



# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*

**365 New Days**

**365 New Opportunities**

**Happy New Year!**

**2021**

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## January Birthdays

James Dills-01  
 John Moran-02  
 Shawn Derrick Stevens-05  
 Laurie Fredericks-06  
 John Berg-07  
 Holly Healy-07  
 David MacFarland-08  
 David Pearson-08  
 Richard Beal-09  
 Drew Oliver-09  
 James Bodenhamer-11  
 Jack Murry-11  
 Ron Schwartz-11  
 Carol Spinner-11  
 Scott Yeager-12  
 Bill Joseph-13  
 Jon Preston-13  
 Jim Ryland-13  
 Stephen Pence-14  
 Tommy Claunch-15  
 Lou Mages-15  
 Mike Markey-15  
 Ernest Escoto-16  
 Frederick McCord-16  
 Frank Corrigan-16  
 Stephen Dodge-18  
 Michelle Frappied-18  
 Carol Fredericks-18  
 William Sternberg-20  
 Peter Gordon-24  
 Douglas Morrison-25  
 Thomas Consolo-26  
 Adam Smith-26  
 Cheryl Templeton-27  
 Gerry Lieberman-30  
 Sherri Jones-31

## Sickness and Distress

Alex Rogers, Committee Chair - Home 805-492-3280 Cell 805-427-3013

### Condolences to:

**Gloria Sapp** and her family on the passing of her husband, **Leroy "Roy" Sapp Jr.**, born 7-17-1938, initiated 11-24-1976, died 11-5-2020

The family of **Ed Rice**, born 9-17-1940, initiated 7-14-1993 and passed away 12-15-2020.

**PDL Bill Lloyd** and his family on the passing of his wife, **Florence**. Flo was a fixture at our lodge for many years. She was a beautiful woman with never a hair out of place. She supported Bill who was secretary of our lodge for 13 years. She also traveled with Bill throughout the state when he became DDGER and later DL.

### Keep in your prayers:

**Dave Anderson**, who will undergo surgery in the near future.

**Richard Platt**, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

**Jean Miraglia**, who is recovering from surgery.

**Harold Constantine**, who fell in his garage resulting in some good bruises and stitches.

**Joe Smith**, past Trustee and lives in Florida fell while golfing and was banged up pretty bad.

**Barbara Metzgun**, who was hospitalized with a liver ailment.

**Diana Metzgun**, who is responding to chemo treatments.

### Ed Rice

Ed Rice passed away on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 after a difficult battle with cancer. Eddie served as Chairman of our Elks BBQ for many years, and was responsible for the growth of our sustaining business to the level we currently enjoy. He was always eager to help others and during the 12 years I had the privilege of working with him, I found him to be a leader you could have fun with and respect.

I found it impossible to say "no" to Eddie whenever he asked for help. He gave it his all and many do not realize the many hours he devoted to our lodge. Eddie will be sorely missed, and impossible to replace.

Thank you, Eddie.

Dan Martyn  
 ER

## Candidates, Transfers & Reinstatements

Candidate	Sponsor
No new candidates reported this month	
<b>Request for Reinstatement</b>	
Geary Carr of Westlake Village	Last lodge was Santa Monica 2017

### Purple Pig Honor Roll

Dave Anderson (Century Club)  
 William Fulton (Century Club)  
 Lynda Fulton (Century Club)  
 Greg Metzgun, DL (Millennium Club)  
 Rick Herrera

Ed Lees  
 Greg Metzgun, DL  
 Alexandra Rogers  
 Gregory Sweet  
 Lyssa Wright  
 Peter Gordon  
 Brenda Hagen

### Reoccurring Donors

Art Garcia  
 Terry Gicking, PDDGER  
 Dan Hoffman, PER  
 Gerry Gillies  
 Inger Hogan

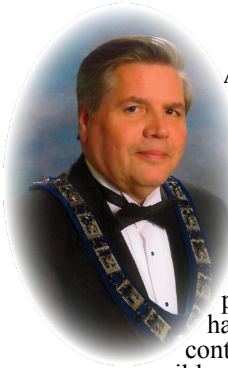
### Other Donations

Dave Anderson  
 Tree Lot  
 BBQ Crews

## **Deadline for receiving ALL material for publication is the 15th of the Month.**

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### ***A Message from Exalted Ruler, Dan Martyn, PER***

As we come to the end of a very difficult year, I look at our empty lodge and lounge and hope that we can soon enjoy the good times and camaraderie we enjoyed before the pandemic. While we have been able to continue to the extent possible our charitable and community service activities, we look forward to being able to increase our

activities and contributions as we return to normal, or to the “new normal”, whatever that is.

We remain fiscally sound. Thanks to the hard work of our BBQ, tree lot and kitchen volunteers, we have been able to pay our bills and cover other costs such as maintenance. All of our restricted funds remain untouched and cannot be used for operations expenses.

