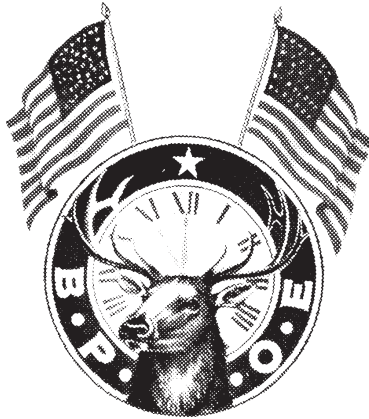


# ANTLER



Greg Metzgas  
EXALTED RULER



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*'Elks For Scouting and Scouting For Elks'*

**Congratulations  
Greg Metzgas and his fine  
corps of officers for  
finishing Second to None  
out of 12 teams in...  
The West Central Coast District  
2003 Ritual Contest**



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**Greg Metzgs**

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Ritual Contest this year is in the history books. Thanks to the fine coaching of our team by Gil Riding, Richard Goldner, Jack Loughran and Jacob Panczak, we came in second. I know, second is the first one that lost but, we were up against a team that went to National last year. They were very good and very experienced. I can tell you that next year they will be very concerned about the competition from the team from Thousand Oaks. I don't know how welcome our Lecturing Knight David Naccarato will be in the town of Santa Maria, he was the first place Lecturing Knight that kept Santa Maria lodge from sweeping all of the first place plaques. I think with his swelled head it may also be a little more difficult for him to put his jewels on.

Our smoking area is looking very good. The walls have been finished, the ceiling and walls have been painted and a glass door has been added. There has also been a new television donated by Harold Calvin. Some of the people working on the smoking area are Max Maxwell, Mitch Strunk, Mike Vince and Tom Hartin. Thanks for helping make our lodge a more pleasant place to be.

There has been a lot of planning for the face lift of the lodge room. When the weather firms up, we will start with investigating the extent of the eave rot in the roof. The condition of the fascia and rafters will determine what we will do to the lodge room first.

Efforts are still being made to study the feasibility of a new lodge building. At this point we are investigating the availability of funds and the ability for the new building to pay for itself. Stay tuned, details to follow.

Now is your chance, we are taking sign-ups for our Barbecue Wagon. A second BBQ crew is being formed to capitalize on the lunch market for Saturdays. This new crew is going to be trained by the PER's and will cook lunch on the weekends that the present BBQ crew is not cooking. There will be no need for customers to call the lodge to see if we are barbecuing, we will barbecue every Saturday. There will be no additional burden put on the

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Congratulations to all of our lodge officers for their fine showing in Lompoc. Of course the Thousand Oaks/ Oxnard hospitality room was the talk of the contest thanks to the fine snacks prepared by the Elk Ladies from both lodges.

Our lodge suffered a tremendous loss with the passing of Dr. Bob. I want to thank everyone that shared in helping with the reception following the service. It was truly a celebration of the life of a good man to ease the mourning of his passing.

Spring is here and as you may have noticed, our bartender Debbie has been making use of the brightly colored flowers around our lodge by placing them on the tables in the lounge. Thank you Debbie.

Next week Greg and I along with Jay and Myrna are off to the State Convention in Fresno. I am sure we will have lots to share when we return.

First Lady Barbara Metzgs

**IN MEMORIAM**

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS STOPPED AND ACROSS ITS DIAL A MOTIONLESS SHADOW MARKS THE HOUR OF ELEVEN, WITH US ---

**“THE GOLDEN HOUR OF RECOLLECTION”**

**Jerrold R. (Jerry) Tait**  
**Born:** November 2, 1935  
**Initiated:** March 16, 1959  
**Died:** April 22, 2003

**Robert MacFarlane**  
**Born:** April 2, 1934  
**Initiated:** October 14, 1965  
**Died:** April 28, 2003



**DR. ROBERT MacFARLANE**  
1934-2003



On Monday morning, April 28, 2003 it was a shock to hear our dear friend and Brother, Dr. Robert MacFarlane passed away during the night.

We are always saddened by the news of a friends passing that this should happen since he was so vital and had a part in so many lives that he touched. On April the 3rd he was our Master of Ceremony at the Elks Installation of Officers for the year 2003-04. He handled this with great charm and grace. I look at a photo taken that night and see him smiling with the flag of our country in the backround. Dr. Bob was Marine who served in Korea and loved his country.

