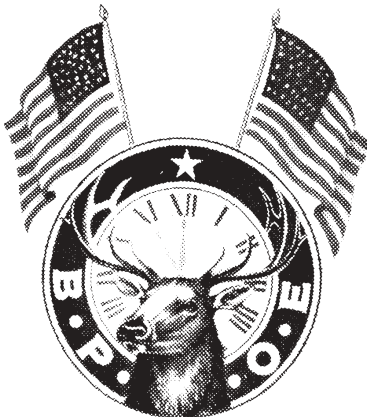


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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

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Members & Friends,

October has been a busy month. We now have a Popcorn machine! So come to the Lodge and enjoy 'Free Pop Corn' and thank our Brother, Jack Malone for funding the Pop Corn for one year.

We are making plans to improve our Lodge even more, and we are continuing soon.

We have our Homecoming for DDGER, Tom Ryder and Kathy on Oct. 19th, and though we will be on a trip through New England for 8 days we know it will be memorable. We are hoping to visit some Lodges there.

November honors our Veterans. We will be busing the veterans to our Lodge Nov. 3rd for a brunch, thanks to Jim Kellogg and our members.

I would like to thank Lee Grindle and Crew for all the work they are doing on our BBQ Wagon. They are our 'Unsung Heroes'. they do two BBQ's a month at the Lodge, plus Car shows and other events. The money they make helps fund our charities and Lodge operation. I would like to thank the Past Exalted Rulers who did a BBQ at our Lodge Oct. 5th. They did a wonderful job. Also thanks to Max Maxwell for erecting the back fence by our house rental. A job well done Max!

We will have attended the picnic in San Luis Obispo and the convention in Sacramento by the time your read this. Busy Busy!

Hopefully 'Our Dee' is well and back to work now and,.

"Remember, it's a good life!"

FIRST LADYS CORNER

Barbara Booker, FL



Don't forget 'Operation Facelift' we have some good things planned.

Thank you to Marilyn Harding and crew for helping me with the Homecoming dinner. We love DDGER, Tom and Kathy Ryder. They certainly do a lot for our Lodge as well as the District, etc.

This is short as I'm packing, packing, packing. I should be good at it by now?

Love 'n Kisses
Barbara



**OPERATION
FACELIFT
RUMMAGE SALE**
Sat. Nov. 2nd



Sun. Nov. 3rd.
VETERANS BRUNCH
\$7.50
Holm/Naccarato & Crew



EDITOR'S CORNER

Can be contacted at:
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From chaos and disorder accumulated from years of use and abuse rides our Great American Hero, Jacob Panczak, PER, to the rescue. Our hero appeared like the 'Midnight Rider'. He swept up our confused and misguided computer and rode off into the night.

At the Wednesday night meeting when asked for a report on Community Activities, we got a round of applause from the floor, when we announced that Jacob, had taken my very confused computer the day before and had no report to give.

From years of erasing and deleting files etc. it started to have a mind of it's own. Some where along the line in a brain dead state of mind we scrambled some important Bios (Files.) Also included a virus that kept sending a phantom message from the great beyond. It was from the late Virgil Crane by way of E-mail. This was sent 2 years ago, and though Virgil has been gone that long it still travels the air ways occassionally from my confused PC.

Lo and behold on Sept. 23rd we received a birthday present. At the stroke of midnight our great American Hero appeared (After Monday Nites Game) with our computer descrambled and whipped into submission. So on behalf of your beleaguered editor we owe a huge debt of gratitude to our night riding Great American Hero, Jacob Panczak, PER, who took the time out of a busy work schedule on our behalf. Thanks Jack for leading me out of the land of chaos and despair. The confussion still exists because of all the new bells and whistles that we see appear on the screen but we know with a little luck we will be able to kick them into submission.

Editors Note:

We were remiss last month and apologize for not including one of our heroes at the Picnic. Bro. Joe Fratella and his magnificent Buick as he thrilled young and old with rides around the Lodge



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

We have a new candidate for nomination to Life Membership, one who had returned his certificate and somehow it got lost. Congratulations to Brother Ken Krabel who has put in a lot of donated hours for Elkdom. Ken will be balloted on at a regular Lodge meeting on November 20th 2002.

Last month I explained where the money went from Sally's Operation Face Lift. This month I would like to talk about the difference in a couple of funds that we have. At one time we had in the Lodge a fund called the Building Fund. This fund is where donated money went to fix and maintain the Lodge building and grounds. Later it was changed to the Lodge Beautification Fund. This as you know from last month is an unrestricted fund where money can be drawn from at will to maintain the premisses. Again, Sally's money goes into this fund. Some members still donate to the Building Fund, but there arises a problem. We also have a New Facilities fund. This is a restricted fund, and can only be drawn from on a vote of the lodge floor . The New Facilities Fund holds all money specifically donated toward a new facility, or towards some project directly connected with a new facility. An example would be the re-zoning of our property to come into compliance with existing city codes. That is in progress at this time, and the Lodge voted to expend money from that fund to cover those expenses. The problem comes when members donate cash or checks to the Building Fund when in fact they want it to go to the New Facilities Fund. The question arises, where do we put the money. In most cases the donation is of sufficient value that we pretty well know which fund it is supposed to go, and frequently we will contact the member to make sure it goes where they want it. It does cause a problem at times, so hopefully now you will know which fund you want your money in. I might add that thankfully members donate quite freely to both funds. It costs a considerable amount to maintain what we have. Keep praying that the termites never quit holding hands.

