



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



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Sickness and Distress

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

Condolences to:

The family of **Tommy J. Claunch**, born 1-15-1931, initiated, 9-21-1988, passed away 1-4-2021.

The family of **Gino Garafelli**, son of **Debbie** and **Jeff Hawthorne**, who passed away 1-4-2021.

Keep in your prayers:

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

Bill O'Shea, who is at Thousand Oaks Health Care with an infection.

New Antler Antics Editor Needed

After many years of service, our current Antler editor, Steve Smith, will be retiring effective April 1, 2021. If you are interested in taking over this very important position, please contact David Naccarato at the lodge office. Thank you.

February Birthdays

Jennifer Hassell-01
Alan Azoff-03
David Biedebach-03
Terry Gicking-04
Suzanne Osgood-04
Nick Schiele-04
Elizabeth Buckner-05
William Fulton-05
John Pecel-05
Craig Burns-07
Allen Zatkan-07
Richard Herrera-08
Robert Scudder-09
Pattie Queen-11
Joe Smith-11
Charles Pederson-16
Dean Reichle-16
Jan Robles-17
Robert Phillips-18
Christine Harrison-20
Toni Hartin-20
Robert Huffman-20
Bill O'Shea-20
Terry Baker-21
Inger Hogan-21
Bill Schenewerk-21
Candace Suterko-22
James Anerson-23
Kevin Gullick-23
Edward Dacorsi-27

Candidates, Transfers & Reinstatements

Candidate

Steven Imes

Requests for Absolute Dimit

Sally Johnson

Sherry O'Kelly

Sponsor

Casey Boggiano

Requests for Dimit

Alan Ito

April Borquin

Patrick Bird

John Berg

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Jean, PER and Gregg Miraglia

Lyssa Wright

Peter Gordon

Brenda Hagen

Reoccurring Donors

Art Garcia

Terry Gicking, PDDGER

Dan Hoffman, PER

Gerry Gillies

Inger Hogan

Ed Lees

Greg Metzgas, DL

Alexandra Rogers

Gregory Sweet

Other Donations

Casey Boggiano ENF

BBQ tips Scholarship

BBQ tips ENF

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 Sleigh
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 Moye

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

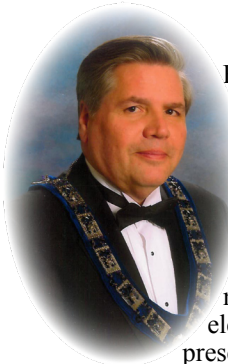
By Affiliation:

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

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A Message from Exalted Ruler, Dan Martyn, PER

February brings two important annual lodge events: election of lodge officers and mailing of dues notices.

Our usual means of nominating and electing lodge officers is prescribed by our Grand

Lodge Statutes. Normally we hold a meeting at which nominations are made followed by a second meeting at which the election of officers takes place. This year lodges may be utilizing differing election procedures due to COVID related restrictions affecting each lodge. Those restrictions differ from state to state, county to county and, in some cases, city to city.

Our goal is to utilize procedures designed to afford every member in good standing

the opportunity to nominate and vote in the election, adhering to statutory requirements to the greatest extent possible and practical.

The voting procedures for our lodge are set out in the Notice of Voting Procedures included elsewhere in this Antler. Those procedures will also be delivered via email and robocall. We encourage each member to review those procedures and participate in the election process.

Regarding the annual dues notices, given the present COVID restrictions preventing our normal lodge operations and the resulting impact on our finances, we urge each of you to pay your 2021-22 dues by the April 1, 2021 due date. We have heard several members questioning why they should pay dues while the lodge remains closed. Our response is that at initiations, most new members stated that the reason they joined the Elks was to give back to the

community and support our charities. Even though we all miss the fraternal aspect of our membership and hope our lodge reopens soon, the good works of our lodge that you wish to support continue. Since April 1 of last year, in addition to members volunteering, our lodge has contributed \$4,750 to MANNA, \$2,750 to Operation Snowflake supporting needy veterans, \$5,550 to scholarships, \$3,714 to the California Major Project (Purple Pig), \$4,078 to the Elks National Foundation and \$2,500 in Vons gift cards to Senior Concerns and the Blue Star Moms (veterans). The good works of our order continue, so please support our lodge and submit your dues timely.

Dan Martyn, PER
Exalted Ruler



A Message from Esteemed Leading Knight, Richard Platt

What will the year 2021 mean to the Thousand Elks Lodge? Ventura County Health Department has restricted gatherings and the reopening of our lodge. We have had a few successful Friday Night Grab and Go

Dinners. The BBQ continues to be the main income source for our Lodge. Our Tree Lot was highly successful and we are already discussing next year's plans.

