



## **Simi Valley Elk, Tony Markarian, chosen District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler West Central Coast District**

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Tony Markarian was born in Glendale CA 1964 and raised in Northridge California. After graduating from Granada Hills High School, he received his Associates degree from Pierce Collage, and then went on to Cal State University of Northridge majoring in Business Administration. While attending CSUN he became involved in Mortgage Lending and became a top producing Loan Officer working with companies such as Bank of America, Chase Manhattan, Continental Savings and Loan. He opened Pacific Independence Finance at the age of 26 and after 7 successful years then sold the business. Later went on to run Simi Valley Financial Center also known as Union Pacific Mortgage for 9 years. He is presently working with CFC Mortgage Bankers as a senior Loan Officer.

Tony joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Simi Valley in 1994 and immediately became an Officer. In 1998 he became Exalted Ruler, he then went right to work in the West Central Coast District as the Major Project Committee Chairman a two-year position he held twice. In the fraternal year of 2006 and 2007 he became the State Vice President. During the time period when he was the District Major Project Chairman he started and chaired the Habitat for Humanity project in Simi Valley for the Simi Valley Moorpark Association of Realtors and is still active today.

Tony has been married for 22 years this December to his teen sweetheart Sherri. They have two beautiful children, a son Anthony 16 attending Santa Susanna High School and a daughter Amanda 18 who just completed her freshman year at Wesleyan university in Ohio. Tony and his family are active members in their Church and his hobbies are fishing, hunting, movies and golf.

Tony Markarian was chosen District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2008-2009 year while David Coleman was chosen West Central Coast District Vice President for 2008-2009. Both of these gentlemen have made the Simi Valley lodge members proud to have these members a President and Vice President from the same lodge in the same year. It is a first in many years. Esquire to Tony Markarian is W.A. Sander Moss II and Tonys Auditor is Ray Hunting, both Past Exalted Rulers from Simi Valley lodge.

Please come and join these men for a fantastic dinner with music and decorations at the lodge, 1561 Kuehner Drive, on August 15th at 6pm. For more information please contact the Simi Valley Elks lodge at 522-2492.



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