In closing, many thanks to all of you members who are working so hard to keep our Lodge going. Your generosity is truly overwhelming both monetarily and and donated material and labor.

Keep up the good work, and we'll (hopefully) see you at the Lodge. And that's 30 for this month.

Fraternally,

Bill

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LEADING KNIGHT

Greg Metzgus

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:

Dave Naccarato

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch**INVESTIGATION:** George Meehan**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:** Jay Block**CHRISTMAS BASKETS:**

Don & Barbara Booker

**INDOCTRINATION:** Jack Loughran, PER**MEM. CONT. COM.:** David Pearson**CVAC:** Tom Hartin**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota**OFFICERS ROUND TABLE:** Jack Panczak**CHARITY DINNERS:** Don & Barbara Booker

The holiday season is upon us and with that comes the holiday baskets for the needy of our community. This year my goal is to have the charity basket program completely funded by our various activities such as the Fiesta November 16th and the raffles. With your help we can have fun raising the money and not have to use any of our funds raised for other purposes.

The Holiday raffle grand prize this year will be a cruise to Mexico for two. There will be a special mailing that will explain all of the prizes and how you can enter into the drawing. Our toys for kids barrel will be located in the lounge and each new, unwrapped toy will entitle you to a chance to win a prize (to be determined) behind the bar.

Joining in our efforts for the charity baskets this year is Costco. They have committed to supplying us with turkeys. We are working with other grocers in the area as well and with your help and theirs, we will bring a lot of smiles to many less fortunate families in our neighborhood.

I want to remind you that the odds of winning a significant amount of money at a lodge meeting Wednesday night are a lot better than the California lottery you have been playing. Just ask our editor Jerry. His name was drawn from the capsule barrel last month and he walked out of the meeting a few hundred dollars richer. Yes Patti, a few HUNDRED. Come join us for dinner and the meeting Wednesday nights. We will be looking forward to seeing you.

Picture yourself out of a job, bills piling up and the prospects of a grim Christmas due to this recession. Then the Elks arrive with food and toys for the kids and your heart skips a beat. We have all been in this picture one time or another so please participate in the **Yucatan Charity Fiesta** and your heart will skip a beat come Christmas time because of the 60 families you had a part in making it a happier holiday.

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

805-495-0577

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Brother Eddie Bray's mother is terminal ill.

ON THE MEND: Yolie Loughran, wife of PER, Jack Loughran, was hospitalized for dehydration; Le Roy Russell had surgery at Los Robles; Roxanne Horning, wife of Brother Jim, was hospitalized for heart problems; Melinda Pekow, Elk Ladies First VP, underwent a lumpectomy; Ken Krabel, former trustee, had a triple bypass; and Dee Swanson, lodge secretary, is recuperating from an eye operation. Mertice Nichols is recovering from residual affect of "Shingles", Donna Hardy has been plagued with leg problems.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Jerry Serota, Com. Chair.



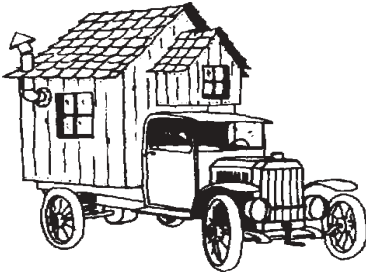
The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 in the spirit of Community Service, Past Exalted Rulers Tom Ryder and Chet Kozlowski prepared and cooked 180 chicken halves for a special function at the Goebel Senior Adult Center, while Richard Goldner clowned with ladle in mouth and John Kelly checked them out.

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EL KONEJO KAMPERS

By Pat von Wittenburg

From the desk of Gene Ewald, stand-in reporter for Pat VW.



Faria Beach is always one of our favorite spots because the hospitality is great and the weather fantastic. Well, one out of two ain't bad. The hospitality was up to par. As several campers

pointed out, we do this for the fun and friendship and those components are always present. Five rigs showed up on Thursday and the other 10 rolled in on Friday.

As wagonmasters, we decided to have a Luau which, of course, required the usual decos including palm tree and hula girl cutouts and palm fringe outlining our awnings. You would be amazed what a dense fog will do to cardboard figures. Friday was spent relaxing and trying to stay warm. Losing my money to Doris Newcomer at the poker table helps in that effort. Our usual campfire laced with large helpings of camaraderie was most welcome.

