



NEWSLETTER

Mark your calendars - You will receive luncheon announcement and menu in a couple weeks

Next General Membership Meeting & Luncheon

Date & Time: 10:30 am; Thursday, September 12, 2024

Where: Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana, CA

President's Message - Doug Gillen



Every year the Association looks for members to volunteer to join the Board of Directors. This is an opportunity for everyone to take their talents, skills and drive and put them to good use. The Board of Directors over the past couple of years, as we have come out of the Covid cloud, have found opportunities for the Association to become more involved with our prime directive which is to recruit, inform and promote the work of the Grand Jury.

The Court Ambassador Program has restarted, with many Association members serving. We just completed two days of outreach with Community Engagement at the OC Fair, with a great crew from the Association staffing the booth. And other opportunities are on the horizon. But we need members to step into leadership positions to make these outreach activities a reality. As we assemble the slate of new candidates for the Board of Directors, please consider volunteering. Having worked with some of you in Petit Jury presentations and even at the OC Fair, I know there are skill sets out there that just need an avenue where they can be put to good use. I look forward to seeing your name as we bring this next slate of officers to the membership in September for approval.

Board of Directors Updates

Agendas and Minutes can be found at <https://gjaoc.org/agendas-and-minutes>.

Slate of Nominations

At the September 12, 2024 General Membership Meeting and Luncheon, a slate of nominations for Board Members will be presented. Once elected, Board Members will be sworn in at the December Luncheon.

The General Membership Meeting will start at 10:30 am. Lunch will be served after the election is completed.

By-Laws

The Association By-Laws are periodically reviewed to ensure they accurately reflect the organization. The current By-Laws were approved December 5, 2019 so they are almost five years old. The Board has reviewed and updated them with the goals they should:

- Be as simple as possible
- Fulfill requirements in the Articles of Incorporation
- Reflect what we actually do
- Focus on our core purpose to promote and educate about the Grand Jury.

The Board approved the changes at the August 1, 2024 Board meeting. The entire GJAOC membership must vote on them and we will do so at the September General Membership Meeting and Luncheon. Please review the document [here](#) and be prepared to vote. For more information, visit the [By-Laws page](#) on the website.

Membership

Annual Dues in the amount of \$20 for the 2024-2025 term are now due. Dues can be paid by cash, check, or credit card at our next luncheon. If members prefer, they can mail a check to:

Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County
P.O. Box 354
Orange, CA 92856

Remember: only GJAOC members who have paid their yearly dues are eligible to vote! Membership information can be found on the website [Membership](#) page. If you have any questions pertaining to dues, feel free to reach out to Membership Chairman Greg Tettermer at greg.tettermer@gmail.com.



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VOLUNTEER at GJAOC

Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of our organization. To check out the many opportunities to become involved in the Grand Jurors' Association, see the **Volunteer** page on the GJAOC website.



2023-2024 Final Report

Michael J. Verrengia, Foreperson, presented the 2023-2024 Final Report to the Superior Court on June 28, 2024.

The 2023-2024 Grand Jury panel has finished their session and has released six excellent reports. Check out these reports on the OCGrandJury.org website.

Presentations of these reports are scheduled at OLLI chapters at California State University at Fullerton on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 10:00 am, and at University of California on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 10:15 am.

2023-2024 panel members are encouraged to attend these presentations.

Mark your calendars!

CALENDAR

Mark your Calendars for future GJAOC Luncheons

GJAOC Luncheons are typically held quarterly at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. Generally, meetings start at 11:00 am while lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Dates and times, particularly many months out, may be changed, as needed, but will be updated in this Newsletter as well as on the Calendar section of the gjaoc.org website.

**Elks Lodge 794
1751 S. Lyon Street
Santa Ana, CA**

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**September 12, 2024, 10:30 AM
GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON**

FUTURE PROGRAMS CORNER

Honestly, the GJAOC has been known for its excellent, high-caliber programs and speakers at the luncheons. Even though Program Chairpersons will change with elections from year-to-year, we make every attempt to maintain this level of high quality programs. **While everything is subject to change, we thought we might share a couple program subjects that are being discussed.**

- Judge David Carter is typically booked for every December Luncheon where he will swear in the new Board of Directors. He is then our featured speaker and Judge Carter speaks about whatever he chooses.

December 5, 2024, 11:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

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March 6, 2025, 11:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

June 5, 2025, 11:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

September 11, 2025, 11:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

December 4, 2025, 11:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Lastly, if any member has a current topic they would like us to pursue, or a special speaker to introduce us to, [click here for the 1st Vice President under Contacts on the \[gjaoc.org\]\(http://gjaoc.org\) website.](#)

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