Dr. Bob was a loving husband, a devoted father. One of the things he was most proud of was delivering Christmas Baskets with his young son David. They were a father and son team. Dr. Bob was loved by his patients, and the community held him in high regard as witnessed by the overfowing of everyone who came to pay their final respects.

Everyone loves a love story and he and Colleen were a love story. It started in Boston forty years ago. That is what is so painful and sad because with his passing that love story has come to an end and we will miss his smile and laughter. Though he is no longer with us his memory lives within each of us that he loved and shared his life with.

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### ***BROTHER MICHAEL TAM IN IRAQ***

Michael Tam is still in Iraq and probably will be for a while. He is building bridges and roads with 18 US Marines watching the perimeter of his project. He reported to his parents that his unit had to go 34 days without a shower. He did have one opportunity following a "Sand Tornado" to rinse off. After the sand stopped blowing there was a tremendous downpour of rain and his unit jumped out of their trucks took advantage of it. As a

**JERRY TAIT**  
1935-2003



Passed away after a lenthly illness. Bro. Jerry was a Charter Member, Past Elk of the Year 1980-81 and served as Chaplain, and Treasurer.

He was in the home construction business and plastered the walls of the Lodge, put the letters Elk on the BBQ pit, and plastered the adjoining wall separating our property from the vacant lot.

Jerry left a large legacy of family behind. The chapel was full of his children, grand and great grand children. Just as he left his mark on his family so did he leave us with a legacy of his love and the labors that he bestowed on our Lodge.

We wish to thank Brother, Don Tait, PER of the No. Las Vegas Lodge for the family donation of a name plate to the Frank Rindone memorial table and to our Elkomotive Train Maintenance Fund.

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youth Michael was in my Boy Scout Troop and I can testify that his previous record was 7 days without a shower while attending Scout Camp. I know, he rode home in my truck.

His unit was given 3 days of R and R in beautiful Kuwait where he was able to shower 3 times a day. I am sure Mike would enjoy hearing from anyone not wearing a uniform or traditional Iraqi garb. His mailing address is:

**SW2 Tam**  
**NCFSU-2**  
**APO-AE**  
**09588**

*Elks Care - Elks Share*



2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	<b>LEADING KNIGHT</b> <b>Jay Block</b>	2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
<b>MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:</b> Joe Smith <b>SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:</b> Sally Claunch <b>INVESTIGATION:</b> George Meehan <b>ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:</b> Jack Malone <b>CHRISTMAS BASKETS:</b> Jay & Myrna Block		<b>INDOCTRINATION:</b> Jack Loughran, PER <b>MEM. CONTROL. COM.:</b> Herb Jellander <b>CVAC:</b> Tom Hartin <b>COMMUNITY RELATIONS:</b> Jerry Serota <b>OFFICERS ROUND TABLE:</b> Jack Panczak <b>CHARITY DINNERS:</b> Jay & Myrna Block

Last month we lost a very special brother. His going may have been quick, but the memory of his brotherhood and generosity will remain with me forever. My only regret was that I was privileged to know him but for a brief time.

Well, the Ritual Contest is over, with great results for the Lodge. The State Convention was held, and again the Lodge showed that we are a force to be reckoned with when it comes to demonstrating what our members can do for Charity. And speaking of Charity, this Chair is putting together a very special prize to be rewarded at the Charity Ball to be held this November. The winner will get one week in Maui, airfare for two (round trip of course) and a rental car for their use.. Tickets for this dream trip will go on sale this month. The tariff for the Grand Prize will be \$2/ticket or 12 for \$20. All members will receive a package of 12 tickets, a flyer describing the Prize, and a stamped, self addressed envelope to ease the return of their stubs, money and or unwanted tickets. All proceeds over expenses, will be used for our Christmas Charity Baskets.

Looking over the calendar for this month I see a great deal of fun, food , and entertainment. So lets all get out and support our Lodge.

That's all for now..  
**YOUR LEADING**



Jr. Elks were lending a hand during Special Kids Day



## ***ENTERTAINMENT***

Pete Padilla, Com. Chair.

I'd like to introduce myself to all of you new and old members of the Elk's who may not have met me before. My name is Pete Padilla and I will be your entertainment chairman for this year. As we all know, the commitment the Elks makes to many charitable organizations is a vast commitment and one we take very seriously. Because of this, we are always interested in various ways of making money for these organizations and that is an area where I am giving my time, with your help, to assist these endeavors.