After our usual "too much to eat" brunch, Saturday's meeting was capably handled by Pres. Bob Hardy. For members not present, we voted to increase camping fees to \$50.00 for 2 nights. Extra nights are on you as always and any profit or deficit will be absorbed by the club. These new prices are in effect January 2003.

Since it is well known that chaplain Marilyn Cissell is in good standing with the Almighty, we put her up to asking for sunshine. It worked and we got a little sun Sat. afternoon but it didn't last. Marilyn conceded that she only asked for sun and forgot to ask for it to stay.

Saturday night festivities and Luau began with this fearless reporter donning a grass skirt and blowing 3 long blasts on the conch shell. That was our signal to eat and we enjoyed a fine array of "pupus" and Carol's rum punch. Carol E., who it should be noted put this weekend together, summoned the Gods with the chant, " O-WA-TA NOL-FATY-AM" (Say it fast 3 times). Sally Claunch tried so hard to blow the conch shell that she broke the bench on her table and I have too much style to comment more on that subject.... Sally finally got some noise but only after Marva D. dumped wine into the shell.



The raffle, with some very interesting prizes, made a nice profit for our campers. Vicky Egan won her share, as well as a hefty 50-50. Debbie Fitzpatrick was a good sheriff. It was her first shot at it and she hasn't developed that "mean-spiritedness" that you acquire after you've done it a few times. Hang in there Debbie...

Sat. night's campfire featured our resident troubadour, Don Newcomer, who broke up Susie Ross with "The Limey Song". Walter Ogden says, "that ain't the way it is!!"

Sunday morning was getaway day and, as usual, the sun shone brightly and the temp was balmy. I still can't think of a better way to spend a weekend!!!

Next Campout at Kenny Grove Nov. 8-9


GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

See's Candies at a discount price!!
Look on the Bulletin Board for order forms. Please include a donation to the "Purple Pig" on each item ordered.

In order to receive your purchases in time for mailing, the cut off date will be November 30, 2002.

Checks are to be made out to;
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If you want to pay by cash or have a question, please contact me at
(805) 485-1948.

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	LOYAL KNIGHT Jay Block	2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
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The month of November begins the second half of the Elk year, and there is much to do. This year the month has been designated by GER True as Veterans Remembrance, and we at 2477 are doing our part, with the Veterans Brunch on the 3rd and the monthly visitation on the 21st. We are honored this year to have the great chef Roy Cooper doing our Thanksgiving Dinner. You must have pre-bought tickets to attend and the tickets can be obtained from the bartender. Dinner will be \$10 for Adults, and \$5 for Children.

The Flag Retirement Ceremony in October will be successful, with the participation of the various Scout units we sponsor, and directed by our Lecturing Knight Sally Claunch. A lot of the success that day will be due to the excellent breakfast presented by PER Richard Goldner, whose omelets are famous. Which brings me to a serious issue, I need volunteers to cook Friday Night Dinners on:

Dec. 13 and 27.

Also, since my trusty mate will no longer be able to cook the 2nd Wednesday Night Dinner as she has for the past three years, I need someone to step up to that task also. If there is any one out there who can help out, please contact me.

The Hoop Shoot date is scheduled for mid to late November, the final date will be posted later. We are inviting all kids between the ages of 8 and 13 to participate, and we plan to hold the shoot at Conejo School, which is across the street from the Lodge. More details will follow and watch for the fliers on the lodge bulletin boards. We are still in need of volunteers to aid in the judging, and registration. Contact me if you wish to participate.

The Jr. Elk Program has been and will continue to be very successful, due to the excellent leadership of Heather Maddox, our Youth Activities Chairperson. They are now having monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the conference room in the Office. It is during these meetings that the Jr. Elk members are being exposed to the principles of our Order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. The Monday Night Football gathering is going great, and our volunteer cooks have been doing a great job.



ESQUIRE'S CORNER

David Naccarato, Esquire

Jacob Panczak joined the lodge in October 1994 wanting to support charity work being performed within the community. After a few months helping out around the lodge, Jacob was offered the position of Esquire by the soon to be Exalted Ruler Jack Loughran and was delighted to accept. "I have always believed that charity starts at home and where else could I help out best but as an officer of the Lodge." Never having intended on moving through the chairs, Jacob found himself enjoying the camaraderie of the Elks and the ever growing assistance and support by the membership, officers and his family. Having served as Esquire, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight and Exalted Ruler in 2000-01. He now serves as the Past Exalted Rulers Association President and still assists with events in the lodge where needed and manages the Lodge website (www.elks2477.com).

Some of his fondest memories have been spent with the Elks. Nowadays he is designing a Website for the West Central Coast District (WCCD) to bridge Elk Lodges and communities. "While serving in the chairs, I become aware of one major missing ingredient within the lodge and the district, which was providing current information on lodge events and activities. Hopefully when the WCCD website is completed each lodge will be able to provide information to a single master calendar that will display events on a daily basis and centralized district committee information." Jacob believes the fortitude of the Elks is in communication and participation. By providing another avenue, the organization will continue flourish.



