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"Catch the Spirit of Elkdom"

Lee Northcutt
Association President 2004-2005
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Lee's involvement in Elkdom began in 1981 when he was initiated into La Habra Lodge No. 2095. He served on several committees of his Lodge and was elected as Exalted Ruler in 1985-86. After serving on several District committees, he was selected to serve as the California-Hawaii Elks Association Vice President in 1990-91. He then served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1992-93. Lee was appointed as the Orange Coast District Leader in 1995 and continues to serve in that position. For his efforts and service to his Lodge, District and Association, his Lodge awarded him an honorary life membership in 1998. Lee has served on

the California-Hawaii Elks Association Government Relations Committee for four years, being the Chairman the last year. He was on the California-Hawaii Elks Association Board of Trustees for three years and has served on the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Board for two years as Secretary. During this time, he was a member of the California-Hawaii Elks Association Investment Committee for a period of five years. He was President's Achievement Award Chairman for Association President, John Holt in 2000-01. Lee was elected to serve as First Vice President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for 2003-04.

Lee served his country honorably in the United States Navy. He is a retired Navy veteran, serving on various cruisers, destroyers and staffs from 1956 until his retirement as Chief Petty Officer in November 1974. Lee is a life member of the FVW and also belongs to the Fleet Reserve Association. After his retirement from the U.S. Navy, he was General Sales Manager for Atlas Industries from 1975 to 1978; National Sales Manager for Ambassador Industries, 1980 through 1984, and since that time has been self-employed as an Independent Marketing and Sales Contractor engaged in Government contracts.

Lee has been married to his wife Rosie for 44 years. They have resided in Fullerton, California since 1970 and have four children, two daughters and two sons. Their youngest son, David, is a Past Exalted Ruler of La Habra Lodge No. 2095, and Lee's father, Norm Northcutt, is a long time Treasurer of the Lodge. Lee and Rosie are also the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren.

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"Keep on CATCHING THE SPIRIT OF ELKDOM"
 and
 !!!REMEMBER!!!
 !!!BUY BONDS FOR THE NEW LODGE!!!
 At last count \$75,000 towards our goal

To say that April was a banner month for the Lodge is the height of understatement. "Calamity Annie" Pearson's outstanding win in the CVD Grand Marshals contest, and doing it IN a grand fashion by setting an all time fund raising record, and I want to thank all of you guys and gals who did such a fantastic job with Annie's Grand Marshal campaign. And how about Rick Herrera's taking the honors in the "Whiskeroo" contest. Last but surly not least, your Lodge Officers winning the WCCD Ritual Contest. The month was then truly capped off by our initiating a record number of candidates as new members. As of this writing (5th of May), the Lodge Officers are looking forward to competing at the State Convention, and if I may be so bold as to forecast the event, we HAVE done the Lodge Proud.

June is the month for Santa Maria's Rodeo and Parade. Again our Train well be there and I hope we have a large contingent there to cheer us on. This month also sees the start of Visitations by our State Vice President Mac Clark and his lovely Lady Mary Lou. They will be visiting our Lodge on the 16th . The last weekend of the month sees our annual Elks Ladies Trek to Laughlin, Check with our Leading Knight Sally Claunch, or Annie Pearson to see if there is any room on the Bus.

It is encouraging to see several of the new members have already volunteered for duty on our BBQ teams, thus demonstrating their understanding of *Elks Carè and Elks Share*. Speaking of our BBQ teams, now that we are having BBQ every Saturday, plus going off site to various venues, our Captains are always in need of help. So please contact, Eddie Rice, Herb Jellander or Jim Rochford, and find out what you can do to bring our *BEST IN THE WEST BBQ*, to our community.

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**FIRST LADIES CORNER**

Myrna Block, FL

Hi:

We had a wonderful time in Ontario at the State Convention. Lots of good food and friendship. Jay and I are enjoying lunch at the Lodge (I don't have to cook!!!) and dancing when the mood strikes us. Everyone should come and see the new dance floor. "I'll save you a dance".

It has been fun visiting other Lodges for VP Visitations. I learn something new about Elks all the time. Please come and join us for Friday night dinners. Pete Padilla has been doing a wonderful job in booking great entertainment on these nights.

Hope to see more and more of you at the Lodge.

First Lady Myrna Block

**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"**

Ray Spencer

Born: October 4, 1953
Initiated: March 22, 2000
Died: June 3, 2004



EDITORS CORNER

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ELKS CARE & ELKS SHARE

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks set aside the first week in May as National Elks Youth Appreciation Week.

On Friday May 7th the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477 under the direction of Rick Herrera, Scholarship Committee Chair. and Raven West, Americanism Committee Chair., honored Scholarship and Americanism Essay winners.

Also being honored were Girl Scouts, who earned their Silver Awards, and the youth group the Jr. Elks. The Jr. Elks were recognized for their charity work. They voted, then donated \$100 to the California - Hawaii Elks Association Major Project, Aid to Disabled Children. This they earned with car washes and for helping serve special dinners. They received a Century Club Certificate of Appreciation from the CHEA for their donation.

Teachers; Susan Salvoski, Los Cerritos Middle School and Lisa Henningsen of Acacia Elementary School were in attendance recognizing the importance of the Americanism Essay Contest in the class room and encouraged their students to participate with an opportunity to win a saving bond for their effort.

One of the highlights of the evening was Jonathan Griffin, winner of a \$200 Savings Bond, who brought a copy of his essay and read it to those attending. Though small in stature he looked mighty tall in his delivery. It would not surprise me that in the future he will get my vote when he runs for public office.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks honors these young people because we recognize that they are the torch bearers of the future. They will keep alive the flame of Freedom and Democracy for the next generation and that is why *Elks Care & Elks Share*.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| William Wu | \$500 | |
| Thousand Oaks High School | | |
| Alina Logerquist | \$500 | |
| Elks National Foundation | \$1,000 | 4Year Grant |
| Oak Christian School | | |
| Lauren Morales | \$400 | |
| Oak Park High School | | |
| Christa Hunt | \$300 | |
| Thousand Oaks High School | | |



(Caption L-R)

Jay Block, Exalted Ruler, and Essay Winners, Lili Graham, Kayla Horwich Brown, Ele Griffin, Shanon Pearson, Jonathan Griffin, Raven West, Americanism Com. Chair., Scholarship Winners, Alina Logerquist, Gene Wu, Lauren Morales, Rick Herrera, Scholarship, Com. Chair. and Girl Scout Silver Award Winners, Amelia Meyer, Brenda Bass.



(L-R Front Row) **Breana and Jessica Neuner, Ray Maddox**
 (Back) **Carol Neuner, Heather Maddox, And ER, Jay Block**

AMERICANISM WINNERS

- Kayla Horwich Brown**
 First Place, Division I, \$300 United States Savings Bond
 6th Grade Los Cerritos Middle School
- Jonathan Griffin**
 Second Place, Division I \$200 United States Savings Bond
 5th Grade Acacia Elementary School
- Lillian Turner-Graham**
 Third Place, Division I \$100 United States Savings Bond
 6th Grade, Los Cerritos Middle School
- Megan M. McNulty**
 First Place, Division II \$300 United States Savings Bond
 8th Grade, Redwood Middle School
- Ele Griffin**
 Second Place, Division II \$200 United States Savings Bond
 8th Grade, La Reina High School
- Shannon Pearson**
 Third Place, Division II \$100 United States Savings Bond
 7th Grade, Redwood Middle School

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LEADING KNIGHT

Sally Claunch

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:

Joe Smith

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch**INVESTIGATION:** George Meehan**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:**

Jack Malone

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Tom & Sally Claunch

INDOCTRINATION: Jack Loughran, **PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.:** Herb Jellander
CVAC: Tom Hartin
COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota
OFFICERS ROUND TABLE: Jack Panczak, **PER CHARITY DINNERS:** Tom & Sally Claunch

How is the Elks National Foundation Helping California-Hawaii?