As one of us involved in the entertainment portion of the Elks this year, I would like to welcome all new and old members and ask for your assistance in providing entertainment. This is your place and I would be open to any and all suggestions pertaining to what may interest you in the way of possible lounge entertainment, dance entertainment, possible amateur shows, magic shows....anything that may spark your interest and those of your friends. You may know of professional or nonprofessional entertainers that would be interested in exposure by performing here at our Elks Lodge. Any and all ideas would be extemenly appreciated and acted upon. This is open to all!

Please feel free to contact me at any time with your suggestions and ideas. The more heavily we stand behind our performers, the better our lodge will do. Thank you for your assistance.

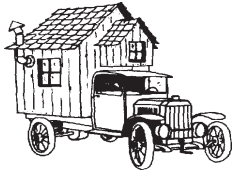
Sincerely  
 Pete Padilla



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat Von Wittenburg

### APRIL - AT FAR WEST RESORT



place. Whatta think?

Ahh yes - Far West Resort we were in a different section this time and it seemed that at least every other hour or so someone was commenting "how peaceful this site is", "it is just beautiful here", "I sure like being here". I got the impression the group was really enjoying the

You just never can tell what might happen at a campout - I guess that's another reason I hate to miss one, and try not to if at all possible. Anne Ogden has returned - after a three-month absence it was certainly good to have her back. Elmer and Trudy Johnson joined us again, haven't seen them since October. Even Cheryl Templeton arrived before sundown.

There were six of us early arrivals on Thursday evening. I brought a recipe and ingredients for a new adult beverage no one had heard of called a "sour apple martini". I can't even mix a decent 7-7 so Walter was the mixologist - but I got fined for getting others intoxicated on these delicious concoctions, just twisted their arms and poured it right down their throats. Isn't that a revolting development?

The topics of conversation in small groups can get pretty hilarious! We were comparing Wal-Mart shopping and shopping at Costco. With the small group the poker playing was limited (I guess) and Bob Cissell was involved more in the conversational group, at least I heard more out of Cissell this weekend than I have at ten other campouts. Anyway the quantity of toilet paper purchased at Costco came up and poor Cheryl opened her mouth saying that it "lasted a year". Bob got her good!!! "Cheryl, you're supposed to use it and throw it away!" Yup! That reduced the group to hysterics - and Cheryl was grossed out! Screeching, "BOB - You're disgusting! !" My goodness . . . When Bob gets going you should listen sometimes he is REALLY funny.

Friday night "Attitude Adjustment" produced so many great snacks, etc. the pot roast dinner I'd put together went begging. Some people never learn.

Come Saturday night despite the prediction of rain - praise be - our Polish Dinner went off without a sprinkle. As usual - the food was incredible. Well I believed it was - until Gladys Ennis began passing out Tums. Now exactly what this means I'm still not sure - perhaps the food was too good - some ate too much - which is very likely cause - Donna Hardy made peach cobbler and had ice cream; and Marilyn Cissell had made an apple crisp as dessert! Not that I intend to slight any of the other cooks cause lord knows there are no bad ones in the bunch. These are just the things I recall! Good grief - is there any wonder there are "NO" skinny campers?



Then we get to the raffle and all that stuff - I don't really think I want to go there - but there is one thing I just CAN'T ignore. Don and Barbara Booker dropped in for the evening and bought some raffle tickets. If by chance you see Don around the Lodge and he happens to have a stiff left arm - - he's probably wearing the "VIAGRA" watch he won in the raffle. I'm sorry - the Devil made me do it!

Oh well - might as well. Cheryl bought her usual bazillion tickets and as usual, especially, in a small group, walked off with an armload of the raffle prizes. But being the generous person that she is - she started handing out a few to the less fortunate.

Shirley acted as her own Sheriff and let me tell you - she was vicious, but very funny. Chet and Shirley did a terrific job as Wagonmasters and we really had a great campout, but funny thing, as I recall they won the 50/50.

As we were sitting around the campfire, one of the camp hosts came around to make sure everything was going well. I'm not exactly sure how this all transpired since I was on the other side of the circle. I seem to recall Barbara Booker being involved and I heard the host saying that he'd bring his ukulele and be right back. His Ukulele! I almost slid out of my chair. What the sam hill had she gotten us into?

