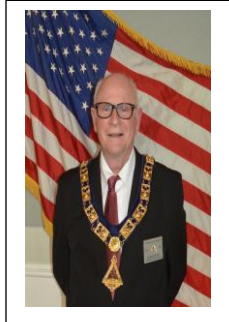


Antler Antics



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

A Message from the Exalted Ruler, Richard Platt



We held the first House Committee on April 7th. The agenda was dominated with the budget and reopening issues. Oodles of talking about that sheet of paper with numbers upon it. Our Trustees have worked extremely hard on the budget and are almost ready to present the budget to the members for approval. We will give you, the members, notice of the meeting date and time to reveal the budget.

The seven-hundred-pound gorilla in the room was the issue of reopening the Lodge. Our BBQ is going very well, the balance of our Lodge has been untouched for over a year. So, what was concluded, we have deep cleaned the entire Lodge.

We started with the range hood which was due for steam cleaning last year. That was done. Next came the kitchen and back bar area. We removed most if not all the items in the kitchen, then the steam cleaner service came to the Lodge, the next day, cleaned and inventoried kitchen items, got rid of the old junk, replaced all usable items back into a clean kitchen. We then worked on the replacement of the needed and junked items. We also did the same thing for the bar floor and cabinets. One of the refrigerated coolers, from where beers are served, needs repairing, hot beer not a big seller around Thousand Oaks. We then moved on to rest rooms, storage rooms, Lodge meeting room. The last cleaning job is the indoor patio area, the old smoking room.

Also decided at the House Meeting, **we are now a non-smoking Lodge**. Restaurants are now all non-smoking. The City forbids smoking within the area of any doorway into any building in our City. Lodge Policy and the Law won that round. We will come up with an outside location for our members who still smoke. The times, they are a changing.

After the Lodge is cleaned up, we will start working on staffing positions. We will get rid of old out of date items, cleanout the beer lines, restock needed items. Then have a final inspection by the Health Department. Look for a notice about reopening. Currently, the target date to reopen is no later than **June**, but as you see, we have done lots and have lots more to do first. If you wish the Lodge opened sooner rather than later, step up when the work parties are announced. As always, Thank You one and all to those who stepped up. Tune in for more help needed.

Richard Platt, Exalted Ruler

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Elks Care – Elks Share

Past Exalted Rulers (Time and Talent)

1972-73	Marvin D. Smith *	2001-02	John D'Ambrogio
1973-74	Erie Pittman, PDDGER	2002-03	Don Booker
1974-75	Richard Flake *	2003-04	Greg Metzgus, PDDGER, DL
1975-76	Bill Wagner *	2004-05	Jay Block *
1976-77	John E Henry *	2005-06	Sally Claunch *
1977-78	Robert McKee, PDDGER*	2006-07	David Naccarata
1978-79	Frank J Rindone PDDGER*	2007-08	Catherine Koeritz
1979-80	Edward F Stogsdell *	2008-09	George Meehan *
1980-81	Frank "Tex" Hastie *	2009-10	Terry Gicking, PDDGER
1981-82	Robert Hardy *	2010-11	Harry Brockwell *
1982-83	A John Nichols *	2011-12	Steve Smith
1983-84	John Nau	2012-13	Leo Rodriguez
1984-85	Vern Ogden *	2013-14	Terry Baker
1985-86	Dan Snyder	2014-15	Dan Martyn
1986-87	Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, PDL, PSP	2015-16	Jim Moye
1987-88	John E Henry *	2016-17	Mike Flannery
1988-89	Ted Lipka ^	2017-18	Jean Miraglia
1990-91	Don Ansell *	2018-19	Karen Martyn
1991-92	Gary Sleigh *	2019-20	Dan Hoffman
1992-93	Tom Ryder, PDDGER	2020-21	Dan Martyn
1993-94	Jim Wallace *		
1994-95	George Pekow *		
1995-096	Gil Riding, PDDGER		
1996-97	Jack Loughran *		
1997-98	John Kelly *		
1998-99	Chet Kozlowski		
1999-20	Richard Goldner, PDDGER		
2000-01	Jacob Panczak		

