

# Antler Antics



## Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

### Message from The Exalted Ruler, Richard Platt



On August 4<sup>th</sup>, Kris Picard, PER and WCCD Vice President conducted her official visitation of our Lodge. I think things went very well. Our Committee Chairmen and Officers did an excellent job. As was noted, our Lodge Secretary and his better half, put together the different reports into a cohesive story, so that the AVP understood, who we are. The AVP asked probing questions to which our chairmen as well as your Knights answered. Not with their version, but the facts as each knew. All

did well, but a few did fabulously.

After the inspection, it was time for the collective mixer. Our fundraiser auction went over very well; your Lodge Officers sold many tickets to our visitors. Then, it was time to eat. Jill Williams, as usual, put together a fantastic crew, who made a wonderful meal, that all enjoyed. We had seventy-two well feed Elks within twenty minutes. Everyone said that the meal was one of the best; I agree completely.

It was Elk's introductions and followed the devouring of chicken, tri-tip, and baby back ribs, and potato salad. Then the AVP addressed the audience. Kris Picard told us of CHEA President Jay Larkins expectations and views for the larger California Elk programs and was even able to weave a few of our Lodge Chairmen, by name, into her speech. Her speech was well received by all.

Eleven of the dozen Lodges in our District sent representatives. We also had visitors from the Metropolitan District. I look forward to seeing our AVP's findings, which will be a helpful tool to use for the rest of this year. I want to thank our members, committee chairmen, Lodge officers, kitchen and bar staff, visitors, **Kris Picard**, her family, **Greg Metzger** and **Tony Markarian**, their families, and David Martin, our DDGER, for their **Support, Advise, and Friendship** this year.

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.

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**Message from the  
Leading Knight**

Greetings and welcome to September. The days start getting shorter as we head into Fall, but #2477 has plenty of ways to help you get excited to help others in need. We are beginning to sell our Charity Ball Raffle tickets! The raffle is for a Yeti Cooler (\$350 value, purchased and donated by Jill Williams) and filled with top shelf libations donated by the Lodge Officers. The raffle tickets are \$20 each. The proceeds from this raffle will help fund our Charity Basket program for the holiday season, along with additional funding for ENF. Your generous contribution will be greatly appreciated. See any of the Lodge Officers, Lodge Secretary, office, or the lounge bartenders. The drawing will be on Sunday, October 24, at the Charity Ball dinner. Winner does not need to be present. Dinner will be prepared by special guest chef Sharon Thompson, President of the Ventura Emblem Club. She has graciously agreed to put on one very delicious meal for #2477! The meal is Chicken Cordon Bleu with all the fixings. Cost is \$20 for dinner, and it also includes a chance drawing for 2 more Yeti Raffle tickets. Social hour begins at 3pm, with dinner at 4pm and the drawing for the Yeti will be held following dinner. Dinner tickets will go on sale on October 1. Please purchase your Yeti Raffle tickets today through October 24.

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Message from the  
Loyal Knight



Let's Us Not Forget!

Sept. 11th will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a day that for most of us, we will all remember. It is a day that saw an event that we though could never happen in this great country of ours again. The first being the attack was on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7th, 1941. It was a day that brought a great amount of sorrow and uncertainty.

In trying to write an article for this month Antler I find myself at a loss for words. We should all be thankful and at the same time stop to remember the brave First Responders who gave so much of themselves to save the lives of those who were in need and to this day continue to do so.

I wish you and your families good health and much happiness.

John Betancourt  
Esteemed Loyal Knight.

A follow up to Cook-Your-Own steak night. July was a huge success! I saw new members mingling with long-standing members and everyone had a great time. My sister and brother-in-law from Yucca Valley were glad to be a part of the experience and they enjoyed themselves immensely. We had a great visit. For the next CYO, my team and I are adding Hector Morales, PER from Simi Valley Lodge

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**Message from the Lecturing Knight**

Hello Fellow Elks!