When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the Elks National Veterans Service Commission and the Elks National Home. You're doing more than providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than maintaining the Elks Veterans Memorial. You're doing all that, and you're supporting Elkdom in your state. During the 2003-04 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated \$576,479.07 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

A State Charities Grant of \$341,720.00. The bulk of this grant will go toward your state's major charitable project. But portions will be used to fund your state Drug Awareness, "Hoop Shoot" and Soccer Shoot programs.

A Special Projects Grant of \$346,800.00. We've authorized your state to use this grant to enhance its educational programs, as well as other charitable and philanthropic programs.

A total of at least \$292,000.00 in "Most Valuable Student" scholarships to 73 high school seniors from your state. In addition, we will award 38 Legacy scholarships-a total of \$38,000.00-to children and grandchildren of Elks who have been members for at least two years.

That's a total grant of at least \$1,018,520.00, which represents a ratio of 1.767 for every dollar the Foundation received from your state last year.

HOW IS THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION HELPING OUR LOCAL LODGE?

Alina Loderquist, our local scholarship winner was one of the 73 high school seniors awarded "Most Valuable Student" in our state.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS 805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the Ray Spencer family on his passing.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: PER Bob and Eula McKee; Raven West's father had a stroke and is suffering from kidney failure.

ON THE MEND: Dorothy McFadden, the mother of Sarah Ely who lives in North Carolina, suffered a series of mild heart attacks, and is now in a long term care facility; Joan Massicotte had her thyroid gland removed; Alice Kennedy had foot surgery and hubby Rusty had oral surgery; Dick Rogge is home from the hospital; Eve Davis received a pacemaker; new member John Tracy had a hip replacement; Harold Calvin had a growth removed from his neck; and PER, Bob Thornton has a fractured pelvic bone.

Remember cards and visits are always welcome.

The state major project, the Purple Pig program, has given pre-school screening to youngsters in our area.

The prizes awarded advancing winners of our local Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot contests at the state level are provided by ENF funds.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION?

Robert Jones, our lodge chairperson, will be supporting fundraisers for this noble cause. See him to make a contribution or pledge.

Or you can make a pledge or donate online at www.elks.org/donate.

EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat von Wittenburg

**I HAVE NO CLUE WHERE TO BEGIN!!! MAY - KENNEY GROVE**

I'm really hatin' life - limited word count - your killin' me Jerry! Amen!

We should have KNOWN! After the Leprechaun egg adventure at Travel Village; flyer announcing the Korn Festival by Karol Ewald this was NOT going to be the run-of-the mill campout. OH NO - it was probably one of those that happen only once in a lifetime.

Many of you know the Ericksons are preparing a house they've lived in for 34+ years to put on the market and have had some interesting experiences with contractors. Beverly coined a new phrase describing one as being a real "Fluster Cluck", and she wasn't protecting anyone's virgin ears. Thus the tone was set!

Thursday evening, since the Lakers were playing most of the guys were scarce - but Johnny D was kind enough to keep those of us without satellites posted - there was Mr. I'm Such A Positive Guy Joel who guaranteed us the Lakers would blow a 10 point lead, six of us decide to go out to dinner. We discovered a delightful Mexican Food place at 10th & Harvard in Santa Paula. When we heard a roar from the crowd in the bar - guess the Lakers won - and we were having an absolutely delicious meal. Yah-ho didn't have to cook! !

Friday the Poker Players were seriously at play and it seems I heard that Gene was relieving the rest of the players of some of their money. I believe it was Bob Cissell telling Marilyn he needed more money - but I'm not certain. Gals had a Mexican Train game going. I was doing really well until the final round - then I got blown out of the water. Whose bright idea was that - shoulda stuck to sewing!

Friday night was when the trouble began brewing (no pun intended). Carol introduced Debi Drake to Malibu Rum and Coke-a-Cola. Carol's now second favorite "adult beverage". Seems Debi thought this was quite palatable and made a trip to the market on Saturday. (Poor Jeff.)

Saturday dawned a mighty fine day, all were about working on their "Korn" recipes and wondering who

would be crowned King or Queen of Korn.

After the meeting Peggy Mulleneau and Doris Newcomer won the Washer Toss, Johnny D' & Beverly Erickson, 2nd; Gene Ewald and Don Newcomer 3rd.

There was poker played, Mexican Train, etc. (I stuck to sewing). The spread of raffle prizes was incredible. Carol anticipated more camper attendance and kept saying "buy lots of raffle tickets" - she really needn't have done that! As usual she had an unbelievable array!

Then the Korn Fest! The table was a sight. Everything from popcorn to corn chowder to cornflakes dipped in semi-sweet chocolate (marvelous) and the spectrum in between - awesome! The only dish that was recognizable was Bill vW's cause he's made it so often. But the dishes were all numbered and we voted on the best use of corn, best presentation or whatever appealed to us - but only ONE dish! It really wasn't that easy. Carol had chosen a SENSATIONAL CD combo player as a prize for the winner! Crash Colleran is now King of Korn Colleran - His corn chowder was the winner.



Peggy was the vicious Sheriff again, and Joel Erickson won the 50/50 amazing!

Our traveling troubadour Don Newcomer was back to entertain us. When he finished the action began! I was facing Peggy and Gary across the fire, she was calmly tatting away, but I sensed this current of restlessness behind me. Peggy showed no expression of alarm, I disregarded my feelings. After Don packed up, I turned to this group. They were wound up like an 8-day clock.

Donna Colleran, Debi Drake, Carol Ewald, Beverly Erickson (fairly quiet) Donna, Debi and Carol were on a roll. Debi thought they needed Jeff's, Melano cookies, peanuts, and snacks, she wasn't gonna get them. Donna went, was returning; past Carol on her way to the Drake rig, each in turn, knocked on the door demanding Jeff hand over the goodies. Donna had the cookies behind her back, after Carol knocked, showed her headlights - Jeff said the cookies were gone, he enjoyed it anyway. Donna reported Jeff was quite handsome in his burgundy shorts. This happened several times.

GREAT EXPOSURE: The finale - all I saw was a blinding flash of white from Gene Ewald, Carol's headlights, hearing Debi and a bunch of hysterical laughing. The End Of The **GREAT KOLON KLEEN OUT - OUTA WORDS!**

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LOYAL KNIGHT David Naccarato

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CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Ed Rice
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Greg Metzgus, PER
SCOUTING: Bill Miller
HOOPSHOOT: Tom Hartin
WED. NIGHT DINNERS:
DRUG AWARENESS:
STRAY ELKS:
MOTHER'S DAY: Rusty Kennedy



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

A couple of points I would like to touch on this month. First I would like to thank all the help we had on our breakfast on June 6th. Bill and Jeri Miller giving Karen and myself a hand. Bill was sponsored by Rusty Kennedy, who also with his wife Alice helped bring a top cabin breakfast to the Lodge. Bill has been an Elk just over a year and has been a huge asset to our lodge. Big on the BBQs always there when needed. Took over the Scouting Chairmanship, helps us in the kitchen bringing such tasty dishes like beer batter pancakes and fried mush. Bill's wife Jeri also works the BBQ and is 3rd Vice President of the Elks Ladies organization. They are members of three different yacht clubs so they do a lot of sailing and are missed when gone. Also brought into Elkdom by Herb Jellander is Rusty Kennedy. Rusty is our Chaplain for this year and took first place at our Ritual Contest, Rusty has been an Elk for 10 years and Rusty's wife Alice also works as cashier for the BBQ team and is First Vice President of the Elks Ladies organization.