By Affiliation * Deceased

1981-82	Robert L Thornton, PDDGER *
2001-02	Bill Sternberg
2009-10, 13-14, 18-19	Grace Vega
1999-00	Ralph Vester *
1983-04, 02-03	Harold Constantine

Happy May Birthdays

Brian Thorkildsen-01	Sandra Regan - 17
Robert Hodgson-02	Gary Abrams – 18
Dean Curtis-03	Michael Cagely - 19
Sheryl Holloway-04	Robert Koeritz - 19
Peter Padilla-05	Steve Komjathy - 19
David Anderson=06	Hazen Arnold - 20
George Vivlamore-06	Rik Gessler - 20
Tom Baldridge-07	Dave Maddox - 22
Barbara Metzgus-07	David Stull - 23
Kathy Jo Johnson-08	Steve Woodlief - 24
Mati Cohen-09	Candice Caudill - 26
Ben Morris-10	Ron Watkins - 26
Anthony Federico-12	Tyson Flynn - 27
Steve Kerman-13	Michael Murray - 27
Tori Rogers-13	Rick Naranjo - 27
Bill Miller-14	Jeff Conyerns - 28
Carl Alaniz-15	Neal Scai – 29
Richard Rogers-16	
Kathy Moye-17	



Purple Pig Honor Roll – Treasure

Bill Joseph (Century Club)
 Anonymous (Century Club)
 Paul Stein (Century Club)
 Michael Becker (Millennium Club)
 Doug Ryan
 Adam Smith
 Luz Herrera
 Ken Krabel
 Adelaide Wavra
 Rich Lucariello (Century Club)
 John Puckett
 Steven Buczynski
 Clarence Brown
 Reem Agel
 David Anderson
 IB Jensen
 Forrest Godfrey
 Timothy Lane

Recurring donors - Treasure

Reem Agel
 David Anderson
 Terry Gicking
 Art Garcia
 Gerry Gillies
 Peter Gordon
 Brenda Hagen
 Dan Hoffman
 Inger Hogan
 Sheryl Holloway
 Ed Lees
 Greg Metzgus
 Alexandra Rogers
 Gregory Sweet
 Lyssa Wright

Elk of the Year: Lou Reiz
Officer of the Year: Terry Gickings
Citizen of the Year: Faye Stevens

Elks Care – Elks Share

Sickness and Distress

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

Keep in your prayers **Joseph Nemtusak** dealing with medical issues. **Tom Walsh** and **William Ratcliff** recovering from surgery. **Ella Holloway** passed away April 14, 2021, grandmother of **Sheryl Holloway**.

Applications, Reinstatements,

Transfers, demits

IB Jensen wishes to affiliate with the Las Vegas Lodge #1468. **Sylvia Guerra** wishes to affiliate with the Pasadena Lodge #672. **Alan Van Cleve** wishes to affiliate with the Henderson Lodge #2802. Applications for membership for **Daniel Picard** sponsored by **Chris Picard** AVP. Application for **Geary Carr** sponsored by David Naccarato. We have a reinstatement of **William Dennison**, a local roofer.

Help Wanted Ads

Committee Chairpersons Needed. Several positions need to be filled: Protocol, Drug Awareness, Youth Appreciation Night, Americanism, and Inaugural Ball.

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Our By-laws and Rules have not been revised for several years. What is needed is three to five people to read and understand our by-laws and rules, highlight areas that need revision, make appropriate revision suggestions. When finished, report to their results to the House Committee. Basically, some light reading and writing. Please see our Secretary or the ER if this opportunity has your name written all over it.

Elk of the Month – Brian Williams



Brian Williams is one of the people you will not be able to forget. He is one of the most pleasant and helpful members of our Lodge. Never have I heard a discouraging word from **Brian**, hot, cold, rain, always a smile and a "Hello". He works our BBQ, cooking hundreds of pounds of beef to perfection. I saw **Brian** cleaning out the BBQ wagon, hip deep in ash and burned wood. And who knows what else, that needed to be removed. Others were helping, for sure, but **Brian** was the member removing all the mess. He works doing Lodge maintenance and yard work, seasoning BBQ meats, really doing whatever is asked of him. We are incredibly lucky to have **Brian** as a member and Brother Elk. So, well done, Sir, and on to bigger and better things. Just knowing **Brian** makes all of us better people. You have earned this honor.