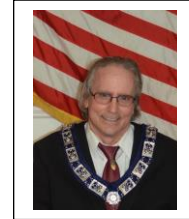
It has been so nice seeing all the Elks returning to the Lodge and supporting the programs. The Friday night dinners have been spectacular.

As you know being an elk is distinctly American. With that I am asking fellow Elks to participate in a program under Americanism. If you display the American flag at your home and fireside 24 hours and have it lit during darkness you will be recognized at the next meeting with a certificate and appreciation from all your fellow members. There is a form to submit after doing so available from the office of the Lodge. I can think of no better way to support our country and troops during these challenging times.

Thank you,  
Ron Watkins  
Lecturing Knight

**Dan Hoffman's Roast**

He traded in a hotrod for a wife of 48 years



**Message from the Secretary, David Nacarato**

Every State Association has a Major Project. California-Hawaii State Association started back in 1950, “the **California-Hawaii Elks Major Project**” where our State Trustees watch over a therapy program for kids 6 months to 18 years of age who can receive much needed physical, occupational, speech-language pathologists, for children whose parents who may not have access or if none is available. Maybe in between jobs and lost their coverage. We also supply pre-school vision screeners to hopefully catch an early detection of lazy eye and other early childhood eye problems. Now our therapists make house calls. We go to the home weekly, work with the kids, work with the parents so that they may continue therapy in between visits of our professional therapist. Our therapists are rewarded by working for us. many have been with **CHEMPI** for 30 years+. We furnish their car, gas, insurance, and further training. It’s a 4-million-dollar a year budget and is only funded by every Lodge in California and Hawaii and its members. We thank the recurring donors they don’t even think about it. Every month their donation goes in automatically, and Fresno keeps a tally and when a century club or millennium is made you receive a certificate and pin. Minimum recurring sign up is \$5 monthly, the most is left to your imagination. **CHEMPI** is a 501c (3) tax deductible donation.

### Officers 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler: Richard Platt  
Leading Knight: Terry Gicking PER  
PDDGER  
Loyal Knight: John Betancourt  
Lecturing Knight: Ron Watkins  
Esquire: Adam Smith  
Chaplain: Rita Dacorsi  
Treasurer: Bill Joseph  
Inner Guard: Gregg Miraglia  
Tiler: Lyssa Wright  
One Year Trustee: Kathy Moye  
Two Year Trustee: Dan Hoffman\*  
Three Year Trustee: Reem Agel  
Four Year Trustee: Steve Kerman  
Five Year Trustee: Ed Lees

\*Chairman of the Board of Trustees

### Save these Dates

October 24<sup>th</sup> Charity Ball  
Yeti Raffle  
November 13<sup>th</sup>  
ENF Dinner

### Past Exalted Rulers

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 Naccarato
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 *	*Deceased
1994-95 George Pekow *	By Affiliation
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	1981-82 Robert Thornton*,
1996-97 Jack Loughran *	
PDDGER	
1997-98 John Kelly *	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1998-99 Chet Kozlowski *	2009-10, 13-14, 18-19 Grace Vega
1999-20 Richard Goldner, PDDGER	1999-00 Ralph Vester *
2000-01 Jacob Panczak	1983-04, 02-03 Harold Constantine

### Lodge Hours

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Noon to 8 PM</b>
<b>Saturday-Sunday</b>	<b>Noon – 6PM</b>
<b>Office Hours</b>	<b>Tues-Thurs 10-3 10AM-3PM</b>

# Committees for the 2021-2022 Year

Please volunteer for a committee or lead one. Please note openings.