He had visited us earlier looking for Walter Ogden because he was an Ogden and interested in the Ogden family genealogy. Seemed like a nice guy - but a ukulele? Oh you narrow minded woman! Darrell Ogden has the voice of a professional - absolutely magnificent and has as best I understand sang as a soloist! A very interesting man who went to college and graduated at 48 with a degree in sociology and anthropology intending to become a pulpit minister, but instead worked for the Salvation Army in Los Angeles managing the largest homeless shelter in the area, turning it around from operating at a \$400,000 deficit to an award winning operation. In the final analysis of the evening we will be sending him an application for the Elks - and more than likely have a new member.

### THE KAMPERS NEED HELP

Since we've learned that we can no longer make group reservations at Faria, we need to be on the alert for any new campgrounds we can use. This is not limited to the Kamper group IF ANY ELK MEMBERS are aware of campgrounds within an hour to hour and a half drive, please let one of us know. PLEASE!!!!

### TECKTIP

Walter Ogden's tire problems are not related - but brings to mind this topic! Tire pressure needs to be checked regularly. Particularly if your rig is not used regularly and most particularly the dual wheels. Rubber is porous subject to air seeping out - and the loss of 1 or 2 pounds of air pressure can allow the tires to rub together causing the build up of heat, thus causing a blow out. Air is CHEAP! Tires are EXPENSIVE! Sides of motorhomes are VERY EXPENSIVE!! And accidents can be DISASTERIOUS! BE SAFE - take a little time; invest in cheap air and preventive maintenance.

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LOYAL KNIGHT Sally Claunch

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**CONEJO VALLEY DAYS:** Lee Grindle  
**LODGE ACTIVITIES:** Tom Hartin  
**SCOUTING:** Jacob Panczak, PER  
**HOOPSHOOT:** Tom Hartin  
**WED. NIGHT DINNERS:**  
**DRUG AWARENESS:**  
**STRAY ELKS:**  
**MOTHERS DAY:** George Meehan



**ENTERTAINMENT:** Pete Padilla  
**WED. NIGHT TICKETS:** Raven West  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER**  
**APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool  
**DISTRICT PICNIC:** Tom Ryder, DDGER  
**PRESIDING JUSTICE:** Dick McCann  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Heather Maddox

### Random Thoughts from Claunch Operation Face Lift

v v Our thanks to the team of Mitch Strunk, Mike Vince, Max Maxwell, Al Torgeson, Keith Orr, John Peterson, and the Hardin Brothers-Tom and Pat for renovating the patio. Also thanks to Bob Cissell for keeping the hot dogs hot and the beer cold for our workers. These construction professionals donated their time and talents to create a space that we members will enjoy for many years. Also we owe a debt of gratitude to Harold Calvin who bought and donated a large screen TV for the patio. In return he only wants to control the remote. Ok, you can!! These guys lived the motto- Elks Care- Elks Share. We hope that other members will come forward to share their talents and time for the improvement of our Elk home.

In the near future projects in the Lodge Room are coming—FINALLY. In the kitchen- the griddle is installed, but the flooring is still on hold due to health code issues.

### Cook's Corner

v v On June 1st, the Naccaratos will kick off the month with a "pigless" pancake breakfast to benefit the Purple Pig fund. Does this mean, the only pig on the table will be a plastic purple one? On the following Sundays- Eddie and the Cruisers, Elks Ladies, PERs, and El Konejo Kampers will lend their flair to the breakfast faire.

v Every Wednesday before meetings, I invite everyone including Elk spouses and families to enjoy a delicious home cooked meal at a reasonable price. The BBQ team, Joe Smith, Carol Neuner, and Tom Ryder are the featured chefs of the month. See the calendar for menus.

v In June on Friday nights the home cooking continues with The Two Guys' (Bill Dennison/Robert Neuner) pork chops and salmon; Senors Bianchi and Landry Mexican Feast; Fish King Cooper and Kamper Joel Erickson's famous chicken cacciatore. Children dine at half price.

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the families of Dr. Bob McFarland and Jerry Tate on their passing; Tom and Pat Hartin on the passing of their mother.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Teri Rochford's brother who is undergoing treatment for cancer; Past Elk Ladies President and PFL Kathy Ryder who has undergone colon surgery; Annie MacIntyre and Debbie LaFarr both have broken ankles

**ON THE MEND:** Ron Maddox's wife from a car accident; MaryAnn Swallows; Pat Smail from surgery; Mark Barnes prostate surgery was successful and he is recovering at home.

v Just added on Tuesday June 24th, Chuck Busch is making a guest appearance preparing his famous pot roast for the Laughlin bus trip survivors and anyone else at 6:00.

v And don't forget \$1 Burger night on June 19th.