We will hold elections using the procedures outlined elsewhere in this Antler. We will

be electing an Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer and one (or more) Trustees. Other officer positions are selected by the ER. We need members to step up and volunteer to become a chair officer. Chair Officers oversee committees and interface with their chairpersons regarding the work of their committees. Our lodge is lucky we have wonderful chairs and committee persons. We will also be electing trustees. Trustees are the fiduciary guardians of the lodge. They are responsible for the budget, property, insurance and other financial and facility issues. The four chairs and five trustees function as the House Committee. If you

are interested in any of these positions, please let Dan Martyn or me know as soon as possible.

On the 6th of this February, all the Leading Knights will be attending a Webinar regarding moving up to Exalted Ruler. I will be attending.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all who have reached out to me and Gayle regarding my recent knee replacement surgery.

Richard Platt
Leading Knight



A Message from Esteemed Lecturing Knight, John Betancourt

I hope that everyone is doing well and keeping safe. As for me, I have not been so lucky. I tested Positive for COVID on 1-1-21. I stayed at home and did what I was to do to beat this virus but 10 days later I

felt better and took another test. BANG! The test results came back Positive. The only good thing is that I feel good and show no symptoms of whatever this virus is supposed to do to you. So my fellow Elks, just hang in, be safe and

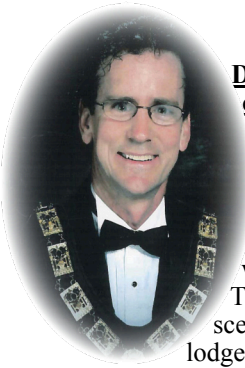
hopefully we will beat this and get back to opening the lodge.

February is the month of remembering our loved ones, so on Feb. 14th make it as special as you can and hopefully everything that has been going on will soon be forgotten.

I for one will not let this get me down and even though I am not at the bbq, I am always keeping in touch to see how we are doing and talking with our ER Dan Martyn and Leading Knight Richard Platt.

I would like to remind you all that we will be coming to the end of the Elks year of 2020-2021. We will need to conduct our elections for trustees and chair officers. Dues will also be coming and I know that it has been a difficult year but let's see if we can pay our dues, which is very important to keep the lodge going. I am still learning the ins and outs of how we function as a lodge. I know deep down that we have a great lodge and that is because we have great members!!

John Betancourt
Esteem Lecturing Knight.



A Message from Lodge Secretary, David Naccarato, PER

Dues notices to go out February

No one saw this COVID-19 coming. The lodge is still here and we still are maintaining the works of the Elks. True it is a different scenario, but all the lodges are dealing with it.

Some have less restrictions, Ventura County has a lockdown still. The lodge is closed from fraternizing, but it is for your own protection. We wish we could meet twice a month and now we need to nominate Officers for 2021-2022. Dan Martyn will fill us in how that will be handled.

Spanish Flu

One hundred years ago the Spanish Flu as it was called raged on in the battlefields of Europe. Though it will never be clear how it started, it seemed to have started in America's heartland. Fort Riley, Kansas had 100 soldiers diagnosed with the flu. Not knowing much about the spread, when a soldier recovered he was then sent to the front lines in Europe and then we all know the rest. During the war Spain stayed neutral and the flu did not start in Spain. Why the name "Spanish Flu" is a good question. The flu infected 500 million in 4 waves. Even though the Elks were just 60

years old, over 70,000 Elks donned uniforms. A remarkable number when the majority was past military age. More than 1,000 Elks died in this war. Not just from the virus but from battle as well.

Injured soldiers were sent state sides to Camp Devens in Massachusetts where it became apparent that something was amiss. Upon arriving, patients started turning blue from lack of oxygen. Camp Devens is 35 miles from Boston. In one day, 1,543 soldiers were diagnosed with having the flu. Precautions taken then look about the same as precautions we're taking now - masks, shuttering in place, frequent hand washing. One thing they did was wash the inside of their nose both morning and nighttime and force themselves to sneeze to clear out the virus and take brisk walks to stay in physical shape.

Medical communities decided the flu strain was of avian heritage but how it spread to humans they did not know. Kansas is a main migratory path for many bird species and Kansas has many pig farms who may have caught the virus transferred to its meat. The base served pork chops and it's easy to see how it spread. Unfortunately, all that could be done was to let it run its course. In April 1920 it was announced that the flu was over but not until 3% to 5% of the world's population was taken.

Complete Villages on Fiji were wiped out never to return. I said all this to say when asked to wear a mask, do so.