**Elks Veterans
Remembrance
Month**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Marilynn Harding

It's hard to start the list of thank you's for being a part of our ladies fashion show luncheon this past month. First of all, my co-chairman Alice Kennedy, Gladys Ennis and Fran Bodenhamer went beyond their limits to do more than their jobs! A "thank you" to Bob Cissell for working with me to get supplies I requested; Gladys Ennis and Alice Kennedy for designing and making the table tents; Alice for sending invitation letters to all the district lodges; Patti Serota for helping Alice with all the table reservations and communications; Jay Block for designing our tickets, Jerry Serota for our PR work in the Antler Antics and our table signs; ER Don Booker for his cooperation and our Lodge Officers and Trustees that served our lunch. The ladies really enjoyed Jay Block, Terry Baker, George Meehan, Jim Wagner, Jim Rochford and Don Booker. Also appreciated was our cooks: Gil Riding, Jacob Panczak, Jack Loughran and John Kelly. What a job to cook for over 100 women! Thank you to all the models that worked with me up to the last minute: Denise Goldner, Mary Ann Kenyou, Muriel Ingolia, Sally Claunch, Marilyn Cissell, Roxanne Horning, Phyllis Riding, Myrna Block, Heather Maddox, June Smith, Alice Wagner, Louise Lampron, Barbara Booker, Fran Bodenhamer, Debbie Carafelli, Linda Mazur, Merrienne Mohar, Paula Shuttuck, and Karen Hall. You girls were all the greatest! Thank you Phyllis for being there to add the touch ups the models with your Jaffra!

Sharon Baker, Fran Bodenhamer, Roxanne Horning, Vera Bailie and her friend Betty spent the day with me and made all the centerpieces for the tables and decorated all the napkins. I cannot forget to thank Vernon Jossy for letting me cut down his magnolia tree to make the centerpieces. The room took some time and patience. Again, Angie Prizzi and Vera Bailie saved me and I put Fran B. on the ladder, way up there! Roxanne H. and Sharon B. were there with me at 11:00 p.m. the night before and Angie P. came early the next morning to finish up the tables for us.

A big "Thanks" to the men helping set up the tables and chairs, etc. and cleaning up. The vendors that were there: Sherry, Babarba (aka the Twinkle Lady), Merrienne and Linda were enjoyed by all. Even though they are not from here, thanks to Karen Hall, a "Weekenders: manager from Los Angeles that gave the wardrobe concept and Linda Mazur, a coordinates team leader from Pasadena giving the classic line presentation were there to back me up. Thanks, Myrna, for all the introductions and Gladys with all the raffle door prizes. So many of you ladies donated. The large baskets of gifts were made by Gladys, herself. Thank you to Barbara Booker, Sharon Baker, Anne Odgen and Alice Kennedy—we made over \$400 with all this help. Catherine Koeritz did the greatest song and act for us. She had another but our time was running overboard. Thank you to Terry Baker, who worked behind the scenes. Terry put all our trellis up for us to decorate. As you can see by now, when anything or something is planned at the Lodge, a lot of help and cooperation is required and needed from so many. The same one's can't do it all. I asked a lot and I had a lot of volunteers. When you see any events coming up on the calendar, just get in touch with the chairman and help. Its fun and we get more done.

I end this giving full credit to Flo Lloyd for putting together the fashion show for many years. Flo, how did you do it?! A quick mention that we enjoyed visitors from the Oxnard and Simi Valley Lodges and the Ladies President came all the way from Glendale.

To all, from my heart, Marilynn Harding

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Marilynn Harding, Com. Chair.

Time is something I'm going to have to make. I sure don't know where it goes! I, myself, joined the BPOE because of the loyalty we share of our country, our flag, in God and the protection of us being a family. Top on my list is the honor of our flag. Since our flag ceremony was in the month of October, I interviewed Vernon Jossy, who has been Chairman of Americanism and was in charge of the yearly essay contest of students in our Conejo schools on "What Our Flag Means to You."

Marilynn: "First of all, Vernon, I have a question that is permanent on my mind—that is how our American flag is being abused and dishonored. Under our Constitution, what is going on with this so-called Freedom of Speech and is the Supreme Court doing anything?"