Like other things that being an Elk has allowed me to do, I have another to report. What kid does not dream of riding the rails of the mighty Santa Fe railroad. Well, I was given the opportunity of being the engineer of our Elkomotive 2477 Train at the Santa Maria parade. After getting used to towing, I kept thinking at every bump it would fly off the trailer, I was getting into it. I first thought it was a lot of money and a liability. But after taking it up and all the people honking and giving me thumbs up and the kids at the parade in awe looking at our massive train, it was all worth it and would do it again. Besides all the honking and thumbs up I got, I also got honking and they kept signaling that I'm number one and kept saying "I know"

State Convention now being over and final tallies have come in I would like to report on our Major project fund. The amount of the check that was written by the lodge for Jay to walk across the stage with was \$6800.00. Now that's money collected on the first Wednesday of each month that is put into our gold bucket. Combine a check for \$2000.00 from our Elk ladies organization and \$1000.00 from our Campers group, brought our total to \$9800.00. On account in Fresno was \$2,391.25. Now that is moneys mailed in by you which gave us a total of \$11,716.25 and a per capita of \$22.15. That's the total divided by the membership as of May 14th. With the thousands of miles driven and the high cost of fuel and auto repairs this program needs us more than ever to exist. We've done an excellent job and am confident we will keep it up in the year to follow. Thank you each and everyone for your contributions.

MAJOR PROJECT

Our disabled childrens program that we fund, along with all the Lodges in California and Hawaii had a busy month in March. The therapist that we support had a case load of 425 children with over 1000 visits. They drove 25,094 mile to accomplish their task.

Also the preschool eye screening program saw over 4,383 children and found only 177 children that needed further attention by a doctor. They drove 9,041 miles for this at \$2.33 per gallon and prices going up the program needs our continued support. Which with this lodge it's a given

On Purple Pig Night on May 7th the Elk ladies donated \$2,000.00 to the program and the El Konejo Kampers donated \$1,000. (See Page 11)

Thank you so much for your support. We had a good showing at state convention.

Words of wisdom by Harley Dave

Energy Is our capacity for action powered by passion

EXALTED RULER (CONT.)

I hope you will not get tired of my asking you to support the **BOND** sales, but you must believe me when I say, **WE WILL HAVE A NEW LODGE!!!!** But it will take all of our members to support and participate. For more about this subject see PER Greg Metzgus's article. Also, if you have ideas or suggestions on promoting sales, please bring them up to the Bond Committee, or come tell the Officers at our meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. By the way, I encourage all members having any issues with anything at the Lodge to come to our Officers Meeting.

Thank you all for you continued support.
 Exalted Ruler Jay Block

**CALAMITY ANNIE
GRAND MARSHAL 2004**

David Pearson, Campagne Manager



ER, Jay Block and Dave Pearson, with a check of \$40,187 proceeds from the Grand Marshal race

Becoming Grand Marshal was such a surprise and a joy. I have so many organizations and people to thank for their support. I was truly blessed. This was definitely a victory earned by the entire Lodge. We are planning a wrap up party for our Elk supporters and volunteers, so keep a look out for the date. Meanwhile, I'm going to try to list everyone, so here it goes...my love and deepest appreciation goes to:

The El Konejo Kampers, Elk Ladies, and PER Association for your very generous financial support. Ed Rice and all of his BBQ Teams for the Kick-Off Picnic and Rummage Sales BBQs. Jail & Bail prisoners, Dee Ansel, Dee Swanson, Joel Erickson, Gary Pizzano, Toni Hartin, Heather Maddox, Carol Neuner, Janet Pollock, Judy Sandham, Judy Brayman, Bob Brennan, Johnny D'Ambrosio, Greg Metzgus, Jill Robicheaux, Jim Reed, Vickey Eagan, and Kenny Fernandez for raising a boatload of money. Betty Vega and Roxanne Horning for obtaining such wonderful raffle and door prizes. Catherine Koeritz for corporate and business sponsors. Ed Bianchi for donating the shotgun. Bobby Williams for donating the CVD belt buckle collection. Dick Flittner for donating the CVD badge collection. Don Ansel for donating the electric scooter. Bill Colby for donating the Mountainboard. Fred Trzcinski for donating the Bob Rickards painting. Bob Hardy for counting and keeping track of all the money. Mary Ann Keeler for her help at the General Store and CVD badge sales. Jerry Serota for keeping our name in the papers. Debi Fitzpatrick for hauling stuff in her SUV and working with me everyday. Joe Smith for donating the golf tournament trophies. David & Heather Maddox for the loan of their truck, the obtaining of numerous golf sponsors, running the Jr. Elks Car Wash, and raffle ticket sales. Carol & Robert Neuner for the Jr. Elks Car Wash, cooking on Game Day, and help with the General Store. Sally & Tommy Claunch for a hugely successful Auction Night, as well as their hard work and financial support throughout the campaign. Robert Koeritz and Alpine Solutions for their financial support and all of those blinky shot glasses. Vickey Eagan for sales of her beautiful jewelry and Walt Eagan for the donations for our Auction. The Ericksons, Newcomers, and von Wittenburgs for a record breaking Rummage Sale. Susie Ross, Mary McKee, Jack & Yolie Loughran, Sharon Baker, and Dee Swanson for General Store and raffle ticket sales. John Peterson and Cherri Skoczek for donating the wagon that Terry and Sharon Baker dressed up so beautifully, as well as their financial support on Auction Night. Richard Goldner for a record breaking Omelet Feast and entertaining us on Auction

Night. Judy Brayman for a great Wine Tasting evening and being "locked up" for Jail & Bail. Joel & Bev Erickson for a successful breakfast and donating items to our General Store and Auction Night. Greg & Barb Metzgus for their financial support and Auction Night donation. Pat von Wittenburg for donating numerous items for the General Store and my colorful "Calamity Annie" shirts that I just love. Bruce Fitzpatrick for his generous financial support and the "loaning" of his wife, Debi, each day to help me sell blinky lights. John and Marva D'Ambrosio for a tasty Italian Dinner, great Jail & Bail prisoner, and use and supplies for the badge maker. Pete Padilla for an excellent auctioneering job at the Final Countdown. Roy Cooper and crew for another great Fish Fry Night. Ed Rice, Dick McNeal, Harold Calvin, and crew for a fabulous Golf Tournament dinner. Nick Schiele and Liz Bell for their financial support on Auction Night and throughout the campaign. Chet and Shirley Kozlowski and crew for a great Steak & Salmon Dinner. Steve Magruder for donating both cash and Dodger tickets. Frank & Mary Elva Lussier for their ideas, raffle items, financial support, and photos. Walter & Anne Ogden for my autographed picture of Tom Selleck and the donation of the bottle of premium whiskey. Marty Campbell for equality she displayed for both candidates, as well as, some financial support and great advice. Jay & Myrna Block for making our function dates and the Lodge calendar work, as well as their financial support. And most importantly, those who supported us with hard work and/or their wallets: Steve & Jackie Gittleman, Steve McKee, Jeannie Sandt, Karen Kamm, Robert Jones, Frank & Jackie Coley, Jack & Charlie Henry, Abe Gamble, Mitch Strunk, Harold Calvin, Mike Vince, Bill & Gita Ratcliffe, Vern & Faye Ogden, Andy & Joanne Matsunaga, Jim Allen, Scott & Crystal Dool, John & Gladys Ennis, Gene & Carol Ewald, Pat Hartin, Jef & Lisa Harriott, Marc Donovan, Bill Dennison, Tom Hartin, Pete Jackson, Herb Jellander, Ken & Kirk Keeler, Theresa Kingsland, David MacFarlane, David & Karen Naccarato, Gil & Phyllis Riding, Dick Rogge, Bill & Judy Sandham, Cheryl Templeton, Glenn Wellman, Pam Mueller, and for those I have forgotten to mention...my apologies along with a hug and a kiss.

