



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Message from the Exalted Ruler, Richard Platt



Last March we had to close the Lodge. When it was possible, we opened the BBQ. We are solvent, as always, many members came forward to help. We still need members to work on the BBQ. We still have several committees that need to be staffed. The virus is still with us, we will start planning how and when to reopen. We will open only when it is safe for all.

Our BBQ is open and that has made us able to pay our bills. We all owe our thanks to our departing Officers Dan Martyn PER, who led us this past year, Ray Laraway, Rich Lucariello, Duke Kopacz, Jim Moye PER, and Steve Smith PER, who all performed important roles this last year. If I have forgotten anyone, please let me know.

Your incoming Officer Corps is jelling into a particularly good team. When you see an officer, please take a minute, and thank them for being a good steward of the Lodge. Our elected incoming Officer Corps is made up of Mr. 2477, Terry Gicking PDDGER, as Leading Knight with over forty years of Elkdom going for us. John Betancourt as Loyal Knight, and Ron Watkins as Lecturing Knight. Our one-year Trustee is none other than the departing Elk of the Year, Kathy Moye. Two-year is Dan Hoffman PER, who I have known for over forty years. Three-year Trustee is Reem Agel, who when the going was rough stepped up to become a Trustee. Steven Kerman is returning as our Four-year Trustee. Our Five-year Trustee is Ed Lees. Both Steve and Ed bring years of business management service and experience to our Lodge. David Naccarato, PER, is returning as Lodge Secretary. Bill Joseph is returning as Treasurer. We also have Jean and Gregg Miraglia, Adam Smith, and Lyssa Wright serving our Lodge. I am honored to be in the same room with all of them. Again, if I have forgotten anyone, please let me know.

This year my hope and goals are to remain fiscally secure, have the wherewithal to build and maintain our membership, sustain our property, reopen when safe, and have at least one Lodge activity each quarter. Small steps toward a better Lodge. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your ER.

See you at the BBQ Saturday! Thank you, and if I can be of help, please call me at home 805-380-4101 or email me at rplatt_1998@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Platt

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Elks Care – Elks Share

April Birthdays

Greg Mtzgas, PDDGER - 02
Rosemary Prince - 03
Leo Rodriguez PER – 03
Brenda Hagen – 05
Rita DaCorsi – 06
Henry Vega – 06
William Kaszycki – 07
Allen Gottlieb – 08
Richard Ibarra – 09
Joseph Nemtusak – 10
Thomas Walsh Jr. – 11
James Hamilton – 13
Richard Cornelison – 14
Michael Wharton – 15
Carol Stewart – 16
Ted Meyer – 17
Claudia Frappier – 18
Zhipi McDougald – 18
Rose Barrington – 19
Brook Taylor – 21
Marvin Gregory – 23
Steve Chizar – 24
Angela Porter – 24
Lisa Casarotti – 27
Victoria Kuzma – 27
Adelaide Wavra – 27
Jerry Case – 28
Lynette Michell – 29

Dues are Coming In

Thank you, members, for sending in your dues. We may have been closed due to Covid, but the workings of the Lodge are still in full swing. We thank those who support our fish fry and Grab and Go Friday night dinners

Many members added extra to their dues for our charities that we support. Just a reminder, Chempi and are 501c3s and are tax deductible. The Lodge is a 501c8. All dues paid by April 1st get the coveted “Early Bird” sticker. Wars have been started when a sticker has been left off.

Sickness and Distress

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

Keep in your prayers, Leonard Benson circulation issues. Prognosis poor. **Bill O’Shea**, on the road to recovery and is already working the BBQ **Pat Jellander** is recovery at home. **Niki Case**, wife of **Richard Case**, is recovering at home also. **Greg and Patty Sweet** welcomed a baby granddaughter, **Parker**, on March 6th. **Thomas Walsh** is recovering from surgery.