### Entertainment

v v Thanks to efforts of entertainment chair, Pete Padilla, on June 13 Dave Storm and his band will be performing and on June 20 Theresa Russell will be here. Both individuals are locally and nationally known musicians. See the flyers for more information. The June activities continue with officers night at the races and the perennial favorite the ERs going away party on June 28th. Come join your fellow Elks and friends at some of these fun filled evenings.

### Coming Attractions

July 26- Elk Ladies dance  
 Sept. 22-golf tournament

Oct. 11-Fun Fair  
 Oct. 26-bus trip to Magic Castle





## AMERICANISM

Raven West, Corn. Chair.

Last month we presented the first, second and place winners of the 2003 Americanism Essay Contest "What Does Freedom Mean

To Me?" with \$300, \$200 and \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds.

380 students from 15 of our elementary and middle schools in the Conejo Valley Unified School District entered this year, in two divisions; Division I for 5th and 6th grades and Division II for 7th and 8th. Here are the First Place winners' entries:

First Place Winner Division I

**Kateyn Wishner**

Conejo Elementary School

Grade:6 -Lori Peters, Teacher

*"Having freedom means that I have choices. I can choose to be whatever I desire. I have the ability to learn and experience new and exciting things. Freedom has allowed me to be who I am. I am able to understand what life is all about. For example; with recent events in this country, I realized that freedom is something to fight for. Other countries that do not believe in freedom are waging war against us to take our freedoms away.*

*Being free in our country has allowed me to have a fantastic education, mastering wonderful and easy skills at a level where I understand and enjoy at the same time. I've been able to do so much in my life that many kids in other parts of the world aren't able to do. I'm able to walk out in public and show my face when some women in other parts of the world can't be seen by anyone. I have been able to make friends with people of different races and religions, without being persecuted.*

*Without my freedom, I wouldn't be able to thrive. Freedom has made me, me!"*

First Place Winner Division II and

First Place Winner Division II West Central Coast District

**Lani Helm**

La Reina High School

Grade 8 - Nikki Blake, Teacher

*"Freedom to me is very important because it gives me the rights and privileges that make my everyday life so much better. I am free to speak my mind, publish what I please and travel wherever without a care.*

*I also have the freedom to follow my own religion without being pressured by others, and be my own individual self. All these freedoms are important for living my daily life in America, a free country which also leads up to the right to make my own decisions and choices.*

*Hopefully, I make the proper true and fit preferences, although many a time, I, as well as others, am tempted to make the unjust ones.*

*But that is my freedom.*

*With this freedom comes responsibility. I am responsible for my mind and actions, and I choose to live my life with these freedoms that make it so special.*

*Don't underestimate your life, because with all your freedoms and rights, you can make something out of it, and that is the best freedom of all."*

The other winners are:

Division I:

Second Place: Alex Nio - 5th Grade

Westlake Elementary School - Mrs. Boyce

Third Place: Melanie Ware - Grade 6

Conejo Elementary School - Ms. Lori Peters

Division II:

Second Place: Brian McFarland - Grade 7

Redwood Middle School - Mrs. Dryer

Third Place: Brittany Schaver - Grade 7

Redwood Middle School - Mrs. Dryer

*"Let my words give you sustenance, nourish your spirit, take you places you've never imagined. Not just for today when you've read them, but for what-ever forever we have in this life. Or the next."*

RAVEN WEST

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LECTURING KNIGHT

### David Naccarato

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**AMERICANISM:** Raven West  
**FLAGDAY/FLAGRETIREMENT:**  
 David Naccarato  
**SCHOLARSHIP:** Rick Herrera  
**GOVT. RELATIONS:** Denise Goldner  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** George Meehan  
**NATIONAL SERVICES:** Jim Kellogg



**KIDS XMAS PARTY:** Chet Kozlowski, PER  
**GOLF TOURNEY:** Dave Pearson  
 Tommy Claunch

**LODGE PICNIC:**  
**MEMBERSHIP:**  
**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Bob Hardy, PER  
**EL KONEJO KAMPERS:** Walter Ogden

The ritual team has just got back from competing in Lompoc. The team did very well with Jim Rochford coming in second for the Esquire position; Jay Block 2nd for Leading Knight; Sally Claunch 2nd for Loyal Knight; and Greg Metzgas 2nd in the Exalted Ruler position. The team took home an overall 2nd place plaque. Our inner guard Raven West came in 5th; not bad for a first time in competition. George Meehan took 4th place for Chaplain; Oh, did I mention, I took "First Place" for Lecturing Knight. I would like to take this time to thank our Coaches. For if not for their dedication and direction we would not have pulled it off.