Vernon: "Efforts are being made to pass a Flag Desecration Amendment to our Constitution. The 17-word amendment simply states, "Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." The Senate rejected the proposed amendment by a 63-37 vote. The last time the Senate voted on the amendment was in 1995, which came up 3 votes short. Senator John Glenn said that desecrating the flag is not a widespread practice, and even if it were, such an expression is a right guaranteed by the Constitution's Freedom of Speech clause. 'It would indeed be a hollow victory to protect a symbol by taking any chance at chipping away at the freedom itself.' Besides, he said, 'The Legislation poorly defines desecration and the word flag.' Senator Majority Leader Tren Lott of Miss. declared before the vote, 'Flag burning is not a speech, it is a conduct of the most offensive kind.' Yubi Separovich, State Chairman of CONPOR advised on July 29, 2002 that the Flag Desecration Amendment has still not been passed, and he is unaware when it will be voted on again.


Marilynn: "Thank you for answering this so well. I know through the years you have written about our flag. Could you tell me what it means to you and how you, yourself, would vote on this amendment to our Constitution?"

Vernon: "The American flag is a reminder to me of the determination, hardships, and struggles that the men and women of America endured in war and peace throughout our history to make our country an independent and free nation. The flag helps me to appreciate the resulting freedoms which we have—freedom of religion, freedom of free speech, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Although the flag is only a piece of cloth, it is symbolic of my belief in America. Thank you George Washington and Betsy Ross for the flag which helps to keep our nation free, strong, and unified."

Marilynn: Thank you for your time and effort to explain and share with us your love of our flag. I want to finish off this article with this "The Things that the flag stands for were created by the experiences of great people. Everything that it stands for was written by their lives. The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history. (Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the U.S. during WWI 1856-1924)

What more can I say but SMILE, you're in Antler Antics!

'Till next month, Marilynn Harding

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Timely Information for all Elks!!! Since 1868 We've been contributing to our Communities, our States and our Country

Did You Know... The value of the Elks' charitable works last year was more than \$134 million.

Did You Know... Many of the Elks' charitable programs are funded in part by the Elks National Foundation, a perpetual fund with assets exceeding \$200 million. Donations to the Foundation's principal fund are never spent; only interest and earnings are used, and all of it goes toward the Foundation's philanthropic work. Last year: the Foundation disbursed \$11.3 million in support of the Hoop Shoot®, scholarships, veterans service, drug awareness, state major projects and other philanthropic programs.

Did You Know... The Hoop Shoot® is the largest coeducational sports program in the country. More than three million kids participated in this year's contest.

Did You Know... The Elks National Foundation annually awards more than \$2.1 million in scholarships to a total of 508 students. It also reserves \$500,000 for emergency

Did You Know... The Elks have pledged not to forget hospitalized veterans, and each year, they visit hundreds of thousands of patients at VA medical centers and veterans hospitals, throwing parties and providing companionship. And they invite patients who can leave the facilities to events at Elks Lodges, on fishing trips and to ball games. Last year alone, the Elks adopted and befriended 103,000 veterans who were far from home or without family. The value of the Elks' contributions to veterans service last year was more than \$17.6 million.

Did You Know... The Elks Drug Awareness Program prints and distributes, free of charge, up-to-date information about drugs to schoolchildren, their teachers and their parents. Since the program's inception in 1985, the Elks have distributed more than 103 million pieces of literature. In addition to information about drugs, the Elks provide alternatives to drug use by sponsoring activities ranging from Little League to Scouting. More than 2.8 million kids participated in these Elks sponsored activities last year.

Did You Know... Each State Elks Association has its own major project. These include summer camps for children with disabilities or who are financially disadvantaged; In-home treatment for people with disabilities; children's hospitals; cancer research; and providing safe, temporary havens for abused families.

Did You Know... In 2,230 communities, men and women of our local Lodges are working to meet local needs, whether that's funding the food bank, supplying instruments for the high school band, or staffing booths at the county fair.

Did You Know... We believe in helping others, but we also believe in having fun. Often we manage to combine the two. Some of our Lodges feature swimming pools, golf courses, playrooms and ballrooms; most have dining facilities; all offer family entertainment. We enjoy doing the good works we do and the people we do them with, our families and our friends.

**Want to help?
Contact our Lodge**

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our Great Order has been honoring our departed Members on the first **Sunday in December since 1889**. This special day allows us to hold a reverent service in remembrance of those who have passed. Lodges are encouraged to invite the departed Member's loved ones, friends and community members to attend the ceremony. Plan your service with honor, dignity and compassion. The proper attention given to this service not only pays tribute to the departed, but also strengthens your Lodge and enhances your community image.

Michael F. Smith, Member
G/L Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee



AMERICANISM

Raven West, Com. Chair

My daughter will turn 18 on November 5, 2002, Right before she left for college, I made sure she registered to vote. As both her parents are politically active, although in different parties, she understood the importance of her participation, even if she couldn't make up her mind as to what party to select and chose undecided....for the time being.

The right to participate in the selection of our government representatives is a privilege that had become the object of an increasing amount of apathy. Apathy that even the close Presidential election of two years ago did little to change.

There is no one alive today who remembers the struggles of the early 19th century to secure the voting right for a small segment of our very young nation's population. In 1870, the 15th Amendment to our Constitution gave Blacks the right to vote. This amendment was the first victory of the civil rights movement. It was the last line that truly turned slaves into free men.