We were absolutely overwhelmed with the support we received and wanted everyone to know that through your efforts, we were able to give our Lodge a check for over \$40,000.00!! Thank you and May God bless you all.

Calamity Annie Pearson
CVD Grand Marshal



Alina Logerquist, Oak Christian School, Winner of \$500 Scholarship from our Lodge and an ENF \$1,000 four year scholarship, with Rick Herrera Com. Scholarship Chairman

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LECTURING KNIGHT

Catherine Koeritz

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AMERICANISM: Raven West
FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:
 Robert Jones
SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera
GOVT. RELATIONS: Denise Goldstein
MEMORIAL SERVICE: Rusty Kennedy
NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg



KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER
GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson
 Tommy Claunch
LODGE PICNIC: Catherine Koeritz
MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member
CHRISTMAS TREES: Bob Hardy, PER
EL KONEJO KAMPERS:
 Bill von Wittenburg



AMERICAN PRIDE

With the passing of Memorial Day and Independence Day around the corner, American pride is in full swing.

The Declaration of Independence is the birth certificate of the United States of America. It declared our independence, declared our commitment to freedom and basic rights that are guaranteed for every human being. Every freedom we have as Americans comes from the Declaration of Independence. It is the foundation for our other fundamental "blueprint for democracy" documents, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

I have just returned from Boston and what better historical place to soak up American Pride than Boston. I toured the U.S.S. Constitution, the Freedom Trail, into New Hampshire and Maine. My friend and great explorer, Vickey Eagan and her Mother searched for an Elks Lodge to visit and found one in York, Maine (#2788).

Sadly, while I was in New Hampshire, I heard of the death of our 40th President, Ronald Reagan. While they fly the flags at half-mast for him now, let us fly our flags on Independence Day with great honor and pride.

By the way, I found a website that demonstrates how, when and the rules on displaying our flag. It was very interesting

to read the do's and don'ts regarding our flag. Did you know that Section 8d of the Flag Code, reads, "The flag should never be used as wearing apparel."? Or how about the flag should be displayed on Mother's Day? This site even gives credit to the Elks Lodge for creating the idea of Flag Day, which Harry Truman made official. If you want to read more, go to <http://hangtide.com/holidayhistory/>

CATHERINE'S CONNECTION:

Last month I mentioned all the people I have been connected with regarding their relationship to me and to the Elks. Well, I'm sorry to say that I got disconnected!!! I want to include the most recent member, Irv Koeritz (Robert's father). Irv and Shirley have been coming to Sunday Breakfasts, so if you get a chance, introduce yourselves and say "hi".



We drove passed The Bush Compound (George Sr.) at Kennebunkport, Maine and took this picture. As you can see the flags are at half-mast in honor of Ronald Reagan.

WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



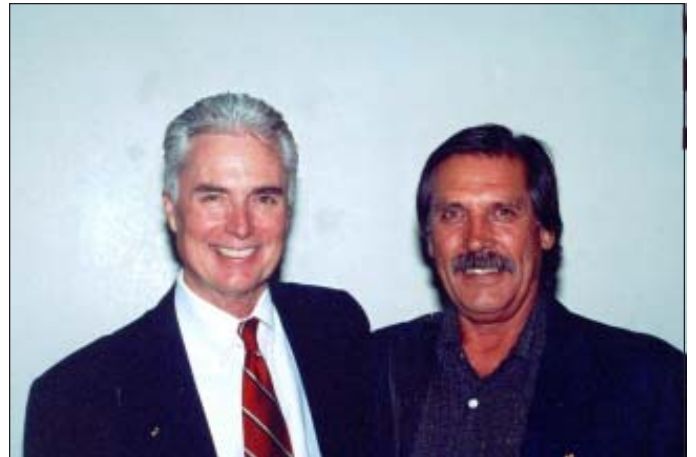
Bill Canahan and sponsor Harold Calvin



Holly Lore and sponsor Chuck Busch



John Tracy and sponsor Frank Lussier



Kevin French with Mike Miller standing in for sponsor Woodie Hammer



Ty Sisson and sponsor Jim Allen



Pearl Gibbs and sponsor Tom Klomprens



(L-R) Gabe Dennington and son Brady, the 2004 Theme Child, California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, with mother Sara and First Lady Myrna and Jay Block, Exalted Ruler at the 89th CHEA State Convention in Ontario

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

2004 Theme Child

Brady Dennington

Brady Dennington represents one of the thousands of children helped each year by the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. He is five years old and lives in Hemet with his parents, Sara and Gabe.

Charlene Brown, Regional Manager South, met Brady's grandmother at a scrapbooking class. A conversation ensued and pictures of Brady were shared. Knowing that this family could benefit from our services, Mavis Johnson, Occupational Therapist was contacted. Brady has received occupational therapy in his home setting since February 2002. A diagnosis of cerebral palsy wasn't made until Brady was three years old.

Brady's therapist, Mavis Johnson, remembers Sara sharing the story of Brady's birth. His delivery was traumatic for all of them.

He was delivered by forceps after a very difficult labor. Sara remembers that Brady's head was somewhat mis-shapen when he was delivered and he looked like he was bruised about the face.

At first he seemed stressed and was immediately handed over to the nurses. Their response was somewhat neutral and mom suspected something was wrong but couldn't put a finger on what it was. She waited for someone to reassure her but the answers weren't immediate. It has been a very slow but steady growth process for all—his therapist who wanted to fix everything and help this family understand what their son needed and for his family to understand exactly what his future might involve. Brady's family needed to understand that faced with a great deal of hard work in the coming years they needed to learn how to accept his disability and to be there by his side.

It took several months before his mom and therapist were able to discuss the extent of his disability.

It was a slow and painful process, but without having the Major Project in their home, the working out of these painful feelings of loss and the point of acceptance of the diagnosis of cerebral palsy would have been slower to arrive.

Brady is now five years old and is changing every day. Although he is unable to independently experience a variety of movement experiences due to the increased tone throughout his body, he continues to be motivated to move around the house using a commando crawl. He attempts to get a sitting position himself and he can get safely down from the couch. With adaptations he can sit up in a chair at the kitchen table and feed himself independently. He is working with a communication board to express his wants and needs.

He has just started using a walker and is learning that it isn't as easy as it looks! Brady's needs are being assessed by the school district and he soon will be attending a program that meets his needs for education, physical, occupational and speech therapy. Brady loves country music and exhibits a wonderful playfulness and can be quite the tease. He demonstrates love and gentleness towards the animals in his home and is participating in a therapeutic horseback riding program. The family is pursuing the companion dog program and it is hoped that he will soon receive a dog of his own.

By sharing their son with you as the 2004 Theme Child, his family expresses their grateful thanks to you. They hope that you will continue to be inspired by the results of the help you give to children with disabilities.

The Elks of California and Hawaii truly make a difference! By providing preschool vision screening, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language therapy, financial aid to children through the Vision Care Program and by awarding scholarship aid to students with disabilities, the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project transforms hope into reality.



NEW FACILITIES

Greg Metzgas, PER, Com.Chair.

