Title: Contractor Proposer: John Donato
<b>Everett D. Emerson</b> Title: Deputy District Attny LA Proposer: John F. Jones	<b>Fliko Kovac</b> Title: Crane Mechanic Proposer: Sean Mejia	<b>Sally Steele</b> Title: Realtor Proposer: Yvonne Grea Elks #2379
<b>Juan Enriquez</b> Title: Longshoreman Proposer: Julie Hernandez	<b>Tina Kuykendall</b> Title: Teacher Proposer: Andrea MacDonald	<b>Diego Trinidad</b> Title: Warehouse Proposer: Patti Folsom-Medina
<b>Propositions for Reinstatement</b>		
<b>Randolph Brandelli</b> Title: Attorney Proposer: Jose Olivares	<b>John Gutierrez</b> Title: Longshoreman Proposer: Francesco D'Amato	<b>Sharon McHale</b> Title: Realtor Proposer: Yvonne Grea
<b>Mario D'Onofrio</b> Title: Retired Proposer: David Zatz	<b>Brian Hickman</b> Title: Longshoreman Proposer: Aaron Maes	<b>Tim Monahan</b> Title: Longshoreman Proposer:

## 2021-2022 Membership Dues Payments

Please be reminded that Membership dues are always renewed on or before April 1st with or without an invoice from the office.

The new Elks Year has begun and most members have paid their dues and there are still many who have not. If you have not received your invoice for 2021-2022, please contact Tricia Mora, our Membership Coordinator, so that she may confirm your mailing address. She can also accept your payment by phone, or you may visit our website at [www.sanpedroelks.org](http://www.sanpedroelks.org) and click on the dues payment bar at the top of the screen and pay online.

*In addition, if you would like to pay Half a year (or 6 months) at a time, please be aware of the SET PAYMENTS:*

The first 6 months is for April 2021 through September 2021 is \$217.50.  
The second 6 months is for October 2021 through March 2022 is \$182.50.

## Life Membership

The following members are eligible for Life Membership under Article III Section 1, paragraph 2, of the Lodge By-Laws.

“The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership who has paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than thirty years preceding application, and who shall have attained the age of not less than 65 years.”

Balloting will take place on Monday, September 13, 2021

Name	Affiliation Date
Richard P. Hancsak	November 25, 1991
Dennis H. Noesen	May 23, 2983
Andrew Ursini	1988



# September 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast 9:30am-12pm Dining 12 – 8pm	Dining 12 – 8pm Happy Hour: 2 – 6pm <b>MEMBERS ONLY after 6pm</b>	Dining 12 – 8pm Happy Hour: 2 – 6pm <b>FAMILY night 5 – 8pm</b>	Dining 12 – 8pm Happy Hour: 2 – 6pm	Dining 12 – 10pm Happy Hour: 2 – 6pm	Dining 12 – 10pm Happy Hour: 2 – 6pm	Dining 12 – 10pm
<p><b>ENF Legacy Scholarship</b> campaign begins September 1st! See article inside this bulletin for details</p>			<b>1</b> <b>Investigation</b> 6:00pm Check-In at 5:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6 LABOR DAY</b> No Meeting Labor Day Poolside Family Fun 12 – 4pm Horseshoe Competition See flyers inside this bulletin for details	<b>7</b> Family Night Dinner 5 to 8pm Spaghetti Night	<b>8</b> <b>LODGE CLOSED</b> <b>FOR ALL BUSINESS</b> TODAY due to a FILM SHOOT	<b>9</b> Downey Lodge #2020 DDGER Visitation Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Mtg 7:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Regular Meeting <b>Balloting 7:30pm</b>	<b>14</b> Family Night Dinner 5 to 8pm Taco Night	<b>15</b> <b>Retiree Luncheon</b> 11:30am – RSVP required Trustee Meeting and House Committee Meeting 7:00pm	<b>16</b> <b>Indoctrination</b> 7:00pm check-in 6:30pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> San Pedro Elks and Tradicionals Car Club Car Show 11am to 5pm See flyer inside this bulletin for details
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Regular Meeting DDGER Visitation 7:30pm	<b>21</b> Family Night Dinner 5 to 8pm Hamburger/Hotdog Night	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Ale & Quail Men's Luncheon 11am – 2pm See flyer inside this bulletin for details	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Regular Meeting <b>Initiation 7:30pm</b>	<b>28</b> Family Night Dinner 5 to 8pm Steak Night	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>October 1st</b> <b>Elton John Tribute</b> <b>Concert – Pre-sold</b> Tickets available at our Lodge Office – details inside this bulletin	

**MEMBERSHIP OFFICE HOURS:**  
Sunday – Wednesday 8am to 8pm  
Thursday - Saturday 8am to 10pm  
Phone: 310-831-0624



We still need to abide by  
LA County Dept. of Public  
Health protocols.