Not too many of us were a part of the movement of the early 20th century when the Women Suffragettes, the first true champions for women's equality, fought, petitioned and finally won the right to vote in and not just clean out the voting booths. In 1920, the 19th Amendment gave women of every race the chance to realize the dream now realized by Senators Barbara Boxer and Barbara Feinstein and many others.

But for those of us who turned 18 in the year 1971, we remember. We remember the petitions, the picket lines, the passion of the movement. We took to the streets, sat on the steps of City Hall and marched to Washington demanding to be a part of our government. It was only 31 years ago that the 26th Amendment was adopted and on that day we took to the streets again, in celebration for the victory we had won.

This past weekend I passed two volunteers who were trying to register shoppers at the Oaks. Their goal was to sign-up four people an hour. By six o'clock that night, they weren't even close. Have all of us who worked so hard for over two centuries, done so in vain?

We've all heard the excuses why voter turnout is so low, but they are all just excuses. There is only one reason not to cast your ballot. Ignorance. Ignorance of the issues, the candidates and their party platform. Along with the power of the vote



SCHOLARSHIP

Bob Holm, Com. Chair.

"Dear members of the Elks Lodge,

You recently gave me a \$1200 scholarship to put towards my education. Thank you very much for your generosity. I will be attending UC Berkeley in the fall and the money you gave me will be extremely helpful in paying for my education there. I plan to major in either mathematics or biochemistry after which I hope to go onto medical school. I know that I couldn't do it without kind organizations such as yours. I can only hope that when I have finished my education and am a successful adult I can join an organization such as yours and donate my time and money towards a good cause. All of the work you do for our community is important but I think that one of the best things you do is assisting students who deserve the chance to have a good education. There is no gift like the ability to make oneself a better life, which is exactly what you do for students such as myself.

Thank you again,"

Shannon L. Toohey

comes responsibility. For those who feel this task is too great, they should stay away from the polls. To be aware, informed and involved is the responsibility of every American. To vote is an honor and a privilege that millions have fought long and hard to acquire, myself included.

The last person to fill out a registration form told me he had only recently become a citizen. After completing it, he handed it back to the volunteers with tears in his eyes and said, "Now, I really am an American!".

May we all feel such pride as we celebrate our American privilege and vote on my daughter's birthday!

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State President, Gene Chambers, Richard Goldner, CHEA Public Relations Chairman and Befeater from the Westminster Lodge at the Fullerton visitation



Soccer Shootout,




(L-R) Soccer Shootout, ER, Don Booker, Jim Kellogg, Debbie Carafelli, Heather Maddox, Youth Activities Com. Chair Front Row - Breanna Neuner



Cornelia Meehan and Sweet Adelines gave a fine performance including a patriotic medley



The Sweet Adeline Quartet, 'Hullabaloo', dressed in Red White and Blue gave a fine performance and got a swell reception for efforts

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FROM THE ELK LADIES

Karen Naccarato, 2nd Vice President,

Hello everyone! Our next meeting is November 5th at 8:00 pm. Hope to see you there! : There are alot of events coming up the next two months so mark your calendars!!

- November 16th (Saturday) The Charity Ball
- December 1st (Sunday) Elks Memorial Service
- December 6th (Friday) Christmas Tree Trimming (You might receive a call to bring something :)
- December 10th (Tuesday) Elk Ladies Christmas Party
- December 14th (Saturday) Children's Christmas Party
- December 15th (Sunday) ER's Christmas Party
- December 16th-20th Christmas Charity Baskets

(I'm sure Greg and Barbara could use your help! Also, November 3rd the veterans will be coming for breakfast. David and I will be cooking. So come on down and make a friend. If you would like to help us in the kitchen, we won't turn you away :) There will be no Ladies or Board meeting in December. Take Care!

Got Change for a "NHERF"?



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and thank you, Lord, we still are blessed



NOVEMBER

- 1. Marva D'Ambrogio
- Eula McKee
- 5. Flo Lloyd
- 6. Gale Figley
- 13. Aundria Sleigh
- 16. Gail Corts
- 18. Barbara Ryder
- 23. Verna Jean Cairns
- 30. Vera Bailie

conducted for their enjoyment. The continued success of these programs depends directly on the generosity of every Lodge.

Make check payable to the "Entertainment and Recreation Fund" and mail it to the Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523-1399. If any Members want to know more about "the good life" here, write or contact us at 1-800-552-4140 or enhome@aol.com.