This month is the month that we had planned to break ground for our new lodge building. There is just one problem, not enough of our members have supported our efforts by purchasing a bond. As I write this article, we are still only about 30% of the way there. Grand lodge will not allow us to start construction until we have at least 75% of the funds in the bank and a good game plan for raising the additional 25%. If you are going to buy a bond, please do it now. Our building costs are going



up daily, the city is adding more requirements to build almost hourly so we need to get this project going while it is still financially feasible to do so.

Our beloved **BUILDING BUNNY** has reappeared. Each

member that has purchase a bond will be given a Building Bunny pin to wear. When you see a member wearing this pin please thank them for putting us that much closer to having a new lodge building. I am hoping to see lots of Building Bunny pins around the lodge soon.

Some of you may have seen Bill Lloyd speak at a city council meeting regarding the new condominiums that are being built south of us. There will be a lot of construction going on there soon. Should any member be approached with questions or comments by the owner or builder please refer them to the office.

Once again, please help us get this new project started. The New Facilities Committee is ready to build, we have 3 general contactors chomping at the bit to submit final bids and the city is urging us to get started. We need your help to make this happen. It is time for us to have a new building that reflects the enthusiasm and generosity of our members.

Greg Metzgas, PER



GRUNTS

Have you noticed? There are things being done to clean up and improve your lodge. The GRUNTS are in action again. In case you do not know who or what GRUNTS are, let me explain. GRUNTS are those persons who volunteer and come down to the lodge and take on projects around the lodge. In the past several months there have been a few things done.

Starting to fix up front patio area. Hope to make it more attractive and useable for the members as well as for our BBQ customers.

Thanks to our new Esquire Bob Jones for becoming a GRUNT. Bob has been doing many behind the scenes projects. Fix up tasks.

Tom Hartin continues to be active with many projects also behind the scenes.

Max Maxwell working on some projects in the Smokers area.

As usual Terry Baker is active when no one can see him. Does many things not visible to the general membership.

What a rework job in the bar. Getting nicer. More room for our Friday night activities. Have to find out who did most of the volunteer work there. Most of the tasks just noted have been done at a low cost due to members' involvement. More improvements and cleanups are being planned. There is a need for more involvement of the membership.

If you have any suggestions or would like to join the GRUNTS please call me at 805-497-1853.

Fraternally
Tom Ryder - PER/PDDGER



ER, Jay Block getting one on one with 2004 CHEA Theme Child, Brady Dennington

CLUB MANAGERS CORNER

Judy Bragman



Hello Everyone,

New news:

I have been given the title Club Manager which means I will be providing my services in the Lounge, Kitchen and Banquets.

The Lounge I have been adding some new things and increasing our sales very nicely.

The Kitchen see our new lunch menu. **(Page 13)**

Banquets I have new menus to offer along with my services as an Independent Contractor. For an additional charge I will coordinate your special event from start to finish and be able to provide servers.

I finally came through with offering you lunches I have hired a wonderful cook known as Mad Maddy. Maddy comes to us with a lot of experience and at one time owned her own restaurant in Vegas called "Mad Maddy's". We started serving lunches as of May 27th we will be serving on Tuesday, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. See our complete menu and watch for our weekly specials that will be prepared by Mad Maddy and myself. Every Monday you will see me in the kitchen making pies and my famous Potato Salad. Every Thursday you can buy my Potato Salad for \$2.00 a lbs. what a deal, please provide your own container.

Thursday I will have a "Members Special Recipe Day" If you have a favorite recipe please bring it into me and we will offer it as the Special of the Day. I will make a cookbook from all the recipes I collect and once it's completed you will have the opportunity to buy our Members Cookbook. All proceeds will go towards the new Lodge. I hope everyone will join in and help promote our Members Thursday and at the same time get us a little closer to building the new faculty and enjoy some real

home cooked meals.

I hope everyone likes the changes we did in the Lounge with adding the dance floor. By August we will give the lodge a nice new paint job that will brighten up the place a little bit.

Old News: I have been asked to remind all of you of some things we have been a little laxe on.

Remember if you didn't use your key card to open the door you had to pay the Purple Pig? Well as of July 1, 2004 if you don't use your key card and you ring the bell to get into the Lodge (except those who do not have a key like the ladies, & associates) you are to go directly to the Purple Pig and pay \$1.00. For each and every time you ring the bell per day you will need to pay the Purple Pig a \$1.00. The Large Purple Pig will be at the end of the bar next to the Mega Touch game. The bartender will not be able to serve you a drink until you pay. Remember this is not something new it just has not been enforced for along time some of you might even have forgotten about it.

The second thing is when you bring a guest in you are to sign them in the guest book the guest book for now is on the table by the door. Your guest are allowed three visits only and they are not allowed to purchase any beverages from the bar. You as the member will need to order and purchase all beverages. Once they have reached their 3rd. visit lets invite them to become a member. Let's try and increase our memberships by the end of the year to 1,000 just think if everyone signed up one person we could make that easily. We need a podium for our guest book if anyone would like to built us one or denote one please contact Jay Block.

With the wonderful entertainment on Friday nights that Pete is providing us everyone should invite a guest lets share and show others how much fun we have. I would like to thank Pete for all his hard work and giving us great entertainers for the right price. Along with our wonderful members tipping.

See you soon forr lunch!



APPEYZERS

- Chicken Fingers \$4.95
Chicken Strips Deep-Fried to a Golden Brown
- Basket of Steak Fries \$2.95
Lightly Deep Fried to a Crisp Golden Brown
- Fried Zucchini Sticks \$4.95
Lightly Battered & Deep Fried Served w/ a side of Ranch Dressing
- Deep Fried Mozzarella Sticks \$4.95
Deep fried Mozzarella Served w/ Ranch or Marinara
- Combo Platter \$6.95
Zucchini, Chicken Fingers, Mozzarella Sticks Served with Ranch Dressing & Marinara

COLD SANDWICHES \$4.95

Your Choice of Rye Bread, Croissant or Sourdough Bread - Garnished with Tomato & Pickle

Egg Salad *Turkey* *Ham* *Tuna Fish*

Add Potato Salad or Cole Slaw for \$1.50



SALADS

Choice of Dressings: Ranch, Caesar, Blue Cheese, Honey Mustard

- Chopped Chef Salad \$6.75
Ham, Turkey, Provolone, and American Cheese, Tomatoes, Eggs, mixed with Romaine Lettuce
- Caesar Salad \$5.50
Fresh tossed Romaine, Parmesan Cheese, Croutons & our own Caesar Dressing
- Chicken Caesar Salad \$6.95
Our Delicious Caesar Salad Topped with Sautéed Chicken
- Cobb Salad \$6.75
Sautéed Chicken, Bacon, Egg, Tomatoes, Olives, Blue Cheese Crumbles with our Blue Cheese Dressing
- Tossed Salad \$3.25
Tossed Romaine with Parmesan Cheese, Croutons, Tomatoes, Red Onion



FROM THE GRILL

Entries come with a choice of Homemade Potato Salad, Cole Slaw or Steak Fries

- The Elks Quarter Pounder \$5.95
Fresh Beef cooked to order topped w/ Lettuce, Tomato & Onion Served on a Bagel or Sesame Seed Bun. With Cheese \$6.25
- Patty Melt \$6.25
Topped with Grilled Onions & Provolone Cheese Served on Rye Bread Lightly Toasted
- Turkey Burger \$5.75
Served on a Bagel or Sesame Seed Bun w/ Lettuce, Tomato, Onion
- Grilled Ham or Turkey with Cheese \$5.95
Piled High on Rye or Sourdough. Topped off with your Choice of American or Provolone Cheese
- Tuna Melt \$5.75
Homemade Lightly Toasted on your choice of bread Served with a Pickle & Tomato
- Chicken Breast Sandwich \$6.50
Served on a Sesame Bun topped with Mayo, Lettuce & Tomato With Cheese & Bacon \$7.50
- Meat Ball Hero \$5.75
Fresh Homemade Meatballs Topped with Parmesan Cheese & Marinara Sauce Served on a Roll

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FRIDAY JULY 23rd
NOT JUST ANOTHER MAGICIAN
STRAIGHT FROM THE WORLD FAMOUS
'MAGIC CASTLE'
A SHOW YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS

Get Reacquainted at the
Thousand Oaks Elk Ladies
Brunch



For all Elk Ladies and for those who might like to become an Elk Lady are invited.