Watching other teams who were not as fortunate as us to have this coaching staff, I am glad we did. Our thanks go out to head coach Gil Riding, word coach Richard Goldner, Jack Loughran and asst. coach Jacob Panczak.

The ritual has been around for a hundred years. The first Elks Lodge was formed in 1863 in New York City by a group of British actors called the Jolly Corks. One of the main contributions of Charles Vivian, the founder of the American Jolly Corks, was to deliver into the hands of the newly formed Elks, the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization called the Royal and Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, which began in England around 1010 A.D. The new 15-member fraternal organization wanted a new mascot, not the buffalo. Lodge history indicates the Elk was chosen as the new mascot because the Elk is a peaceful creature, fleet of foot with keen perception on an 8 to 7 vote.

The fraternal organization began as a social club, but switched focus to charitable pursuits after one of the original members fell ill and was taken care of by fellow members. Each year lodge members provide Christmas baskets of food for the needy families. In addition, Elks provide Medical, Dental and Eye Care for those who cannot afford adequate care. The Elks Organization awards scholastic and vocational scholarships to Jr. and High School students. Aiding veterans

is another way Elk members contribute to the community. As long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them. The fulfillment of this pledge is the obligation of every Elk, as set forth in section 4.290 of the laws of the order and serving our nations veterans is an expression of patriotism in its purest sense. We have a Veterans visitation June 19th. We meet at the lodge between 5:30 and 6:00.

June 14th is Flag day. We have a beautiful flag. As this emblem is first in our hearts as loyal Americans, so is it close to our Altar as loyal Elks. *"The gentle breezes with lingering caress kiss the folds of no flag which can compare with it in beauty. There is no such red in budding rose, in falling leaf or sparkling wine; no such white in April blossom, in crescent moon or mountain snow; no such blue in woman's eye; in oceans depth or heaven's dome; and no such pag-eantry or clustering stars and streaming light in all the spectrum of the sea and sky."*

I'll close for now. But I'll leave you with this *"Do good unto others for we pass this way but once"*.

## The Computer Gods Were Angry!

They were hungry and the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge ran out of BBQ so they took their vengeance out on your poor beleaguered editor. First they attacked our hard drive.

So we turned to the Great American Hero, **Roy Sapp** who rode to the rescue. After he got me up and running the gods still were not mollified and one wrong move on my part and we were back at Roys for a resurrection.

Words cannot express our thanks not only for Roys friendship but for saving our sanity and the June issue of the Antler Antics.



**EXALTED RULER (CONTINUED)**

present BBQ crew and the product the new crew will be putting out will be of the same quality as the present crew produces. With expenses such as insurance up dramatically, the lodge must generate additional revenue. Please call the office and leave your name with Dee if you are interested in signing up.

**Use of the lounge or smoking area during meetings**

Grand Lodge Statute section 16.090 states : *"All homes, Clubs, Club Rooms and Social Parlors shall be closed during the hours of all regular and special meetings of the lodge, except those facilities thereof designated for the use of and then being used only by the nonmember spouses and minor children of the members of the Lodge, providing the use does not interfere with the proper functioning of Lodge meeting. Any Lodge violating this Section under any pretext whatever shall be liable to a forfeiture of its Charter."*

The last sentence kind of reaches out and grabs me. The rule is there, we are not trying to run anyone out on Wednesdays but we do need to obey the statute. Last call on meeting nights is 7:15 pm, we keep the meetings as short as possible. Come join us for an hour in the meeting and then rejoin us for a drink or two after the meeting.

As I write this article, the youth awards dinner and Mother's Day brunch are about to take place. Our Entertainment Chairman, Pete Padilla, is setting up entertainment for our lounge on weekends and the Conejo Valley Days Crew are shifting to plan B and opening up again this weekend at the carnival. Lots of Elks Activity, and a lot of work by dedicated people. Thank you for all for your fine work. I am very proud to say that I am Exalted Ruler for the Thousand Oaks Lodge. There isn't a finer group of people anywhere.