Elks Care – Elks Share

Elk Charities

All Elk lodges have numerous charities that we/they are involved with. Elks have donated their **Time, Talent, and Treasure** to these charities. The place where all this funding comes from are the members of the Lodge. Here are the Charities and from whom that came in with dues. Major Project/Purple Pig is listed in the Purple Pig honor roll. Thank you to all that support our Elk Charities. We could not do it without you.

Scholarship - Treasure

Johnny Gin	Adam Smith
Richard Platt	Ken Krtabel
Steve Finnerty	Daniel Hawkins
Allan Gottlieb	Steven Buczynski
Craig Burns	Virginia Grindley
Richard Ibarra	Reem Agel
Leslie Smith	David Anderson
Dennis Shankel	Ken Kolde
Art Garcia	Nelson Cabello
William Figge	Brian Mc Breen
John Moran	IB Jensen
John Perry	Jon Preston
Richard Shaw	Erie Pittman
Eugene Letourneau	Anthony Federico
Sandro Cano	Ed Jones
Michael Mathews	Don Skinner
	Ben Rieger



Scouting - Treasure

Johnny Gin	Steve Buczynski
Allan Gottlieb	Nelson Cabello
Dan Kozlowski	Brian Breen
Craig Burns	Jon Preston
Richard Ibarra	Erie Pittman
Leslie Smith	Anthony Federico
Dennis Shankel	Ed Jones
Art Garcia	Don Skinner
John Moran	Jerry Gilmore
Sandro Cano	Ben Rieger
Ken Krabel	Gary Harman

Veterans - Treasure

Johnny Gin	John Leadam
Steve Grindley	Toni Hartin
Steve Finnerty	John Mutolo
Dan Kozlowski	Virginia Grindley
Craig Burns	Reem Agel
Richard Ibarra	Dave Anderson
IP	Ken Kolde
Leslie Smith	Nelson Cabello
Robert Phillips	Inger Hogan
Dennis Shankel	Brian McBreen
Art Garcia	IB Jensen
John Moran	Jonathan Preston
Lee Dukehart	Erie Pitt
John Perry	Bruce Cameron
Richard Shaw	Anthony Federico
Sandro Cano	Ed Jones
Craig Lopez	Don Sabol
Carol Spinner	Marshall Knowlton
Douglas Bevan	Don Skinner
Ralph Sherwood	Ben Rieger
Jason Frase	Forest Godfrey
Ken Krabel	
Gary Harmon	
Jerry Gilmore	
John Nau	



Elks National

Foundation Also Known as ENF - Treasure

John Betancourt
Steven Brodie
Craig Burns
Stephen Finnerty
Richard Ibarra
Leslie Smith
Dennis Shankel
Art Garcia
John Moran
Richard Shaw
Sandro Cano
Luz Herrera
Ken Krabel
Adelaide Wavra
John Puckett
Steve Buczynski
Reem Agel
Toni Hartin
David Anderson

Lodge Officers – Time and Talent

ER	Richard Platt
Leading	Terry Gicking
Loyal	John Betancourt
Lecturing	Ron Watkins
Esquire	Adam Smith
Chaplain	Rita DeCorsi
Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Tiler	Lyssa Wright
Chair 2	Dan Hoffman
Trustee 1	Kathy Moye
Trustee 3	Reem Agel
Trustee 4	Steve Kerman
Trustee 5	Ed Lees

A Message from the Leading Knight Terry Gicking

What is the definition Of a “Good ELK”? I will answer a little later in this article. Did you know that our BBQ open and that we are serving a full menu.



I have not seen our members coming down to enjoy YOUR LODGE BBQ! Yes, we are open to the public and the public really supports us. It sure would be great to see of your smiling faces at least twice a month. Every week we have been asked how long have we been open? Our response is, “Since last June.” This means that we have not been getting the word out. This is where your help comes in. Help get the word out! Tell everyone you know that we are open. Your support of your Lodge BBQ is one way to help your Lodge give back to the community.