"For as long as there are veterans the Elks will never forget them"

In 1973 the Paris Peace Accord was signed which marked the end of the Vietnam war. On February 12th Operation Homecoming began. Operation Homecoming was the return of 591 POWs held in North Vietnam following the signing of the Peace Accord. One was a Major Fred Cherry who was shot down in an F-105. He was tortured for 93 days and spent 702 days in solitary. Only communication was tapping out messages on the walls of the prison to the other inmates. He was asked to denounce the United States, he did not.

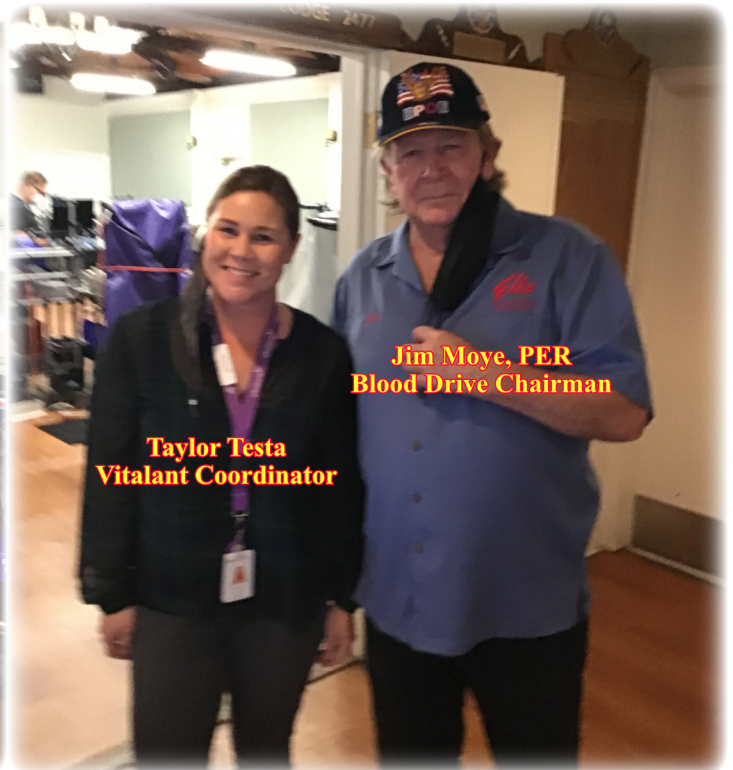
During WW1 The Elks donated 2 million dollars to the war effort. It was raised by members. This figure represented more money from each Elk than it would seem today. These were the days when the \$5 daily wage was still a rarity.

During the 1918 war and pandemic the Elks wanted to help returning soldiers and made 40,000 loans to returning soldiers. All loans, except where death intervened, were repaid. The program was so spectacularly successful the government followed our template and started the GI Loan.

Pictures from our Blood Drive Held on January 17th



**Grace Gonzales-Vega, PER
Blood Donor**



**Taylor Testa
Vitalant Coordinator**

**Jim Moye, PER
Blood Drive Chairman**

**NOTICE OF
VOTING PROCEDURES FOR
THOUSAND OAKS LODGE 2021-22 OFFICERS**

- Positions to be filled by election include Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, one-year, two-year, three-year and five-year trustees.
- The present ER will preside over this election. He may not submit any nominations and will not vote in the election but will cast the deciding vote in the event of any tie.
- Any member in good standing may nominate a member to any of the above positions by submitting a nomination in writing to ER Dan Martyn via email to danmartyn2477@aol.com or delivering it to him personally no later than February 10, 2021. The name of the member submitting the nomination must be disclosed.
- All members nominated will be contacted to confirm acceptance of the nomination, and then a sample ballot will be sent via email to all members no later than February 17, 2021. In the event a member does not have email they may pick up a sample ballot at the office.
- The election will take place on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at the lodge between 10 am and 2 pm. Given concerns regarding COVID, we will conduct balloting on a drive-through basis. Members wishing to vote will receive a ballot, complete the ballot and return the ballot to the designated tellers while remaining in their cars. All ballots will be anonymous but will be numbered to prevent duplication.
- Designated tellers will collect and count the ballots and deliver the results to the ER who will announce the results to members via email and robocall.
- In the event COVID restrictions are lifted and meetings are allowed in the lodge, the usual voting procedures will be followed, and members will be notified of any such change.

Officers 2020-2021

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

Trustees 2020 - 2021

One Year	Ray Laraway, COB
Two Year	Rich Lucariello
Three Year	Darryl Kopacz
Four Year	Reem Agel
Five Year	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

Editor & Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER

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Auditing and Accounting Committee: Art Garcia

Barbeque: Dan Martyn, PER

Photography: Jill Williams

Protocol: Karen Martyn, PER

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