New Antler Antics Editor Onboard Gayle Platt is the new editor of *Antler Antics*. Thank you, **Steve Smith** for your assistance with this transition. I hope to make you and the Lodge proud. You have big shoes to fill.

Recurring Donors Art Garcia, Terry Gicking PDDGER, Gerry Gillies, Peter Gordon, Brenda Hagen, Dan Hoffman PER, Inger Hogen, Sheryl Holloway, Ed Lees, Greg Metzgas PDDGER, Alex Rodgers, Greg Sweat, Lyssa Wright

Purple Pig Honor Roll Johnny Gin, Steve Grindley, Steohen Finnerty, Allan Gottlieb, Craig Burns, Richard Ibarra, Leslie Smith, James Hamilton (Century Club), Dennis Shankle, Sandra Ragen, Art Garcia, Peter Gordon (Century Club) John Moran, Eugene Latourneau (Century Club), Sandro Cano, Douglas Morrison (Century Club), John Preston, Erie Pittman PER, Anthony Federico, Ed Jones, Don Skinner PER, Jom Horning, Harold Constantine PER, Ben Reiger, Paul Stein (Century Club).

Applications for Membership Brian Williams proposes **Alfonso Centanni**, a project manager, and **John Martin**, an automotive service manager to join our Lodge. **Richard Goldner PER** having met all criteria requests life membership, **Bill Sternberg** requests transfer to Kansas City Northland #2376. Transfer requested by **Alan Van Cleave** to affiliate with Henderson Lodge #2804

Elks are Never Forgotten

Marshall Mats, born 7/2/1935. Initiated 3/31/1960 in Lafayette, Indiana Lodge #143. Transferred 3/25/1972 Charter Member #199. Passed away 12/3/2020.

Deadline for receiving ALL material for publication is the 10th of the Month.

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A Message from the Leading Knight

And we hit the ground running into the new Lodge year Hi again. Terry Gicking EIEIOX2, here with greetings from the Leading Knight station. The emblem of this station is our American flag, and its motto is charity, the cornerstone of everything we do as Elks! Even in a pandemic year our Lodge still raised money for our charities. 2477 Elks working together during quarantine, wearing masks, and practicing social distancing helped to make other peoples' lives better and feel safe. From providing scholarships to assisting active military and vets, to continuing our Christmas Tree lot, we were there for the community. You should be proud of what this Lodge, **your Lodge** accomplished! If a member were to ask me "Why should I pay my dues?", I would say, "How could you not?" Helping others is what every member who joins says they want to do at orientation. If that is not enough, we have our award-winning BBQ on Saturdays to share with our neighbors and, of course, you!

If you are having trouble paying your dues because financial difficulties, we have a Standing Relief committee that may be able to help you with your dues. Please contact the Lodge Secretary for more information.

As we gear up for grand re-opening of our Lodge and try to get back to the new normal, please take advantage of our BBQ and our Grab and Go dinners. We are also always looking for cooks to put on a meal for Friday nights, Saturday night fundraisers, and maybe a special weekday meal for a special occasion. Contact our Loyal night for signups.

I want to thank ER Dan Martyn, PER, Ray Laraway, COB, and David Naccarato, PER, for guiding the Lodge through an exceedingly difficult year as leaders of our Lodge. Without their wisdom and guidance our Lodge would be digging out of a big hole.

As for when our Lodge will re-open, I have the answer but I ran out of room in my article, so I will have to tell you next month.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Terry, Member #891

Departing Exalted Ruler, Dan Martyn Announces

Elk of the Year: **Lou Reis**

Officer of the Year: **Terry Gicking PDDGER, PER**

Outstanding Members: **Brian Williams and Bryan Gicking**

Outstanding Citizen: **Faye Stevens**

Congrats all of you!

A Message from the Loyal Knight



It is with great pleasure that I accept the position of Loyal Knight for the upcoming year.. Thank you for your trust and support.

This past year has been a challenge for everyone, but keep the faith and this too shall pass, just stay safe.