## Responsible to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics  
Editor: Gayle Platt  
Proofreading: Gayle Platt & Mary Woodlief  
USPS Mailing: David Naccarato  
Website: Kira Wagner PER  
Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato PER  
BBQ: Steve Kerman  
Photography: Jill Williams  
Protocol: Terry Gicking & David Naccarato PERS  
Presiding Judge: John Moran  
Lodge Room Setup: Bill Joseph  
Youth Appreciation Night: Reem Agel

Membership: David Naccarato PER  
Investigation: John Betancourt, Alex Rogers,  
Diane Jones  
Orientation: Terry Gicking PER, PDDGER  
Auditing & Accounting: Art Garcia  
Lapsed and Strayed Elks: PERS  
Maintenance: Dean Reichle  
Grounds: Brian Williams & Richard Ibarra  
Facilities: Dean Reichle & Jeff Conyers  
Greeters: Dorothy Murray & Kathy Moye  
PER Association: Jim Moye PER

## Responsible to the Leading Knight

Bar Liaison: Dan Hoffman PER  
Community Activities: Terry Gicking PER, PDDGER  
Major Project/Purple Pig: Dan Hoffman PER  
Bequests & Living Trusts: Art Garcia  
Elks National Foundation: Grace Vega PER

Christmas Tree Lot: Carlos Muzquiz  
Christmas Baskets: Terry Gicking PER, PDDGER  
Sickness & Distress: Alex Rogers  
Charity Matters: Terry Gicking PER, PDDGER  
El Konejo Kampers: Shirste Gessler

## Responsible to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations: John Betancourt  
Lodge Activities: Sheryl Holloway  
Flag Day/Flag Retirement: John Betancourt  
Government Relations: John Betancourt  
Elks Memorial Service: Rita Dacorsi  
Veteran's Services: Tom Ryder PER PDDGER

Calendar: John Betancourt  
Mediator: Rick Rodgers  
Mother's Day: Rita Dacorsi  
Inaugural Ball: **Needed**  
Law Enforcement/Fire fighters: Paul Stein  
Public Relations: Lyssa Wright

## Responsible to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: Ron Watkins  
Hoop Shoot: Duke Kopacz  
Drug Awareness: **Needed**  
Scholarship: Reem Agel

Scouting: Greg Metzgas  
Americanism: **Pending**  
Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief  
Youth Appreciation: Reem Agel

**HELP Us Serve Our  
Community Better**

# Elks Care – Elks Share

## Sickness and Distress

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

**Max Maxwell** was hospitalized with a brain bleed and is recuperating at rehab. **Ron Watkins** recovering from Kidney Stones. **Elaine Goldner**, wife of **Richard Goldner** PER, passed away on July 31, 2021. **John Mutolo's** son, John, passed away in a hiking accident.

### *In Memoriam*

“To our absent members”  
An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.

<b>Thomas Walsh, Jr</b>	<b>Dan Snyder PER</b>	<b>Don Sobol</b>
Born 4/11/1939	9/14/1947	7/19/1929
Initiated 11/30/2005	10/21/1981	1/4/1954
Died 07/31/2021	8/11/2021	8/12/2021

## Applications for membership

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Michael Griffiths	Steve Hearst	Engineer
Shelby Parris	Reem Agel	Amgen
Raymond Kovacic	Maree Conteres	Retired
Jason Hardy	Stephen Dodge	General Contractor
Brendan Devin	Dennis Albi	
Thomas Lucas	Rick Herrera	Performance Nursery

## For Affiliation

Frank Lusher transfer from Santa Monica Lodge #906



*A Coin a Day so they can  
Walk, Talk, See and Play!*

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Tuesday Dart  
Teams \$80.00  
Bill Joseph  
Greg Miraglia  
Roger Markel  
Marvin Gregory  
Darryl Kopacz  
Trudy Smith

## Recurring Donors

Reem Agel  
David Anderson  
John Betancourt  
Art Garcia  
Terry Gicking  
Gerry Gillies  
Peter Gordon  
Brenda Hagen  
Daniel Hoffman  
Inger Hogan  
Sheryl Holloway  
Ed Lees  
Greg Metzgas  
Richard Platt  
Alexandra Rogers  
Gregory Sweet  
Lyssa Wright