Another way you can be charitable is to donate to ENF. **Grace Vega**, PER, is organizing some great fundraising events for the “Great Heart of Elkdom.” Stay tuned. If you cannot wait, you can call the office, send a check OR sign up for the monthly donation through Elk.org/ENF. Not to be outdone by **Dan Hoffman**, PER, will be putting together fundraising dinners to benefit Purple Pig to help the Major Project. One of the dinners was **Sandy** and his famous chili and cornbread last month. In a future article, **Dan** will explain the many ways to donate to the Major Project. BLT is another favorite of mine, so I’m having **Art Garcia**, Lodge BLT Chairman, share in a future article just how easy and helpful signing up for this can be.

My definition of a “Good Elk” is someone who donates to help others with their Time, Talent, or Treasure! Each one of you stated in your orientation that you wanted to give back somehow.

As far as when the Lodge will open, there is a lot to do. Your Lodge officers are working hard to get the Lodge open before Mother’s Day. Please make sure to listen for Robo calls and Robo texts. Your Lodge needs your help and support. Please stay involved.

Fraternally, Terry

A Message from the Loyal Knight John Betancourt

As we start the Month May, I start thinking of now we are getting closer to re-opening the Lodge. I know as to when that, between our Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Lecturing Knight, and myself, with the Trustees we are are working on getting the Lodge open.

May is the month of Mother’s Day. We are opening the Lodge for this event. It will be a ceremony to honor our mothers. Time to be announced. Mothers and remembering those who are not with us. Breakfast served.

The month of April has been a very good one for Grab and Go dinners. A BIG THANKS goes out to those who took the time to make those great meals: **Jill Williams, Casey Bogganiano, and Sandy and Dan Hoffman, Donna Leary’s** was postponed til May, along with their kitchen helpers. I also have been in contact with **Shirte Gessler** as to when the Kampers will be serving of Sunday breakfast 1st and 4th Sundays of the month. Again, this will depend on approval of the Health Department. So, keep reading the *Antler* for updates as well as your text messages. As always, looking to fill our Friday night dinners. I will leave my email and cell number, if you would like to show off your culinary talents, plus it always goes to various charities of our Lodge. One final note, we are in the process having a plaque made honoring **Ed Rice** who did so much to bring the BBQ to where it is today.

John Betancourt
Loyal Knight
jbetancourt105@verizon.net.



A Message from Lecturing Knight

Ron Watkins



Greetings Fellow Elks!

It is a great honor to be nominated and elected to the position of Esteemed Lecturing Knight. My name is Ron Watkins. I was introduced to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks back in 2005, by **David Naccarato** as well as my neighbor **Jim Rochford**. David and I had a close working relationship together at that time as he was parts manager at Ladin Lincoln Mercury and I was General Manager for Bridgestone-Firestone of Thousand Oaks. The job kept me terribly busy especially as a single parent of a young teenage boy. I did not get involved as I would have liked to. My son went on to become a US Marine of which I am terribly proud. He received the Naval Award of Merit along with other commendations for his part in capturing the pirates who took the Maersk ship, *Alabama*, which was later made into the movie, "Saving Captain Phillips," starring **Tom Hanks**.

I retired in 2017 thinking now I would be able to spend more time with the Lodge. However, my mother became extremely ill and my sister and I were terribly busy taking care of her and my father. My mother passed away later that year. My father became so distraught as they were married just short of 60 years. I moved him in with me and is doing better. He is very supportive of my participation in the Elks.

I have always loved the ocean and after Retirement I went to school and obtained my US Coast Guard Master Captain's License. I am now a part time charter boat captain.

So here we are in 2021 and the Elks are ready. Our Lodge has weathered COVID better than many and we are getting closer to reopening when its safe. I am really looking forward to getting reacquainted with all of the members.

Brotherly Love, Ron Watkins, Lecturing Knight

A Message from the Lodge Secretary

David Naccarato, PER



Dues are arriving everyday. We have 110 delinquent members. Which means when we reopen they will not be to use Lodge facilities. A second notice has gone out. As of April 1st no more "Early Bird" stickers. Wars have been fought over those stickers. If you feel I left off a sticker on your card, it can be retified in the office Tues-Thurs, 10-32.