Saturday August 14, 2004 @ 11:00 am
Brunch is on us!

Look for your invitation in the mail!

R.S.V.P. by August 3rd.

No late R.S.V.P.'s after August 3rd can be accepted!
Contact: Carol Neuner @ (805) 492-6980

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

Annual Family Picnic

Bring the Family & Friends
for Fun and Games

Sunday, August 29th
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



BINGO
SOFTBALL

Conejo Community Park
1175 Hendrix Avenue
Thousand Oaks

HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS
CHICKEN LEGS
CORN ON THE COB

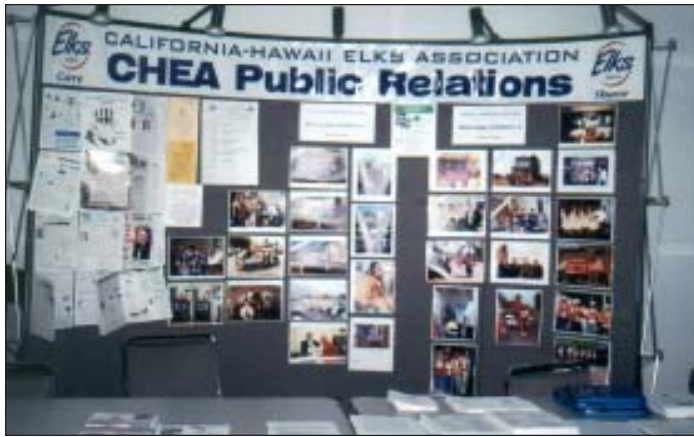




89th CHEA Convention, Ontario, CA, Richard Goldner, DDGER, Designate, Public Relations at work



Richard Goldner, PER, Jerry Serota, and Jimmy Spezia, new Public Relations Chair, CHEA



12 of the photos on display were from our Lodge




(L-R) Donna Hardy, presents the El Konejo Kampers check for \$1,000 and Karen Naccarato, a \$2,000 check from the Elks Ladies to ER, Jay Block for the Ontario Convention, Major Project Aid to Disabled Children



(L-R) Santa Maria Color Guard, Greg Metzgas, PER, Sander Schulman, Terry Rochford please note our Elkomotive 2477 in background



Engineer, Dave Naccarato, FL, Myrna, and ER, Jay Block wowing then at the Santa Maria Parade

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| 2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS | <h2 style="margin: 0;">THE ELKS LADIES</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Karen Naccarato</p> | 2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS |
| <p>1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Alice Kennedy 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Carol Neuner 3RD VICE PRESIDENT: Jeri Miller SECRETARY: Annie Pearson TREASURER: Donna Hardy AUDITOR: Kathy Ryder TELEPHONE: Patti Serota</p> |  | <p>PARLIAMENTARIAN: Myrna Block CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell MAJOR PROJECTS: Marva D'Ambrogio</p> <p>CVD: Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell HISTORIAN: SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski</p> |

Hello Everyone, It's July. Wow!

Graduation, Schools out, Father's Day and the Annual Laughlin Bus Trip has passed. I hope that everyone that could attend the Father's Day Brunch that the Elk Ladies hosted on June 20th enjoyed the brunch. Thank you ladies for your help on putting this Special Day on! For those that were Lucky or Unlucky in Laughlin, may the Fortune Gods, be or turn in your favor always! Thank you Annie Pearson and Sally Claunch for Chairing this event once again!

Happy 4th of July! On the 4th of July, 128 years will have passed since this great nation of ours gained it's Independence. Since then many changes have occurred in the United States. And I could bet our forefathers and mothers never even imagined where this country, that they fought so hard for, would be.

On June 1st, 2004 our monthly meeting was long... and, yes the meeting was tedious..... and I'm sure at some point some of us thought, well I could be doing something else. But remember one of those things that changed was the right to vote and by, women. I say this because for those that were unable to or just didn't want to be there some of our By-Laws were changed. Some passed and some didn't. You may agree or disagree. But they were discussed and voted on by the majority that showed.

On August 14th the Elk Ladies are hosting a Get Reacquainted Brunch. This is an invitation to all Elk Ladies and the ones that might like to join the Elk Ladies. Invitations will be sent to all Elk Lady members and to all spouses of Elk Members in good standing. Please R.S.V.P. No Later than August 3rd.

Something New will be added to my article every month. It's the Bubble Drawing Winners or Losers . The Chance to WIN is be at the Elks Ladies Meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. If your present and your name is drawn you could WIN up to \$100.00 ! As of now there has been no winners and the pot has rolled over to 3 different pots. Every month a members name is drawn. If they are not present the pot rolls over \$20.00 up to \$100.00 per pot and then a another pot will be started, starting at \$20.00

Bubble Drawing for the month of June;

Ginny Gamble \$100.00 Not Present No Winner
 Betty Vega \$100.00 Not Present No Winner



IT'S IN YOUR HANDS, LORD

Marilyn Cissell, Chaplain

**Was global warming not enough?
 now terrorism threatens all.
 Our country's loss of life is great,
 to help Iraq, is now our call.**

**The Middle East, a troubled zone,
 yet still the goal democracy.
 Your part, Dear Lord, so great a need,
 and only you can make men free.**

Amen



JULY

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| 11 | Betty Pape |
| 22 | Audry Huffman |
| 28 | Fran Bodenhamer |
| 30 | Barbara Booker |

Karen Naccarato \$20.00 Not Present No Winner
 Next months drawings will be worth \$100.00, \$100.00, & a \$40.00 prize. Be present and you'll have a chance to win 1 of these drawings.
Dates to Remember :
 August 3rd; Elk Ladies Meeting 7:30 pm (bubble drawings @ \$100.00, \$ 100.00 and \$40.00)
 August 3rd; R.S.V.P. for Reacquainted Brunch
 August 14th Get Reacquainted Brunch @ 11:00 am
 For more information or need a ride; Please Contact: Carol Neuner (805) 492-6980,
 Karen Naccarato (805) 375-1089, Alice Kennedy (805) 497-2504

As Always I wish Everyone Well & happiness,
 Carol Neuner

HONOR ROLL



- Scott Dool
- Ritual Hospitality Team
- Sally Claunch
- Italian Club
- Harold Calvin
- Greg Metzgus, PER
- Jay Block, ER
- Vern Jossy
- Kathy Burns
- Bill Miller
- David Naccarato
- Robert Jones
- El Konejo Kampers
- Elks Ladies