### September Activities

- 9/1 BUNCO 6PM
- 9/3 Chicken Dinner 5:30PM
- 9/4 BBQ #1
- 9/5 Breakfast 10-12
- 9/7 Quilters & Darts
- 9/8 Lodge Meeting 7PM
- 9/10 Porkloin Dinner 5:30PM
- 9/11 BBQ #2  
911 Potluck 2-6PM
- 9/12 Blood Drive
- 9/13 Quilters
- 9/14 Quilters & Darts
- 9/15 House Mtg 6PM  
Trustee Mtg 7PM
- 9/17 Fish Fry/Pin Night
- 9/18 BBQ #3
- 9/19 Veteran's Breakfast 10-12
- 9/20 Quilters
- 9/21 Orientation, Quilters &  
Darts
- 9/22 Initiation 7PM
- 9/24 Cook Your Own Steak  
5:30PM
- 9/25 BBQ #4
- 9/26 Breakfast 10-12
- 9/27 Quilters
- 9/28 Quilters & Darts
- 9/29 Purple Pig Fundraiser  
Baked Ziti Dinner 530PM

### Veteran's Breakfasts

On Sunday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** we are having a **Veteran's Breakfast**. Any member who is a Veteran will receive a free breakfast. Bring your ID cards. If you have family or neighbors who are Veterans, please bring them along. They will be **treated** to a free breakfast too.

### Pin Night

On Friday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** is **Elks Pin Night**. All those receiving pins will be notified by the Lodge Secretary. Hope to see you there.

### First Lady Thoughts

#### Platt Potato Salad Recipe

**Ingredients:** Red Potatoes, Green Onions, Celery, Eggs, Mayonnaise, Spanish Smoked Paprika, and Parsley Flakes.

**Red potatoes** cut into bite size piece (leave skin on). Boil till tender. 15 minutes or so. Chop four or so **green onions** and **celery**. Hard Boil 6 **eggs** . Chop **eggs**, leave one to garnish top. Combine cooked **potatoes, green onions, celery** and chopped **eggs**. Add **mayonnaise** (not Miracle Whip) to taste. Topped 5:30PM with sliced remaining egg. Sprinkle **Spanish Smoked Paprika** and **Parsley** on top.  
Serves 6-8

## **El Konejo Kampers Visit Oceano**

At the Oceano Rally we had 12 rigs and 25 people that included members and guests.

I would like to thank my wife **Cheryl** for her tremendous assistance planning, organizing, and controlling the rally. I would also like to thank John Puckett for running the corn hole tournament and Jim Miller for bringing his fire pit.

After arrival on Thursday, we had a group dinner provided by the Wagon Master of pull pork sandwiches, baked beans and coleslaw. For dessert we had cannolis and lemon bars. YUM, YUM!!!

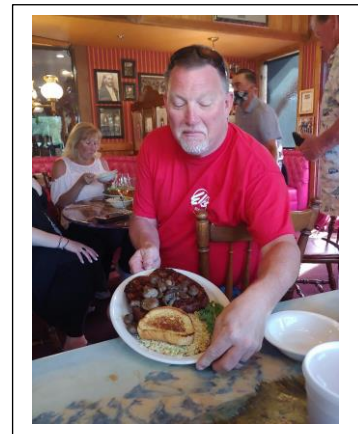
On Friday 6 of us played golf at the Cypress Ridge golf course. On Friday night most of us had dinner at AJ Spurs Saloon and Dining Hall. The food and service were excellent and plentiful. I believe just about everyone took home doggie bags. The exciting part of the dinner was watching **Rik Gessler** and guest, 16-year-old **Cody Spiker** (guest of **Lyssa Wright**) polish off their 35oz steaks. I got a stomachache just watching them. Congrats to both, they did it and won an achievement Tee shirt.

Saturday was another fun day. Starting off with breakfast, **Cheryl** put together a wonderful egg casserole, beans, banana muffins and of course mimosas. WOW, we went through 7 bottles of champagne and a gallon of orange juice.