**FINANCING A NEW LODGE BUILDING WITH BONDS AND NOTES**

Jack Malone, 5 Year trustee

One way of financing a new Lodge building would be to offer both Bonds and Notes to our member investors. Bonds are more formal and long term (30 years). In order to meet members' financial planning. Bonds must have provisions for redemption in case of death or hardship; AND must be transferable to spouses, children, grandchildren; educational trusts etc; AND must be transferable to other members in good standing. These provisions will meet most members' individual financing plans as long as the member has same flexibility in matching his needs with our various offerings.

Promissory notes are less formal and more adaptable to shorter term financial planning. For example, a member may plan a major financial transaction and needs to have funds available at the end of 5 years, 10 or 15 years. Promissory notes may fulfill the members' need especially in the area of college educational needs of children, or grandchildren. Even retirement income for spouses can make use of notes.

When making your personal financing plan; each of you must make your own decision. Consider the funds that are available for transfer into bonds and notes that will best serve your specific purpose. Your purpose may call for a 5 year note or a 30 year bond; a 10 year or 15 year note

We should also start thinking about the eventual transfer of the overall debt to future members from the present membership. Eventually, we will be paid off and new members will own the bonds and notes. This is comparable to inventory financing, or a continuing line of credit, both of which are cannon forms of financing an ongoing and continuous activity.

Next month I will write about interest rates, prudent reserve, and the limits on the total amount that can be financed.

Jack Malone

**LODGE BULLETIN—CONTEST "D" WINNERS**

The Grand Lodge - Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2002-2003 Lodge Bulletin Contest "D."

Division 3 (501 thru 700 Members)

1. Thousand Oaks, CA Lodge No. 2477
2. Canoga Park, CA Lodge No. 2190
3. Prescott, AZ Lodge No. 330
3. Santa Maria, CA Lodge No. 1538

Only the First, Second and Third Place Winners in each of the Divisions will be on display at the Grand Lodge - Lodge Activi-

ties/State Associations Committee Booth during the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis. Any of the winners wishing to have their entries returned must arrange to have their bulletins picked-up at the Booth on Wednesday, July 9, 2003. Winning entries not recovered will have to be discarded, as the Committee will not be able to mail them back to the Lodges.

The Grand Lodge - Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee extends its sincere thanks and congratulations to the winners as well as to every Lodge participating in the contest.

Mark P. Beckman, Member  
G/L Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee

*INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2003-'04*



Exalted Ruler, Greg Metzgas was installed by PER, Richard Goldner



First Lady, Barbara giving Exalted Ruler, Greg Metzgas the seal of approval



PER, Chet Kozlowski installed Esteemed Leading Knight, Jay Block



PER, Bob Hardy, installed Esteemed Loyal Knight, Sally Claunch



PER, Jacob Panczak inalled Esteemed Lecturing Knight, David Naccarato



The Grand Lodge Installing Officers for the year 2003-04



Past First Lady, Barbara Booker and Jr. PER, Don accepts his gavel and a remembrance plaque of his year and Corps of Officers



A special gift from 4 Year Trusee, Denise Goldner, a scrap book and photos of significant events in 2002-'03



First Lady Barbara and Exalted Ruler introduced at the Inaugural Ball



Jim Wallace with CHEA Special Citation for Elks Training PROGRAM



Richard Goldner, PER with certificates from the Presidents Century Club and the Millenium Club, CHEA, Major Project, Disabled Children



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**CHAPLAIN:** Marilyn Cissell  
**MAJOR PROJECTS:**  
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**HISTORIAN:**  
**SUNSHINE:** Pat Smail



Hello once again!

Another month has flown by and the Ladies are busy once more. We will be hosting a wonderful Father's Day Brunch. It will be on 'surprise' June 15th, Father's Day. So bring, take or drag that favorite father, son, uncle, nephew, you get the idea, to the Lodge to have a delicious brunch. I know that he will appreciate your action. If you have a great recipe for a brunch dish, share it with us. We may use it at the brunch or at some time in the future. If you would like to help at the brunch call me at 497-2504. This should be one of the best Father's Day Brunches we have ever had.

In July, we will be having a 50's night. You remember cruising through Bob's Big Boy parking lot, making-out at the drive-in movie. I know you remember those good times, so get ready to live it all again. Ladies, get out your poodle skirts and gentlemen comb that hair back into that duck tail (DA), and LET'S PARTY! The date is July 26th, so mark that date on your calendar, you won't want to miss this one. This should be a really fun night.