JULY

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| 1. | James Eaton, Arthur Robitaille | 12. | Chet Kozlowski, PER | 27. | Bob Clark, Jr. Melvin Appel |
| 2. | Marshall Matz | 13. | Bill Smail | | Donny Long |
| 3. | Rolla "Tommy" Thompson | 14. | Lester Hight | | Robert Di Simone |
| | Marc Donovan | 15. | Bob Stevens | 28. | Craig Nigg |
| | Ben Passarelli | 16. | Marc Lowman | | Walter Eagan, Jr. Donald Kerins |
| 4. | Edward Hibbert | 17. | Larry Lowman | 29. | John Kolb |
| 5. | Dick Rogge | 18. | Ron Maddox | 30. | Jim Rapp |
| | Ed Colleran | 19. | Roy Sapp | | Tom Wolf |
| 6. | Don Booker, PER | 20. | Alton Larson | 31. | Rich Case |
| | Donald Newcomer | 21. | Patrick Lynch | | |
| | Michael Habicht | 22. | Tony Pinto, Sr. | | |
| 7. | Tom Corrigan | 23. | John Ennis | | |
| | Larry Semer | 24. | Richard Smith | | |
| 9. | Al McCloud | 25. | Marshall Schreiner | | |
| | Michael Bleau | 26. | Al Lenahan | | |
| | Jerry Oberle | | Debra Carafelli | | |
| 10. | Walter "Sam" Samora | | Jim Rochford | | |
| | Chris Meske | | Mike O'Beirne | | |
| | Mark Ziegler | | Bill Dierker | | |
| | | | Don Ansell PER | | |
| | | | Bill Wilkinson | | |
| | | | John Leadam | | |
| | | | Debra Clingan | | |

FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON

Date: July 14, 2004

| NAME | OCCUPATION | SPONSOR |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Vincent Schiele | Self Employed | Harold Calvin |
| Erin Pierle | Retail | Mitch Strunk |
| Myrna Block | Housewife | Robert Jones |
| Rick Bennett | Roofer | By Reinstatement |
| Lester Reekers | Retired By Certificate of Release | Santa Maria, #1538 |
| Harry Isaman | Retired | Richard Wixon |

CRYING TOWEL



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|-----|----|-----------------------------|----------|-------|----------------|
| May | 5 | 1st. | \$500.00 | #1863 | Mark Fonvergne |
| | | 2nd. | \$125.00 | #2044 | Rick Filerman |
| May | 12 | 1st. | \$500.00 | #2009 | Ed LaFata |
| | | 2nd. | \$150.00 | #902 | Chuck Busch |
| May | 19 | DARK NIGHT STATE CONVENTION | | | |
| May | 26 | 1st. | \$500.00 | #1745 | Paul Kruspir |
| | | 2nd. | \$175.00 | #1904 | Ed Ayril |

ENTERTAINMENT

Pete Padilla, Com. Chair.



This will catch all of you up on the coming entertainment for July. We are fortunate to have the group "**FREE CHICKEN AND BEER**" on Friday, July 9, 2004. This group does a great job with country and classic rock. As always, bring your dancing shoes and get ready for a great night of entertainment.

As a special surprise to all of you, we were also lucky enough to book a regular performer from the **MAGIC CASTLE**. His name is Lou Serrano and he will be performing for us on July 23 as a dinner show performer. His show will begin at 7:00PM and he will knock you out!!! I have seen him in person and find him to be a fantastic performer.

Because this month also encompasses the fourth of July holiday and many of our members are on vacation or have family plans, this month will be a little shorter on entertainment than what is normally scheduled. We like our entertainers to play to a "full house" or as many members as possible since it helps in the area of paying for their performance.

To you new members I want to explain the "tip jar" and how it works: Some of the entertainers we book can and do perform at a reduced rate from their normal charge. This, of course, does assist the lodge in its overall profits that support the charities we are all aware of. Some entertainers, of course, cannot participate in this. The tip jar monies go completely and directly to the entertainers in hopes of making it somewhat more profitable to them so they, in turn, will continue to perform for us. For anybody that is under the impression that an entertainer is being paid by the lodge and, therefore, tips are not important or necessary, I want to clear this up. If anyone has any questions regarding this, please bring it to my personal attention.

I also want to extend my standing invitation to all members, new and old, to let me know of any entertainment you may be interested in seeing. I am here for YOUR enjoyment and am open to all suggestions. We are always interested in supporting local people who may need a start and those not so local also.

In closing let me wish all of you a happy and safe July 4th and please keep checking the lodge for entertainment posters which will announce coming events and their dates.

Sincerely,
Pete Padilla, Entertainment Chairman

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AMERICANISM

Raven West, Com. Chair.

Nations come into being in many ways. Military rebellion, civil strife, acts of heroism, acts of treachery, a thousand greater and lesser clashes between defenders of the old order and supporters of the new--all these occurrences and more have marked the emergences of new nations, large and small. The birth of our own nation included them all. That birth was unique, not only in the immensity of its later impact on the course of world history and the growth of democracy, but also because so many of the threads in our national history run back through time to come together in one place, in one time, and in one document: the Declaration of Independence.

The clearest call for independence up to the summer of 1776 came in Philadelphia on June 7. On that date in session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), the Continental Congress heard Richard Henry Lee of Virginia read his resolution beginning: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

The Lee Resolution was an expression of what was already beginning to happen throughout the colonies. When the Second Continental Congress, which was essentially the government of the United States from 1775 to 1788, first met in May 1775, King George III had not replied to the petition for redress of grievances that he had been sent by the First Continental Congress. The Congress gradually took on the responsibilities of a national government. In June 1775 the Congress established the Continental Army as well as a continental currency. By the end of July of that year, it created a post office for the "United Colonies."

In August 1775 a royal proclamation declared that the King's American subjects were "engaged in open and avowed rebellion." Later that year, Parliament passed the American Prohibitory Act, which made all American vessels and cargoes forfeit to the Crown. And in May 1776 the Congress learned that the King had negotiated treaties with German states to hire mercenaries to fight in America. The weight of these actions combined to convince many Americans that the mother country was treating the colonies as a foreign entity.

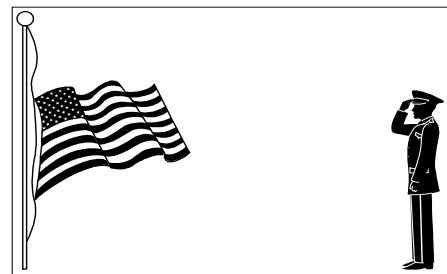
One by one, the Continental Congress continued to cut the colonies' ties to Britain. The Privateering Resolution, passed in March 1776, allowed the colonists "to fit out armed vessels to cruise [sic] on the enemies of these United Colonies." On April 6, 1776, American ports were opened to commerce with other nations, an action that severed the economic ties fostered by the Navigation Acts. A "Resolution for the Formation of Local Governments" was passed on May 10, 1776.

At the same time, more of the colonists themselves were becoming convinced of the inevitability of independence. Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, published in January 1776, was sold by the thousands. By the middle of May 1776, eight colonies had decided that they would support independence. On May 15, 1776, the Virginia Convention passed a resolution that "the delegates appointed to represent this colony in General Congress be instructed to propose to that respectable body to declare the United Colonies free and independent states."

On June 11 consideration of the Lee Resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five, with New York abstaining. Congress then recessed for 3 weeks. The committee consisted of two New England men, John Adams of Massachusetts and Roger Sherman of Connecticut; two men from the Middle Colonies, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York; and one southerner, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia.

On July 1, 1776, Congress reconvened. The following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting. Immediately afterward, the Congress began to consider the Declaration. Adams and Franklin had made only a few changes before the committee submitted the document. The discussion in Congress resulted in some alterations and deletions, but the basic document remained Jefferson's. The process of revision continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4. Then, at last, church bells rang out over Philadelphia; the Declaration had been officially adopted.

**Dedicated to the Memory of our 40th President,
Ronald Reagan 1911-2004**



Elks Care - Elks Share



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL, Lodge Secretary

Our lodge continues to prosper both in membership and wealth.