Our founder, **Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian** was born in 1842, the son of a clergyman. He was a successful comedian, singer, and dancer. After appearing at all the major halls in London, he set his sights on America to try his fortune. **Vivian** arrived in New York City in 1867 to try out his craft. Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated to his magnetic personality. In New York at that time were "Blue Laws". Establishments were closed on Sundays, so the group of entertainers started meeting weekly on Sunday for their own amusement. A loose organization was formed to make sure the larder was well stocked for these gatherings. They Call themselves the "Jolly Corks." **Vivian** has demonstrated a trick done with a cork to see who bought drinks. Kind of How we roll the dice for drinks . . . wait, we don't do that. It's illegal!

One of their members passed Christmas that same year leaving a wife and children destitute. The "Jolly Corks" decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need.

On February 16, 1868, **The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks** was established with **Vivian** as its head. The social activities were so popular their membership grew rapidly. With the entertainers always traveling, requests were made to start up groups across the country. It was apparent that there was a need for a Grand Lodge, or governing body, was needed. The first local chapter was Ne4w York Lodge #1. It was chartered on March 10, 1871.

Next month: the ties to Lincoln . . . Tune in!

Officers Hold Abbreviated Ceremony

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 held a short ceremony installing our new officers on March 28, 2021 at noon. The Master of Ceremonies was **Richard Goldner**, PDDGER, PER. The ceremony allowed the Lodge to transfer responsibilities to the officers on April 1, 2021. The new Trustees met to formulate the 2021-2022 Budget for the Lodge. Lodge Officers practiced twice a week for the Ritual Contest held at the Santa Barbara Lodge this past month.

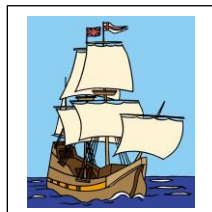


New Elks are Welcomed



THE FEBRUARY CLASS
OF NEW ELKS
CONGRATS FOR JOINING
THE THOUSAND OAKS
ELKS LODGE #2477

*April showers bring May Flowers.
What do Mayflowers bring?
.... Pilgrims*



Mothers Honored

Mother's Day is the day we honor our mothers. Elks are currently arranging a Mother's Day Breakfast provided by El Konejo Kampers and a ceremony for mothers and presentation of flowers to all the moms present. As of this date, we are unsure of exact times of the event. If unable to attend, buy your mom a lovely gift, call her, take her to dinner. She has basically been home bound for the last year. Remember the good times.

Our New Members Are:

Joseph Cardenas, Carl Alaniz, Timi Vaughn, Ralph Davies, Neal Schai, Steven Imes, Richard Jones, and Joe Escobar. Welcome to the Lodge.

A Brother in Need

One of our Lodge members has a critical need to move, ASAP. He now lives across the street from the Lodge. He drives a special model car, very chic. His neighbors have stolen parts from his car, poured urine into the interior of the car, punctured his tires. Members of gangs also live in the apartment building; his safety is in danger. He needs someone to rent him a room on a temporary basis. He has household goods to store. Needs help moving also. Elks should never be forgotten, for if we cannot help him who can we help. Please call the office and let David know you can help. No one is ever more in God's good grace than when you help those in need.

Committees for the 2021-2022 Year

Please volunteer for a committee or Lead one.

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Bar Liaison: Dan Hoffman, PER
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Elks National Foundation: ENF Grace Vega PER
Christmas Basket Program: Terry Gicking PER
Kitchen Operations: John Betancourt
Lodge Activities: Sheryl Holloway
Flag Day/ Flag Retirement: John Betancourt
Government Relations: John Betancourt
Elks Memorial Service: Rita Dacorsi
Veteran Services: Tom Ryder PDDGER, PER
Youth Activities: Ron Watkins
Hoop Shoot: Anna Garcia
Drug Awareness: **Needed**