With the support of grants from Grand Lodge, this Christmas season our lodge contributed \$2,500 to the Ventura County

Veterans Collaborative to be used to assist veterans in need of food, rent funds and other necessities. Thanks to Terry Gicking for coordinating this effort to assist veterans with the Simi Valley, Ventura and Oxnard lodges, which also made contributions. It was good to see our Ventura County lodges making a coordinated effort to assist our veterans.

In closing, Karen and I wish each of you and your loved ones a healthy, happy and safe New Year!

Dan Martyn, ER



### ***A Message from Esteemed Leading Knight, Richard Platt***

Thank you one and all who have made inquiries regarding my recovery from knee replacement surgery. Recovery is coming along nicely. I want to thank those of you who stepped up to make the Tree lot happen. I enjoyed seeing the pictures of many of the workers. I especially want to thank Carlos Muzquiz

and his merry band of members for their tireless efforts.

Due to the Health Department’s restrictions, we could not do our usual Christmas food baskets and children’s gifts this year. Instead, we purchased gift cards and delivered them to Senior Concerns. Their mission is to make certain that the most destitute seniors’ needs are met in our community. In addition, we were presented with toys from the Conejo Valley Legal Secretary’s Association which were given to Spark of Love to go to needy children in our local area.

Fortunately, our Saturday BBQ has continued to operate. Those members who donate their time and talent working the BBQ enable our Lodge to do good works in the Conejo Valley.

We are now looking forward to this new year. Hopefully, Covid-19 will be a thing of the past and we will be operating as normal as we can with minimal restrictions. It has been a tough year.

Richard Platt  
Leading Knight



### ***A Message from Esteemed Lecturing Knight, John Betancourt***

Happy New Year! I hope that this New Year, 2021, will bring lots of happiness and much needed good health to all of our members and their families. We all had a rough year at our lodge but we were able to move on and make the best of it through the hard times. Even

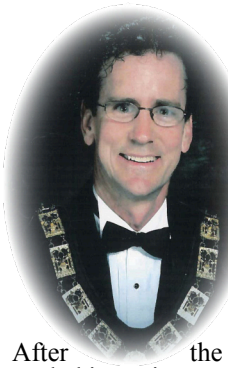
though we could not open our lodge, we had the BBQ going starting in June and it has been going strong every Saturday and will continue to do so. A very big THANK YOU to the four BBQ teams and the crew chiefs.

In addition to the BBQ, we had our Christmas tree lot. The trees again were outstanding in size and fullness and as soon as they were put in a stand they were being purchased. As always, we had our loyal customers who have been buying

Christmas trees from The Elks for a long time as well as new customers. A very big THANK YOU to all those individuals who helped make our tree lot this year a success.

Let’s all be safe and hope to see you all soon,

John Betancourt  
Lecturing Knight



### ***A Message from Lodge Secretary, David Naccarato, PER***

In our Flag Day ritual, we refer to John Paul Jones, who is known as the Father of the U.S. Navy and who is famous for his much-repeated phrase “I have not yet begun to fight!” After the Revolutionary War, he settled in Paris, France, where he lived until his death on July 18, 1792 at age 45. A Frenchman paid 460 Francs to have his body preserved in alcohol and placed in a lead coffin in case the United States ever wanted to claim his body. In 1899

General Horace Porter was appointed Ambassador to France and spent six years searching Paris for Jones’ grave, which was located in an old cemetery which had long before been sold and forgotten. President Theodore Roosevelt campaigned to have Jones’ body exhumed and returned to the United States, and on January 26, 1913, Jones was buried with full military honors at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where his crypt remains to this day.

Now here’s why I bring it up. Charles Vivian, the founder of the Elks, was also buried twice. Charles was a singer/piano player traveling the country with his act. He had an engagement in Leadville,

Colorado where he came down with pneumonia and died March 20, 1880 at the age of 34. His wife said he worked himself to exhaustion bringing joy to everyone he met. Charles Vivian was buried in Leadville, Colorado but nine years later Boston Elks Lodge #10 raised funds and paid to have his body exhumed and transported to the Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston, where he is buried under a suitable headstone that tells his story.

David Naccarato, PER  
Secretary



# Pictured Highlights of Your Lodge's 2020 Christmas Tree Lot Volunteers





## More Tree Lot Pictures



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Because of you, life doesn't stop.