No one can make us grow except the members, and we are doing exceptionally well so far this year in initiating new Elks. We finished the 03-04 lodge year with a plus 3, and believe me it wasn't easy. We brought in an abundance of new members, but after we counted all of the drops for non-payment, transfers to other lodges, deaths, and absolute dimits, most of our work was for naught. This year we are well ahead of the game, and if the current trend continues 04-05 will end with a great deal more than last year. But our lapsation is still at 71 as of this writing. If you know of any member who has not paid their dues, please convince them to become paid up. On the same token, if you see lapse members in the lodge building, please ask them to either pay their dues or leave. They are taking advantage of what you are paying for.

Included in this months bulletin is a printing of the House Rules. They must be included at least once a year or when changes occur. Since there have been some changes in the operation of the lodge in the past year, there will undoubtedly be some changes coming forth. You'll be kept abreast of these changes as they occur. Bear in mind that all changes to the House Rules and By-Laws must be presented to the lodge and voted upon before Grand Lodge Judiciary approves them. No House Rule or By-Law change will be implemented without your knowledge and approval.

The office staff is going at full speed this time of year. The first 3 or 4 months of every lodge year is maximum confusion and total hyper. Please do not confuse the issue with trivialities that you might be able to take care of yourself. Dee and June (and myself) are spending an enormous amount of time keeping our heads above water right now. The addition of credit

card usage only made the matter worse. Sooo – if you possible can, keep your business with the office to a minimum for another month or so. Of course we are there to help and take care of business, and will do everything possible to accommodate you.

Speaking of credit cards, the program seems to be doing well. You may pay dues, buy drinks and dinners. The bar manager is going to start a file system where if you neglect to pay your bar bill at the end of the evening, she can charge it to your credit account as signature on file. It makes our book keeping much easier and we can close out our daily receipts without badgering you to come down and pay your bar bill. As for checks, we are starting once again to get more of them returned NSF. This also causes us hardships. Bear in mind that the check cashing policy that is posted in the bar is very much in effect. We charge \$5.00 bank fees and \$15.00 for administration fees for every check returned. We also have those who for some reason like to cash one check in the morning with one bartender and then another in the afternoon with another bartender, knowing they do not have funds to cover any of them. That's \$30.00 per day in fees plus their checks. Not very good business practices along with the fact that their check cashing privileges are cancelled. It should also be noted that Elks are totally responsible for their spouses and guests.

Well, I reckon that's about all for this month. Flo and I wish you all a wonderful 4th of July. Wherever you do, and wherever you go, have fun and return safely to us.

And that's 30 for this month

Bill

THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE #2477 HOUSE RULES

1. All details connected with the operation of the clubroom and kitchen are the responsibility of the House Committee.
2. The clubroom will be open Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m., Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m., and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Exceptions to closing to the above can be made by the bar steward at their discretion.
3. There will be no other activities in the lodge, clubroom, or on lodge premises during a regular session of the lodge, funeral services of a member of this lodge, or any other special session mandated by Grand Lodge such as Memorial Day or Flag Day Services.
4. Escorted ladies and non-Elk visitors accompanied by an Elk will be permitted daily except after 7:30 p.m. on Lodge meeting night. Guests are not permitted access to the lodge or clubroom after 7:30 p.m. on lodge meeting night. Last call must be held at 7:15 p.m. on lodge meeting nights, and 15 minutes prior to those functions described in House Rule #3 above.
5. Paid up members in good standing of the Order and their guests are the only persons to be permitted usage of this Lodge facility, except when it is rented or an open meeting declared.
6. Visiting members of the Order are required to register and exhibit their membership card to the bar steward.
7. Members must buy all drinks for their guests at all times.
8. No drinks will be served after 1:45 a.m. and all drinks must be off the bar and tables by 2:00 a.m.
9. Loud, rude, boisterous, profane and obscene language is prohibited at all times.
10. Any member or guest thereof entering the building while under the influence of intoxicants will not be served or permitted to remain.
11. No member shall remove, mutilate or destroy any Lodge property. Malicious or careless damage will be repaired, replaced, or paid for by the person or persons responsible.

12. No circulars, notices, or personal advertising shall be posted in the Lodge. Lodge functions may be advertised in the clubroom at the discretion of any lodge officer.
13. No tickets are permitted to be sold in the building for any purpose except for Elks functions or activities.
14. Minors are not permitted in the clubroom or facilities unless accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times, and must not sit at or be served at the bar.
15. No animals will be allowed in the building except seeing eye dogs.
16. Political or religious discussions are prohibited in the Lodge.
17. Members shall not under any circumstances reprimand or otherwise harass any employee of the Lodge.
18. Only the bar manager or duty officer has the authority to correct or otherwise discuss business problems with the bar steward.
19. No cigarettes, cigar butts, or other debris shall be deposited on the floors.
20. Any member issuing a check with non-sufficient funds will forfeit his club check cashing privileges until said check is made good.
21. No member will be allowed to cash a check for more than \$35.00 in any one business day. The only exception being that the member may cash a check for \$35.00 more than his existing daily bar bill. Under no circumstances may a member cash any checks if a check is being held at the bar that has been returned for non-sufficient funds. The maximum amount of a check to be cashed by a visiting member will be limited to \$25.00.
22. Any member found guilty of conduct unbecoming an Elk, or violation of any of these rules, may be suspended by the House Committee from privileges of the club in the manner provided by Grand Lodge Statutes and the By-Laws of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477.
23. Under no circumstances will out-of-state, two-party, or un-preprinted checks be cashed at the bar.
24. All bar patrons must produce proper valid California identification at the request of the bar steward when cashing checks.

25. The bar steward is basically responsible to secure and lock the building when the bar closes. The responsibility can be assumed by any officer of the Lodge if the occasion arises.
26. Alcoholic beverages are not to be taken from or consumed outside the building or in the parking lot.
27. Alcoholic beverages are not to be mixed in plastic or other take-out containers.
28. Drinking of alcoholic beverages behind the bar is not permitted.
29. The pool table is to be covered at all social events. No games will be started within one hour prior to the event and there will be no resumption of games until the chairman of the event or duty officer authorizes pool games to resume.
30. Bar credit will be calculated on a daily basis, and is due and payable by the member the day credit is established. All bar credit must be paid in full before the member leaves the clubroom for that day, and no further credit will be extended until payment in full is made.
31. House Rules will be published in the Antler Antics at least once a year or when a major change is made.
32. Any Elk or former Elk who is delinquent, or has been dropped for nonpayment of dues or conduct unbecoming an Elk, from this lodge or any other Lodge, will not be admitted to this lodge or clubroom as a guest of any member of this Lodge, or of any other lodge.
33. There will be no smoking by anyone in any food preparation area or in the kitchen at any time.
34. No one is allowed to smoke anywhere within the confines of the Lodge building. The only designated smoking areas are the patio or outside the building.
35. No one other than the bar steward or bar manager shall be permitted behind the bar at any time unless specifically requested by the bartender or bar manager, and then only to perform cleaning or glass washing tasks as necessary.



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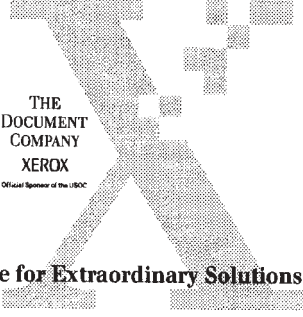

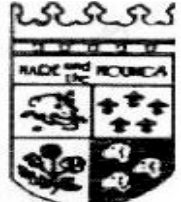
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