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- Wed. 10/3 Meeting
- Vern Jossy
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NOVEMBER

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| 5. Jim Collins | 13. Jacob Panczak PER | | Tim McCann |
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| 7. Bill Wagner PER | 15. John Kelly PER | | Dave Burrows |
| 8. Neil Smith | 16. David Ely | 29. | Lee Grindle |
| 9. Angela Reynolds | 17. Robert Williams | | Neil Hanson |
| 10. John Vana | 18. Jack Dolan | | |
| 11. C. Wayne Sebera | 19. Raymond McCarthy | | |
| 12. Larry Zarybnicky | 20. Lee Ingram | | |
| 13. Nick Demma | 21. Don Allen | | |
| | 22. Mary Gentile | | |
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| | | No Winner | | |
| September | 11 | \$500.00 | #1632 | Jeffery Claunch |
| Lucky 13 | | 350.00 | #1541 | Bill Sandham |
| | | No Winner | | |
| September | 18 | \$500.00 | #1623 | Donald Newcomer |
| Lucky 13 | | 375.00 | #1064 | Jerry Serota "Winner" |
| | | No Winner | | |
| September | 25 | \$500.00 | #1875 | Jack Murray |
| Lucky 13 | | 25.00 | #1492 | Dan Johnson |
| | | No Winner | | |



ELKS CHRISTMAS TREES

The Lodge will have the Christmas Tree lot thanks to Carlson's Building Center on Thousand Oaks Blvd. Plan to buy your tree from our Lodge and help support our charites.

Help will be needed to run the lot both during the day and night. A notice and sign up sheet will be posted at the Lodge in November, or contact Bob Hardy at 482-7632.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
AND WILL BE
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Ernie Pacheco Chairman
Bob Hardy Co-Chairman

The 11 O'Clock Toast

by Mike Kelly
Grand Lodge Historian

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to impress upon you that with us, the hour of 11 has a tender significance.

Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.

It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.

Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

"To our absent members."

Origin of the Toast

In regard to the Elks' 11 O'Clock Toast and its origin, we have to go back long before the BPOE came into existence. One of the main contributions of Charles Richardson -- in stage name of Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks -- was to deliver into the hands of newborn Elks the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010 A.D., the Royal and Antedeluvian Order of Buffalos, to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

The RAOB, or Buffalos as we shall henceforth refer to them, also practiced an 11 o'clock toast in remembrance of the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. Following his victory, William of Normandy imported a set of rules, both martial and civil in nature, to keep control of a seething Norman-Saxon population always on the edge of a revolution.

Among those rules was a curfew law requiring all watch fires, bonfires (basically all lights controlled by private citizens that could serve as signals) to be extinguished at 11 each night. From strategically placed watchtowers that also served as early fire-alarm posts, the call would go out to douse or shutter all lights and bank all fires. This also served to discourage secret and treasonous meetings, as chimney sparks stood out against the black sky. A person away from his home and out on the darkened streets, when all doors were barred for the night, risked great peril from either evildoers or patrolling militia.

The hour of 11 quickly acquired a somber meaning, and in the centuries that followed, became the synonym throughout Europe for someone on his deathbed or about to go into battle: i.e. "His family gathered about his bed at the 11th hour," or "The troops in the trenches hastily wrote notes to their families as the 11th hour approached when they must charge over the top."

Thus, when the 15 Jolly Corks (of whom seven were not native-born Americans) voted on February 16, 1868, to start a more formal and official organization, they were already aware of an almost universally prevalent sentiment about the mystic and haunting aura connected with the nightly hour of 11, and it took no great eloquence by Vivian to establish a ritual toast similar to that of the Buffalos at the next-to-last hour each day.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Heather Maddox, Com. Chair.

Hi! My name is Jessica Neuner I'm secretary for the Jr Elks, We had our official meeting last month and I'm Proud to announce some of our officers:

President- Robert Neuner Jr.(Robbie)

Vice President- Christine Fitzpatrick

Secretary- Jessica Neuner

Sunshine- Ray Maddox

We held our last car wash of the year, on the 29th of Sept. We had a pretty good turn out. We always have fun doing the car washes, especially when we can get Robbie wet when he is not expecting it. The Jr Elks volunteered their help with the Soccer Shoot Out. Boy, it was a hot day out there, and thanks to all the adult membership that helped put that together, it was a lot of fun!

Even though our car washes are done for the year, look for us, we have a lot of other events coming to the lodge and our community in the works. In our meeting last month we voted, and it was passed to donate, **\$150.00 to the Christmas Charity Baskets**. We will also be serving dinner for the **Charity Ball** on Nov. 16th. look for the ones dressed in the little sombrero hats.

Just a little note of special thanks from the Jr Elks, to my Mom, Carol Neuner and to Heather Maddox, for their efforts and support in putting the Jr Elks Program together. Also, we greatly appreciate all the support from the lodge membership.