Saturday was the Corn Hole Tournament coordinated, organized, controlled, and won by **John Puckett** and his partner **Kelly Reed**.

Saturday nights group dinner was a potluck affair. As expected, everyone came through with great salads, entrees, and desserts. Of course, we had our 50/50 raffle, won by Pattie Bauman and the free campout won by John Puckett. Sheriff **Rik Gessler** collected \$55 in fines.

A great time was had by all.  
**Paul Stein**, Wagon Master.



**Off to Visalia in September**



September Birthdays

- 3 Julie Cook  
Dan Hoffman  
John Mutolo
- 4 Juan Garcia-Lopez  
Geoffrey Garcia  
Tom Ryder
- 5 David Dennison
- 6 Leonard Cardoni  
Edwin Jones
- 7 Morton Barancik  
Dorothy Murray
- 8 Anna Garcia
- 10 William Dennison  
Jean Miraglia
- 11 Larry Zarybnicky
- 12 Kathee Wilson
- 13 Dennis Anderson  
Paul Mekhedjian
- 15 James LaRue  
Christine Rundle
- 16 Lisa Teevan
- 17 William Lloyd
- 18 Christopher Campbell  
Kirk Keeler
- 21 Steven Hennderson
- 22 Juanita Feamster
- 23 Stella Violoano
- 24 Ralph Davis  
Boyd Lindquist
- 25 Karen Martyn  
Robert Wilie
- 26 Michael Dow  
Marshall Knowlton
- 27 Richard Russillo
- 28 Stephen Buczynski  
Doug Carroll
- 29 Brian Boals  
John Nau
- 30 Reem Agel

**Girl Scout Court of Awards and Troop  
Culmination Ceremony Held**

August 10, 2021, our **Lodge** was honored to host **Girl Scout Troop 60894 Court of Awards and Troop Culmination Ceremony**. **Richard Goldner**, PER, PDDGER hosted the event. Guests included **Richard Platt**, ER and his wife, **Terry Gicking** PER, PDDGER, Leading Knight, **David Nacarrato** PER, Secretary, **Reem Agel**, Trustee, and **Lyssa Wright**, Tiler.

Four girls received **Girl Scout Gold Awards**, the equivalent to the **Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award**. **Elena Ziff** received her award for a **Composting Center for Camp JCS Shalom**. **Christina Knight** received hers for a **Special Needs Kids Room at The Bridge Church** in Newbury Park. **Emily Vaughn** received hers for creating the **Arnaz Astronomy Program** for various ages. **Jasmine Winter** received hers for creating **Math Learning Games and Activities for Hillcrest Christian School**. All these girls had overcome many obstacles, especially COVID restrictions, to complete their projects. Each received gifts, certificates, and Statues from the Elks. Congratulations to all of them. Looking forward to each of them applying for Elks Scholarships this year.



AVP Visit a Success

Hit of the Evening: Potato Salad and new meat provider. YUMMY!



### Major Project Awards

By David Naccarato

Awards were handed out to **Greg and Barbara Metzger** for obtaining \$10,000 in donations to the Major Project.

**Art Garcia** for \$5,000, **Gregg and Jean Miraglia** for \$2,000. To **Lyssa Wright** for sewing face masks during the pandemic and getting her employer, Bank of America, to match funds for a total of \$875.00 Plus her personal donations put her over to **Millennium Club** status. At the next meeting we will present her award so don't tell her.

### Rick Herrera by David Naccarato

One member who missed being a Charter member by just months is Richard Herrera. Richard has been our scholarship chairman twice in the 50 years of our lodge. He has been our Americanism chairman and is still in charge of the fund-raising efforts for scholarship. Membership numbers from 1 to 255 are our charter members. Rick Herrera's number is 273, missed it by 18. Richard was a member in Lancaster where his father was Exalted Ruler. He lived in Thousand Oaks and if he had known about the lodge starting, he would have also been a Charter member. Maybe we can make him an honorable Charter member.