As the Loyal Knight, it will be up to me to prepare the monthly Lodge calendar. You will see that we have three Grab and Go dinners this month. A great way to kick off the new Elk year at the Lodge. Mark your calendars and come to the Lodge and supporting our members who enjoy cooking up a meal. In doing this you are supporting your Lodge and let them know how much you appreciate what they are doing.

I look forward to t6o this year, and with your help we will make this an exceptionally good year for all of our members. I will leave my email address and look forward to hearing from you that you would like to have a Friday to show off your cooking skills or family recipes.

To all who have sent in their dues for the upcoming year, **Thank You.** Remember our Lodge is only as good as our members. You make it good with your support.

Fraternally yours,

John Betancourt, Loyal Knight
Jbentancourt105@verizon.net

A Message from the Secretary



The boys of summer are back in April starts the America's pastime. Little known fact, Mickey Mantle was a member of the New York City Elks Lodge #1 along with Babe Ruth. Lodge #1 has an area of memorabilia. Be a great place to visit.

Just for your own FYI, ever wonder why baseballs are switched out whenever they hit the dirt? Typical game uses 60 baseballs. Well, back on August 16, 1920, the Yankees were playing a team that would become Cleveland Indians. Carl Mays threw a heater to Ray Chapman which struck Chapman in the head. The sound so loud Mays thought it hit the bat. Mays fielded the ball and threw to first base. Chapman was by then sprawled out on the ground with a wound to his head. He was taken to the hospital where he died 12 hours later. Rules were set in place to instruct umpires to replace any ball that hits the dirt. The spitball was also disallowed. The use of batting helmets were not mandatory until 30 years later. With the death of a spectator in 2019, the net behind the batter is now extended to the foul pole.

Fraternally yours,

David Naccarato PER, Secretary



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Officers for the 2021-2022 Year

Exalted Ruler: Richard Platt
Leading Knight: Terry Gicking PDDGER PER
Loyal Knight: John Betancourt
Lecturing Knight: Ron Watkins
Secretary: David Naccarato
Treasurer: Bill Joseph
Esquire: Adam Smith
Chaplain: **Needed**
Tiler: Lyssa Wright
Inner Guard: Gregg Miraglia
Presiding Justice: John Moran
Alternate Representative to GL: Dan Martyn PER




Trustees for the 2021-2022 Year

One Year: Kathy Moye
Two Year: Dan Hoffman, Chairman of the Board, PER
Three Year: Reem Agel
Four Year: Steve Kerman
Five Year: Ed Lees

First Lady Thoughts

As the Exalted Ruler's spouse, I have few Elk duties. One of them is writing thank you notes. Good thing, no one can read Richard's handwriting. We want to thank those of you who have congratulated Richard upon his election. In addition, those officers that came over to the house for the planning session for next year, Thank you. Those who brought goodies were greatly appreciated. We do have tons of cookies, but grandsons are eyeing them. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			There will be a weekly Callmultiplier Broadcast on Mondays by Dan Hoffman PER		Good Friday Grab and Go Fish Fry \$10 By Jill Williams	BBQ
			House Meeting 6PM Trustee Mtg 6:30		Grab and Go Meatloaf \$10 By Casey Boggiano	BBQ
					No Dinner	BBQ
					Grab and Go Chicken Enchilladas \$10 by Donna Leary	BBQ
					Purple Pig Fundraiser Chili \$10 by Dan Hoffman PER	Ritual Weekend Begins
	When at the Lodge, masks must be worn 					

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MARCH 2021

MAY 2021

NOTES:

Due to COVID restrictions the Lodge is still closed. It will reopen when it is considered safe by the Ventura County Health Department. Please support our BBQ and Grab and Go Dinners.