Yours truly, Jessica

Thank you Jessica, great column. I would like to make a request, in regard to our Hoop Shoot Contest (date not decided yet). If you are interested, know someone that loves basketball, know a basketball coach at one of our local schools, please give me a call or leave a message at (805)374-9996. Joe Smith, has offered to talk with the Teen Center, thank you, Joe. We can do the Hoop Shoot at different places on different days, instead of all in one day.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Heather Maddox
Youth Activities Chair



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Oct 3, 2001

Att: Anna Idol, Editor
Elks Magazine

Dear Anna the lovely, Anna the fair,

Our members got a huge laugh when we visited the October issue, page 22, News and Notes of the Lodges to find that our Lodge ran a 'Horse Race' instead of a 'Grand Marshal Race' during Conejo Valley Days.

We will have to be a little more explanatory in our press releases. Some times working over the computer too long and in a brain dead state of mind it comes out oranges when you mean apples.

Very Truly Yours,
Jerry Serota



From: Anna Idol
To: jserota497@earthlink.net
Date: 10/3/2002 10:07:02 AM
Subject: RE: Oct. Issue

Dear Jerry,

You actually told us in your release that this was for Grand Marshal, and I guess if you use the word "race" twice in a release, our minds start galloping.

Here in the heartland, it doesn't take much to get us off track—I'm glad you are laughing out there instead of throwing darts our way.

Yes, we are very sorry, and embarrassed to boot.

We'll try to do better on the next go-round.

Best wishes on all that you are doing.

Anna



PICNIC '02

Bob Holm, Com. Chair.

Once again another Lodge picnic has come and gone and what fun we did have. Please forgive me if I have missed anyone, I don't have all of the names of all of those volunteers who helped this year. So here we go... From memory and with Jacob's help we will recall as best we can.

Once again you beautiful ladies of the lodge thank you for your financial support for supplying all the prizes for the kids of all ages. Thank you Shirley Kozlowski and Donna Hardy and all the other ladies that sold tickets throughout the day.

Kitchen Crew well done... Power Dave, PER Jacob, Lecturing Knight, Sally Claunch, Jack and Yolie Loughran, especially for all the years you have supported the events I have chaired. 'Dee Dee' Swanson for her constant support, donating the Piñata and all the candy. Betty Betty Betty (Vega) outstanding, raising \$406 on the 50/50 drawing. McNeal and crew well done, Dick thank you for the years of support at each of the picnics I have chaired. The "Corn guys" Harold Calvin and Al Lenahan, Al you have helped me for the last 15 years in so many events. A Special Special thanks for all my loyal friends and Elks especially Mac and

Ella McDonald for taking care of the soda fountain and helping out for all those years. Thanks to Catherine Koeritz and her family for providing all the musical entertainment this year. At the money table, once again I would like to thank Beth Kozlowski for all her hard work and her son and daughter with all their help. Also Chet K., PER for taking pictures at the picnic.

Brother Bill Rodarme and his assistants with the beautiful ladies in doing a great job providing such well mannered horses and Bill for all the pictures that can be seen on the lodge website at [www.elks2477.com]. Once again Vern Jossy started work at 7am setting up the train, tents and running errands etc. and staying to the end. Bro. Joe Fratella and his magnificent Buick as he thrilled young and old with rides around the Lodge. Most of you did not see Bob Clark who had to work else where that day... But who was a great assistant behind the scenes helping in the morning at 6am and returned in the afternoon to help close down. Robert Neuner and Dave Maddox for all your help on the piñata. Once again Vera (Bailie) Thank You dear for all your help. "The Bingo Man" Loyal Knight, Jay Block thank you for doing the Bingo. Myrna Block Thank you for all your help selling tickets. And finally... Thank you Brother Jacob for being my good Elk brother helping me out when I needed it, and assisting me in writing my thank you articles.

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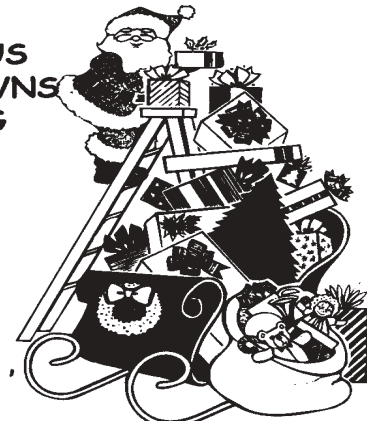


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brings a freedom to our souls,
but with the trials and tribulations
we fear we'll never reach our goal.

Our goal is not oblivious in nature
we implore all nation to combine,
it's the time to defuse all weaponry
and concentrate on the sublime.

There's no reason in this wide world
for the anger and the extreme hatred,
we are in fact brothers under one God
I'm sure his intention is not to massacre.

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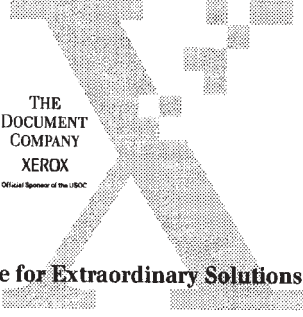

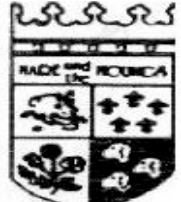
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