### Americanism by David Naccarato

If you fly a flag at your home 24/7 submit a request to the office for Flag recognition from The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. You will receive a certificate and a picture in our Antler and maybe the Elks magazine. This month is **Harold Constantine** who is a Past Exalted Ruler for San Fernando Lodge and transferred his membership to Thousand Oaks when he moved into the new apartments across the street. He now resides in Missouri but still keeps tabs on us by email and the **Antler Antics**. Harold is 50-year member and has just turned 95 years young.

### Crying Towel

July 14<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> capsule drawing \$500 **John Mutolo** not present 2<sup>nd</sup> capsule drawing to **Steve Kerman** present and Winner!!!! Lucky 13 **Adam Smith** no winner.

July 28<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> capsule drawing \$500 **Bill Miller** not present 2<sup>nd</sup> capsule drawing \$25 **Charles Pederson** not present. Lucky 13 \$45.00 **Jean Miraglia** pulled the ace winner!!! Donated to **ENF**.

By David Naccarato

**The Elks National Foundation** offers a BLT bonus to our members. BLT stands for Bequest and Living Trust. You can invest in the BLT legacy program where you invest \$10,000 into the BLT and you will receive 7.5% in return every year. Not a bad investment. Our BLT chairman is **Arthur Garcia** and if you are interested you may call the office and I will help you get in touch with him to answer all your questions.

### 50-year anniversary by David Naccarato

To start a Lodge in a new city, the Grand Lodge Statues require some steps into becoming a Lodge. First you need at least 300 Charter members. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1972, **Marvin Smith, Erle Pittman, Richard Flake** and 112 others requested dispensation to that one requirement. It was granted and they moved forward with becoming the **Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge**. By the time of our installation of officers and the signing of the charter by our charter members we had 255 charter members. Next year the lodge will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. On display will be all the history of the Lodge. Lots to see and reminisce. As we get closer and plans are made, you plan to be a part of it.

Thanking **Jill Williams** for her photographic images she takes at all Lodge Events. Without Jill, this Lodge would be lost.

**Around the Lodge** by David Naccarato

**Thousand Oaks High School** held the last day of a three-day reunion at our Lodge. Huge thanks to all who were involved with suppling lunch to the attendees. Kathy Moye, my right hand was here from dawn to dusk. Others on the assembly line were **Dan Hoffman, Terry Gicking, Richard Platt, John Betancourt, Casey Boggiano**, new member **Diane Letulier**, and **Carlos Musquiz**. **Jill Williams** made her special potato salad and had it ready for us. **Casey** had the beans going and all worked out well when working together. I was going to purchase the sandwiches already made but it was more fun working together in the preparation, of course **Dan Hoffman** asked for everything we did not plan on, putting on the sandwiches.

**ELK OF THE MONTH** by Richard Platt

One of the high points of being the ER of an Elks Lodge is selecting the Elk of the Month. Many Members contribute some, usually a very few, give oodles beyond what is customary. Grace Vega regularly goes beyond every standard. Whatever is asked of her helping with the opening of the Lodge, accomplishing the training of our bar staff, coordinating the Lodge meeting room rentals, working the BBQs, or helping with our Ritual Team, Grace was and is there, making each of us around her immeasurably better. Not shy to tell you the truth, when wrong. Grace is a three-time ER and very few in all BPOE, can say that. We are blessed to have Grace in our Lodge. Thank you, Grace Vega, from the bottom of my heart.

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#2492. Hector is a retired butcher, we will have him cut your steak to the size you want, and we will charge you by the ounce. You will be able to purchase a regular size steak if you so choose. Prices will be determined closer to the event, as meat as meat prices are fluctuating currently. It still should be a reasonable price.