# BLOOD DRIVE

*Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge*

Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

In the Meeting Hall located at  
158 Conejo School Road, Thousand Oaks

To make an appointment, please visit [blood4life.org](http://blood4life.org) using  
sponsor code: **8360** or call **805-543-4290**

*All successful donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies*

Schedule an appointment at  
**vitalant.org** or call **877-258-4825**

#VitalToLife



More Tree Lot Pictures



*Thank you, to all of our  
Christmas Tree Lot Volunteers!*



Past Exalted Rulers

1972-73 \*Marvin D. Smith  
 1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER  
 1974-75 \*Richard Flake  
 1975-76 \*Bill Wagner  
 1976-77 \*John E. Henry  
 1977-78 \*Robert McKee, PDDGER  
 1978-79 \*Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER  
 1979-80 \*Edward F. Stogsdell  
 1980-81 \*Frank "Tex" Hastie  
 1981-82 \*Robert Hardy  
 1982-83 \*A. John Nichols  
 1983-84 John Nau  
 1984-85 \*Vern Ogden  
 1985-86 Dan Snyder

1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, PDL, PSP  
 1987-88 \*John E. Henry  
 1988-89 \*Ted Lipka  
 1989-90 Don Skinner  
 1990-91 \*Don Ansell  
 1991-92 \*Gary Sleight  
 1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
 1993-94 \*Jim Wallace  
 1994-95 \*George Pekow  
 1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER  
 1996-97 \*Jack Loughran  
 1997-98 \*John Kelly  
 1998-99 Chet Kozlowski  
 1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER  
 2000-01 Jacob Panczak

2001-02 John D'Ambrogio  
 2002-03 Don Booker  
 2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER, DL  
 2004-05 \*Jay Block  
 2005-06 \*Sally Claunch  
 2006-07 David Naccarato  
 2007-08 Catherine Koeritz  
 2008-09 \*George Meehan  
 2009-10 Terry Gicking, PDDGER  
 2010-11 \*Harry Brockwell  
 2011-12 Steve Smith  
 2012-13 Leo Rodriguez  
 2013-14 Terry Baker  
 2014-15 Dan Martyn  
 2015-16 Jim Moyer

2016-17 Mike Flannery  
 2017-18 Jean Miraglia  
 2018-19 Karen Martyn  
 2019-20 Dan Hoffman

By Affiliation:  
 1981-82 \*Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER  
 2001-02 Bill Sternberg  
 2009-10, 13-14, 18-19 Grace Vega  
 1999-00 \*Ralph Vester  
 1983-84, 02-03 Harold Constantine

\*Deceased



## Officers 2020-2021

<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	Dan Martyn, PER	<b>Tiler</b>	Lyssa Wright
<b>Leading Knight</b>	Richard Platt	<b>Inner Guard</b>	Gregg Miraglia
<b>Loyal Knight</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Esquire</b>	Terry Gicking, PDDGER
<b>Lecturing Knight</b>	John Betancourt	<b>Chaplain</b>	Adam Smith
<b>Secretary</b>	David Naccarato, PER	<b>Officer at Large</b>	Jim Moye, PER
<b>Treasurer</b>	William Joseph		

### Trustees 2020 - 2021

<b>One Year</b>	Ray Laraway, COB
<b>Two Year</b>	Rich Lucariello
<b>Three Year</b>	Darryl Kopacz
<b>Four Year</b>	Reem Agel
<b>Five Year</b>	Steve Kerman

**Elk of the Year** Kathy Moye  
**Officer of the Year** Richard Platt  
**Citizen of the Year** Rick Bucaria

**Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Member Award Recipients**  
Carlos Muzquiz and Jill Williams

### 2020 - 2021 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics

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Presiding Justice: John Moran

Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato, PER

Membership: David Naccarato, PER & Terry Gicking, PDDGER

Investigation: John Betancourt, Richard Platt and Alex Rogers

Orientation: David Naccarato, PER, Chair Officers and

Terry Gicking, PER/PDDGER

Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER

Maintenance: "Max" Maxwell

Grounds: Brian Williams

Facilities: Dean Reichle and Jeff Conyers

Greeters: Dorothy Murray and Kathy Moye

PER Association President: Jean Miraglia, PER

Lodge Room Setup: Bill Joseph

### 2020 - 2021 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

Bar Liaison: Richard Platt

Major Project/Purple Pig: Dan Hoffman, PER

Bequests & Living Trusts: Arthur Garcia

Elks National Foundation: Grace Vega, PER

Christmas Basket Program: Richard Platt

Community Activities: Richard Platt

Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers

Charity Matters: Richard Platt

El Konejo Kampers: Shirste Gessler

Christmas Tree Lot: Carlos Muzquiz

### 2020 - 2021 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations: **Vacant**

Lodge Activities: **Vacant**

Flag Day, Flag Retirement: **Vacant**

Government Relations: Richard Platt & John Betancourt

Elks Memorial Service: Adam Smith

Veteran Services: Tom Ryder, PDDGER

Public Relations: **Vacant**

Calendar: **Vacant**

Mediator: Rick Rodgers

Mothers Day: Adam Smith

Inaugural Ball: **Vacant**

Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein

### 2020 - 2021 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: John Betancourt

Hoop Shoot: Anna Garcia

Drug Awareness: Needed

Scholarships: Reem Agel

Scouting: Steve Henderson

Americanism: Rick Herrera

Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief

Youth Appreciation Night: John Betancourt