We would like to say a special "Get Well" to Marilyn Harding. Marilyn, we want to thank you for coming to help whenever there was work to be done (even when you weren't feeling well) and for being a good friend. So Marilyn, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

So until next month, I say so long and May God Bless.

Alice Kennedy

2nd V.P.

## WITH GOD AND HIS ANGELS

Marilyn Cissell



In life we have no guarantees  
how long we will be here,  
Your plans for us are mysteries,  
result should hold no fear.

You will be there to greet us, God,  
Our lives will be brand new,  
No sadness or dissention, Lord,  
with angels and with you.

Amen

## June



1	June Smith
4	Nancy Drake
9	Genny Gabel
14	Carol Ewald
16	Marge Britton
	Pat Jellander
17	Anne Ogdan

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## JUNE

- |    |                |     |                 |     |                  |
|----|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|------------------|
| 1. | Bill Ratcliffe | 10. | LamontMcMamara  | 22. | Allyn Warren     |
|    | Ralph Cambell  |     | Jim Riding      |     | Jim Allen        |
| 2. | Bill Moran     | 11. | Lee Westenhiser | 23. | StevenMcKee      |
| 3. | Henry Germain  |     | James Whitlow   | 24. | John P. Miller   |
|    | Bob Adams      | 12. | Brian Hardt     | 25. | Vern McNaboe     |
|    | James C. Allen | 13. | Bob Hardy, PER  |     | Scott Dool       |
|    | Ronald Barron  | 14. | Tom Knibbs      | 26. | Roger Bauw       |
| 4. | Ken Maurer     | 15. | Ray Brown       |     | Bill Rodarme     |
|    | Abe Gamble     |     | Tom Tibbitts    | 27. | Howard Johnson   |
| 5. | John Watts     | 16. | Ken J. Krabel   | 28. | Steven Kozlowski |
| 6. | Donald Murdock |     | Ron Pizits      |     | Mark Fonvergne   |
|    | Gene Ionnotti  | 17. | Ronald Hull     | 29. | Pat Flowers      |
|    | Mark Barnes    | 18. | Jock MacKelvie  | 30. | Jim Horning      |
|    |                | 19. | Jerry Gilmore   |     |                  |
|    |                | 20. | Buddy Craig     |     |                  |
|    |                |     | Robert Bastone  |     |                  |
|    |                |     | Charles Maslin  |     |                  |
|    |                |     | Walter Ogden    |     |                  |

## FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE NOMINATED ON

Date: June 11, 2003

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April 2	Insttallation of Officers 2003-2004		
April 9	\$400.00	#1746	Paul Krusper
Lucky 13	No Winner		
April 16	\$425.00	#1973	Russell Peck
Lucky 13	Dave Naccarato 'WINNER'		
April 23	\$450.00	#1688	Terry Baker
Lucky 13	No Winner		'Winner'
April 30	No Meeting		

## WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Bro. Jay Block and new member Kevin Robichau**



**New Member John Ferrie with Jack Loughran, PER  
standing in for sponsor Harold Calvin**



**New Member Jim Brown III and sponsor Jim Brown**



**New Member Ed LaFatta and sponsor Don Booker, PER**



**New member Maleah Earle and sponsor Abe Gamble**

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**Sunday June 15th**

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**See Dave Pearson  
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Sunday June 1st \$6.00

## Menu as follows

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- Pancakes with bananas and walnuts with whipped cream
- Strawberry Shortcake
- Pancakes with strawberries and whipped cream
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- Blueberry Pancakes
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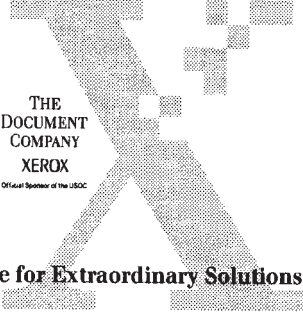

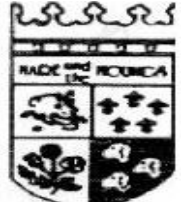
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1976-77 John E. Henry	1997-98 John Kelly
1977-78 Robert McKee	1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone	1999-00 Richard Goldner
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1981-82 Robert Hardy	2002-03 Don Booker
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	
1983-84 John Nau	By Affiliation:
1984-85 Vern Ogden	1981-82
1985-86 Dan Snyder	Robert L. Thornton
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