Membership: David Naccarato PER
Investigation: John Betancourt, Alex Rogers
Orientation: Terry Gicking PER, PDDGER
Auditing & Accounting: Art Garcia
Lapsed and Strayed Elks: Jean Miraglia PER
Maintenance: "Max" Maxwell
Grounds: Brian Williams
Facilities: Dean Reichle & Jeff Conyers
Greeters: Dorothy Murray & Kathy Moyer
PER Association President: Jean Miraglia PER
Youth Appreciation Night: **Needed**
Flag Day/Flag Retirement: John Betancourt
Scholarship: Reem Agel
Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers
Charity Matters: Terry Gicking PDDGER, PER
El Konejo Kampers: Shirte Gessler
Christmas Tree Lot: Carlos Muzquiz
Calendar: John Betancourt
Mediator: Rick Rodgers
Mother's Day: John Betancourt
Inaugural Ball: **Needed**
Law Enforcement/Firefighters: Paul Stein
Public Relations: Lyssa Wright
Scouting: Greg Metzgas
Americanism: **Needed**
Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief

HELP Us Serve Our Community

El Konejo Kampers are Back

El Konejo Kampers February 2021 Kampout

In February the Kampers started off 2021 with a bang, or should I say, lots of wind! We went to a new spot above Santa Barbara called Ocean Mesa. It was a beautiful campground. Eight rigs came up and we all got to admire **John Puckett's** new trailer. Some people went exploring in the nearby town of Buellton while others played games. We even tried a new version of Bingo called Wine-O Bingo. All in all it was a great start to another year of glamping and camaraderie.



El Konejo Kampers March Kampout

In March, the Kampers headed to Pismo Coast Village RV Resort. What a wonderful place. Beautiful spaces, right next to the beach. The weather wasn't the best – it rained a bit, and it was very windy. But, that didn't stop us. We played dice, Poker, and most of the men went to play a round of golf in Morro Bay. On Saturday, **Virginia** cooked us a wonderful tri-tip meal with all the fixings. We enjoyed the RV park so much we have already booked it for early next year. Hopefully, everyone who attended in March will return next year to continue the fun in Pismo.

The Meaning of National Holidays

Veteran's Day is to honor those who served in the military. Also known as **Armistice Day**, 11/11/1918. **Armed Forces Day** is to honor those currently serving in the military. **Memorial Day** honors those who have died in the service for their country.



Hey, are you looking for a good time?

Option #1:

What about a whale watching boat trip! Recently, Jim Moye was asked to see if he could put together a Lodge activity, a day trip of whale watching. So, what is needed to rent a boat from a local marina is about thirty plus Lodge members, estimated cost per member of \$50, maybe some sea sickness type medicine, and we are in for a particularly good time. I do recall a TV show about a three-hour tour!



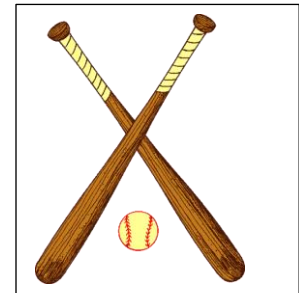
Option #2:



What about a bus trip to Laughlin, Nevada? Again, what is needed is about 30 plus members, the cost of the bus divided up per member. We can make arrangement for rooms in Laughlin. I mean what hotel would not welcome the Thousand Oaks Elks.

Option #3:

A bus trip to a Dodger Game, far shorter than Laughlin, Nevada, and better odds than winning at the crap table? Better hot dogs, World Series Champs! Come on, live a little. Tickets and the trip cost divided by the number of members going, this one is that home run you may be looking for!



What we need is for you to decide which options you would be interested in participating, please email the office toelks@gmail.com with your selections, we will then make further arrangements and contact you with more information. Please support your Lodge, if not these options, then what? If you have other ideas, e-mail the office so we can do what you are looking for. Other possibilities are The Huntington Library and Gardens, Nethercutt Automobile Museum, Reagan Library, Nixon Library and more.

House Committee Agenda Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 April 7, 2021

1. Flag Salute – Completed
2. Maintenance Overview & Report. Concluded
3. Budget Updates. Provided Information
4. Reopening the Lodge. Discussion & Update
5. Upper RV Parking Area. Provided Information
6. Patio Issues. Discussion & Revision
7. BBQ Room Plaque. Completed
8. Zoom Updates. Not Provided
9. Summer Uniform. Discussion
10. Janitor Services. Discussion & Revision