**NOTE: Lodge Meetings and/or Events  
are subject to change – Please watch for  
email/Facebook updates.**

**San Pedro Elks Proudly Presents:  
An Intimate evening with Kenny Metcall as Elton John**



**Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – San Pedro Elks Lodge Room  
Dinner 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM ~ Concert Begins 7:00 PM  
\$40 Concert Admission & Dinner Buffett Included  
Meatloaf & Salmon \*\* Cash Bar will be available.**

**Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Lodge Office  
or on the lodge website [www.sanpedroelks.org](http://www.sanpedroelks.org)**



**SAN PEDRO ELKS  
ALE & QUAIL  
MEN'S LUNCHEON**

**Friday, September 24, 2021  
from 11am-2pm**

**\$25.00 Tri-Tip/Sausage Lunch & Raffle  
Tickets can be purchased in  
advance in the Lodge Office**

**What's New at the Business Office?**

We are happy to welcome our new **Pool Attendants**- Blain, Teliya, Mia, Jake, Gabby, Faith, Zach and Angelina as well as our new **Greeters**-Akemi, Jennifer, Brianna, Ella and Sharon to our growing team. Be sure to say "Hi" when you see them. Don't forget to get your wrist band at the office when going down to the pool or tennis courts.

We'd love to have our volunteers join us in the office. If you are interested in volunteering please call our office and speak with our **Membership Coordinator**, Tricia Mora.

We would also like to welcome our new **Events Planner**, Alexis Hall who is looking forward to helping you plan your next event.

Are your dues past due? Did you know that you can pay your dues on line on our website at [www.sanpedroelks.org](http://www.sanpedroelks.org)

Don't forget to turn in your "full" purple pigs at the office. This is a great way to donate to the CHEA. Major Project-The Purple Pig: "A Coin A Day and They'll Walk, Talk, See and Play".

**Our business hours are now longer to better assist you.**

- Monday 8:00 am-8:00 pm (Members only after 6:00 pm)
- Tuesday 8:00 am-8:00 pm
- Wednesday 8:00 am-8:00 pm
- Thursday 8:00 am- 10:00 pm
- Friday 8:00 am- 10:00 pm
- Saturday 8:00 am- 10:00 pm
- Sunday 8:00 am-8:00 pm

We love our members,

*Bernard, Tricia, Evelyn and Alexis*

***From the Public Relations Committee . . .***

Thank you to all of you who have been sending in photos and articles. I have forwarded them to the Six Bells Editor and have used them in other media as needed. Keep up the good work in helping us get the word out word out about our Lodge and our good works.

Remember your photos should show full faces of the people captured in the photo(s) taken at our events. And most importantly, these photos must be at least 1600 pixels and include the people we serve at charity events. Photos of only Elks members will not be used in the CHEA or NATIONAL publications. And, the National Magazine will not print pictures with groups of more than ten (10) people. *However, pictures of members only at charity works are welcome and encouraged for our monthly Six Bells Bulletin.* Please be sure to list the names (and titles) of those in the photo(s) listing them from left to right.

You may contact me via email at [jose.justiniano@hotmail.com](mailto:jose.justiniano@hotmail.com), text me or call me at 310-617-5416. We look forward to hearing from you!

Fraternally yours,

Jose Justiniano, Jr.



## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS – TIME TO APPLY!



Most Valuable Student (MVS) Program -The 2022 MVS program began on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. MVS applications are obtained and submitted online at: [enf.elks.org/MVS](http://enf.elks.org/MVS). The deadline to submit is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) will award 500 four-year scholarships based on academics, leadership, and financial need. ENF awards range from \$1,000/yr to \$12,500/yr (for 4 years) and will be announced in March 2022. Lodge 966 provides additional awards at the local level, and students can also earn awards at the district and state levels of the MVS competition.

MVS scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. Eligible applicants include:

Current high school seniors (or equivalent) who are citizens of the United States.

Applicants do not have to be related to a member of the Elks, nor do they have to have an affiliation with Lodge 966.

Male and female students compete separately.

Applications will either be automatically routed to the nearest lodge for judging based on the applicant's residency zip code, or applicants can direct their application to a lodge of their choice. Those wishing to have our Lodge review their application should select San Pedro Lodge 966 on their application.

**Legacy Awards** - The 2022 Legacy program will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Legacy awards provide \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of active Elks members. The ENF will offer a total of 300 awards. Like the MVS program, the Legacy Awards are done entirely online via the ENF website, and the application deadline is February 7, 2022. For more details please visit: [enf.elks.org/Leg](http://enf.elks.org/Leg)

If you have any questions on either program, please email: [scholarship@sanpedroelks.org](mailto:scholarship@sanpedroelks.org). Also, please keep the Scholarship Fund in mind for donations within the Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Paul Miloe  
Scholarship Chairman



### BIOGRAPHY OF **THAINE "KEITH" MILLS** GRAND EXALTED RULER **2021-2022**

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.*

**Keith Mills** was born on October 17, 1968 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Justin and Ruth Mills, the youngest of five children. Keith has three brothers, Randy, Butch, the late Devon, and his sister Cheryl. Keith grew up on the family farm outside Hollister, Idaho. The rural elementary school had about 30 students enrolled through sixth grade. High school was spent in the neighboring town of Filer where Keith participated in almost every sport; football, basketball, track and rodeo. In 1987, he graduated from Filer High School. Congressman Stallings was instrumental in Keith receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point for academics and football. Unfortunately, an injury meant Keith returned home in 1989 where he attended the College of Southern Idaho and met Amy Jane Rutherford, his best friend and true love. They both received their Associates Degree. They were married in 1990 and Keith transferred to University of Idaho where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

For over 31 years Amy has encouraged and supported his dreams. Keith and Amy have two children; Cassie has 2 boys, Clark and Karson, and is attending nursing school. Their son Justin, who is a senior at Boise State University and will be graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Business.