We have met per capita in ENF and our Major Project/Purple Pig. Please don't stop donating to our great charities. We have many ways you can do this. The one way for ENF is through the Fidelity Club. That is setting up a recurring donation monthly. Another way is a regular donation. Both are tax deductible. For more info, visit [Elks.org/ENF](http://Elks.org/ENF) and hit the donate button. Another way to donate is to the Purple Pig. You can set up a monthly donation, a one-time donation or through the BLT program. Go to [CHEA-Elks.org](http://CHEA-Elks.org) and click on the donate button and find out more.

Remember, **Elks Care-Elks Share**. This is YOUR time to shine!  
Fraternally, EIEIO

***Ritual Awards***



The Ritual Contest took place in May 2021. Next Year's host will be our Lodge, Thousand Oaks #2477. Terry Gicking is the person in charge of the Ritual for the Central Coast District Contest.

<p><b><u>Elk Pin Night</u></b></p> <p><b><u>5 Years</u></b>  Gary Abrams  Mike Becker  John Betancourt  David Blackburn  Steven Brodie  Doug Brown  Joe Buckhout  Mati Cohen  James Coon  Larry Cummings  Ed DaCorsi  Rita DaCorsi  Claudia Flappier  William Fulton  Anna Garcia  Robert Hodgson  Steven  Komjathy  Joseph Loy  Jodi Mannino  Mary McBride  Ted Meyer  Richard Platt  Milton Price  Sandra Ragan  Richard Russillo  Jim Ryland</p>	<p>Jim Ryland</p> <p><b><u>10 Years</u></b>  David Biedebach  Craig Burns  Michael Dow  John Gentzvein  Jennifer Hassell  David Hawkins  Sherri Jones  Steven Kammerer  Greg Lockwood  Craig Lopez  Michael Matthews  Doug Morrison  Angela Porter  Bill Sternberg  Brian Thorkildsen  Allen Zatkin</p> <p><b><u>15 Years</u></b>  Gerry Gillies  Sheryl Holloway  Wendell Oxford  Paul Stein</p> <p><b><u>20 Years</u></b>  Steve Chiszar  Toni Martin  Duke Kopacz  Bill Miller  Bill O'Shea</p>	<p>Leo Rodriguez  Steve Smith</p> <p><b><u>25 Years</u></b>  Len Cardoni  Marc Donavan  Rik Gessler  Boyd Lindquist  Jack Paulson  David Skull</p> <p><b><u>30 Years</u></b>  Richard Goldner  David Pearson  Ed Jones</p> <p><b><u>35 Years</u></b>  Robert Koeritz  Jim Allen</p> <p><b><u>40 Years</u></b>  Ray Laraway  Don Skinner</p> <p><b><u>45 Years</u></b>  Stephen Pence  Scott F. Dool</p> <p><b><u>50 Years</u></b>  Ron Barron  Larry Zarybnicky</p> <p><b><u>60 Years</u></b>  Ron Pizitz</p>
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**Costs and Managing Business** by Richard Platt

The Lodge bar is currently open seven days a week. Presently bar sales on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday are roughly \$150.00 per day. We are not losing money at this point but are not going to make our projected yearly income. Like most things we buy, the cost of majority of the stock items we purchase are going up. The easy answers are either to buy less stock or look to increase prices. Then again, we are asking you to come in more often. Increased bar sales represent a positive influence on profitably.

That same economic cycle, increased cost of goods sold & decreased profitably, is impacting our BBQ, the economic lifeblood of the Lodge. I have talked with the BBQ Chief as well as the Crew Chiefs, and many of the crew members. Several members have nearly two decades of Saturday BBQing.

Gross BBQ sales numbers are up, but our cost of goods, stuff we buy to then sell retail is up, our percentage of profit (actual money made) is down. Again, it is that projected income trouble. Come to a House Meeting to learn more. That way Wednesday's bar sales will be up, which will help, and you will hear the entire conversations and outcome to these and many more issues. Supporting your Lodge is good business.