2021-22 Committees Reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics: Gayle Platt
Membership: Terry Gicking, PER, PDDGER
Editor & Email Distribution: G. Platt
Investigation: John Betancourt, Alex Rogers
Proofreader: Gayle Platt
Orientation: Terry Gicking PER, PDDGER
USPS Mailings: Juanita Fuentes
Chair Officers
Website: **Needed**
Lapsed and Strayed Elks: Jean Miraglis, PER
Auditing and Accounting: Alex Garcia
Maintenance "Max" Maxwell
Barbeque: Dan Martyn
Grounds: **Needed**
Photography: Jill Williams
Facilities: Dean Reichle & Jeff Conyers
Protocol: **Needed**
Greeters: Dorothy Murray & Kathy Moye
Presiding Justice: John Moran
PERS Association President: Jean Miraglia
Grants Coordinator: Dan Hoffman

2021- 22 Committees Reporting to the Loyal Knight

Bar Liason: Dan Martyn, PER
Community Activities: Needed
Major Projects/Purple Pig:
Dan Hoffman, PER
Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers
Bequests and Living Trusts:
Art Garcia
Charity Matters: **Needed**
Elks National Foundation (ENF):
Grace Vega, PER
El Konejo Kampers: **Need info**
Christmas Basket Program:
Terry Gicking
Christmas Tree Lot: Carlos Muzquiz

2021-22 Committees Reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activites: **Needed**
Scouting: Steve Henderson
Hoop Shoot: Anna Garcia

Donations to Veterans through Dues

Johnny Gin, Steve Grindley, Steve Finnerty, Allan Gottlieb, Dan Kozlowski, Craig Burns, Leslie Smith, Bob Phillips, Michael Cagley, Dennis Shankel, Art Garcia, John Moran, Richard Shaw, Lee Dukehart, John Perry Eugene Latourneau, Sandro Cano, Craig Lopez, Carol Spinner, Douglas Bevan, Ralph Sherwood, Jonathan Preston, Erie Pittman, Bruce Cameron, Anthony Federico, Ed Jones, Don Sabol, Marshall Knowlton, Don Skinner, Jerry Gilmore, Ben Rieger, Michael Horowitz, non-member, in memory of Tommy Claunch.



2021-2022 Committees Reporting to The Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations: John Betancourt
Calendar: John Betancourt
Public Relations: Lyssa Wright
Lodge Activities: Sheryl Holloway
Mediator Rick Rodgers
Flag Day/Flag Retirement: John Betancourt
Mother's Day: **Chaplain**
Government Relations: John Betancourt
Inaugural Ball: **Needed**
Elks Memorial Service: **Needed**
Law Enforcement/Firefighters: Paul Stein
Veteran Services: Tom Ryder, PDDGER

Scholarship: Reem Agel
Drug Awareness: **Needed**
Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief
Youth Appreciation Night: **Needed**
Americanism: **Needed**

Veterans

During the Vietnam War, UH-1 helicopters were used for various purposes. The UH-1, "Huey," was outfitted with rockets and machine guns for ground attack and armed escort. Our own member, Lou Mages, was a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War. **He was charged with locating the enemy which he accomplished by taking fire and noting the muzzle flashes.** Thank you, Lou.

Past Exalted Rulers

1972-73 *Marvin D. Smith	2005-06 *Sally Claunch
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	2006-07 David Naccarato
1974-75 *Richard Flake	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1975-76 *Bill Wagner	2008-09 *George Meehan
1976-77 *John E. Henry	2009-10 Terry Gicking, PDDGER
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2010-11 *Harry Brockwell
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER	2011-12 Steve Smith
1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2013-14 Terry Baker
1981-82 *Robert Hardy	2014-15 Dan Martyn
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2015-16 Jim Moye
1983-84 John Nau	2016-17 Mike Flannery
1984-85 *Vern Ogden	2017-18 Jean Miraglia
1985-86 Dan Snyder	2018-19 Karen Martyn
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, PDL, PSP	2019-20 Dan Hoffman
1987-88 *John E. Henry	2020-21 Dan Martyn
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 Kozłowski	
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	
	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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