Growing up on a farm, Keith developed a strong work ethic and as he grew older, the value of a hard day's work. His family farmed 350 acres and operated a Custom Farming business. They also raised prize winning Duroc hogs for breeding which Keith showed in 4-H and Future Farmers of America, as well as sold breeding stock across the United States.

After college his career began at Applied Materials where he worked for more than 10 years in the Semiconductor industry with extensive travel in the United States, Asia and Europe.

Keith returned to Twin Falls to be with family where he owned and operated several construction and trucking companies. Keith currently works as the Director for a County Highway District.

In 1990, Keith was proposed for membership by his father and initiated as a Member of the Twin Falls, Idaho Elks Lodge No. 1183. He continued his membership there all through college. Upon graduation, they moved to Nampa, just down the street from his brother Devon. With Devon already an Elks Member, Keith transferred his membership to Caldwell Lodge No. 1448 where he is still involved today.

Keith began as Tiler for the Twin Falls Elks Lodge for two years before leaving for college, then upon his transfer to Caldwell in 1994, was appointed Inner Guard and installed in 1995 and progressed through every officer chair, serving as Exalted Ruler 2001-2002. He then served the next five years on the Board of Trustees, with the last as Chairman. Keith was a member of five Idaho State Champion Ritual teams, each competing at Grand Lodge. He is excellent at performing the ritual and is a six-time State All-American. Keith has been recognized for his outstanding dedication to Caldwell Lodge multiple times. In 2008, he was voted Caldwell's "Elk of the Year," as well as Idaho State's "Elk of the Year." Keith has the distinguished honor of being the first ever to be elected to Honorary Life Membership to Caldwell Lodge No. 1448.

Keith was elected and served three years as Idaho Vice President South, subsequently being elected and serving as Idaho State President in 2006-2007. The next six years were on the Idaho state major project, the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital Board with the last two years as Chairman. In 2016, he was inducted in the "Idaho Elks Hall of Honor." He continues to serve the Idaho State Association and is on the Advisory Committee with the Past State Presidents.

Keith's service to the Grand Lodge has included two terms as District Deputy for Idaho South District and then served six years as a Special Representative for various Lodges in Idaho. During this time, Keith also served as Idaho State Hoop Shoot Chairman for 18 years and Northwest Regional Director from 2011 to 2016. The region included Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Keith and Amy truly enjoyed being with the children, watching them grow and getting to know the families. He was appointed Senior Special Representative for Idaho and Oregon in 2019 and continues to serve in both positions.

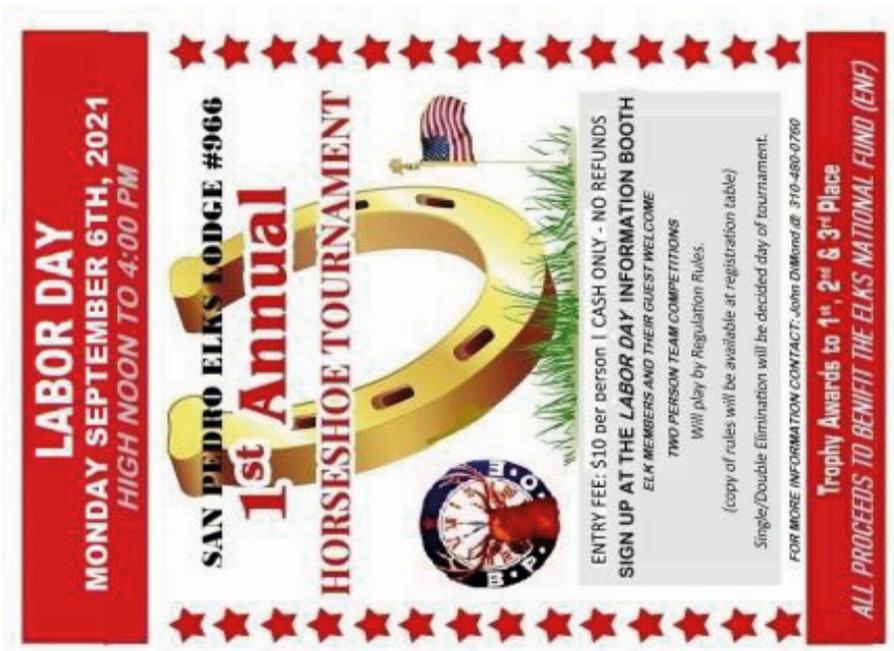
At the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention, Keith was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, subsequently serving as Building Applications-West Member, Approving Member, Secretary, and most recently as Chairman. In 2020, he was appointed Oregon Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

The passion Keith has for our Fraternal Order is shown by his enthusiasm, commitment and devotion.

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