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*"Catch the Spirit of Elkdom"*

- Sun. Sept. 19th - Jr Elks Car Wash
- Fri. Sept. 10th & 24th Live Entertainment in the Lounge
- Fri. Sept. 17th - Jr. PER Roast
- Wed. Sept. 29th - Bond Rally - Free Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Oct. 3rd - Santa Anita Race Track

## THE RIDER BAND



**FRIDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**DANCE**

**DANCE**

**AND MORE**

**DANCE**



## THE ORIGINAL RENEGADES



**FORMERLY KNOWN AS  
FREE CHICKEN AND BEER  
YOU ASKED FOR**

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**AND THEY ARE BACK**

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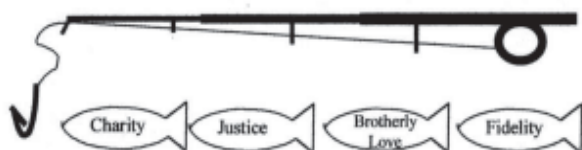
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## "CATCHING THE SPIRIT OF ELKDOM"



**???HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR BONDS YET???**

I feel privileged at this time to bring to the attention of all our members, a singular act of outstanding character and caring initiative, that was demonstrated by one of our Jr Elks. During a family outing at Lake Lopez, Robbie Neuner (son of Brother Robert and mother Carol), heard the calls of distress by what seemed to be a pair of lost or at the very least, badly misplaced hikers. Night was coming on rapidly, but with straight thinking and fast reaction, Robbie grabbed his day pack, loaded it with emergency supplies, and water, told his dad to inform the Park Ranger, and quickly set off to find the people in distress. When he did reach them, it turned out to be a grandmother and her 10 year old granddaughter, who apparently became confused when night fell, and didn't know which way to go. They were thirsty, tired, as well as a little scared. Robbie stayed with them until the Park Rangers eventually came. According to Sister Heather Maddox, who was also on the outing, the Park rangers were very impressed with the speed and quick thinking demonstrated by Robbie, as well they should.



(L-R) Katherine Beers, Robbie Neuner, and Peggie Ferguson



## FIRST LADY'S CORNER

First Lady Myrna Block

Hi:

Well here we are in September. I promised to tell you all about the Grand Lodge Convention we went to in Minneapolis in July. It was WONDERFUL. We had some rain, temperatures were 20 degrees lower than normal- it was WONDERFUL. There were lots of meetings, and lots of partying, and lots of eating it was WONDERFUL. We went to the Mall of America, I was a little disappointed, same stores as elsewhere. Made lots of new friends- it was WONDERFUL. The Goldners had a super hospital-ity room- really enjoyed visiting with all of the District ER's and their spouses- it was WONDERFUL. I think you get the ideas that the Convention was WONDERFUL. Lots of good things coming up at the Lodge, be sure to read all of the Antler, and the flyers around the Lodge

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

First Lady Myrna Block

With this act, Robbie Neuner, exhibited all of the basic characteristics we Elks hold dear, Caring, Sharing, Brotherly Love and Fast Action.

GOOD FOR YOU!!!!!!.



As I implied last month, we will have a repeat of the FREE CHICKEN CORDON BLEU DINNER on Wednesday the 29th of September at the Lodge, for a repeat night of information exchange on the bond drive for the new facility. For more info see PER Greg's message, and the flyers posted around the Lodge. See you all there!!!

Yours in Fraternal Brotherhood  
 Exalted Ruler Jay Block



## EDITORS CORNER

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### BETTY ANNE TYLER

1934-2004

The chapel was full and we looked around and saw friendly faces who came to pay their last respects. These are the same faces from the 70's who were full of vigor that helped bring Elkdom to Thousand Oaks. They are older and sadder now that an old friend is with us in memory only.

Betty was the widow of Bro. Bob Tyler. We first met them in the Bi-Centennial year 1976. Her husband Bob was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and he hired yours truly to be the bartender for the Lodge.

It was a treasured relationship and we are indebted to the Tylers for the warmth and love they shared with us. Our children grew up together and to this day our grown grandchildren are very close.

How do you say goodbye to an old friend? With a heavy heart we are thankful for the love that was shared with us. We are thankful for the good times we had together. We are thankful that the pain of living is no longer there and we are thankful that Betty and Bob are once again as in life inseparable.

Our heart goes out to Bro. Tom Tyler and the rest of the family at this time of parting and Betty will be surely missed.

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## JAMES M. MCQUILLAN

### GRAND EXALTED RULER

2004-2005

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.*



James Michael McQuillan was born on April 14, 1942, at Emma Murphy's Maternity Home in Greeley, Nebraska, a small town of 550 residents in central Nebraska, to Michael J. and Janet A. Smith

McQuillan where he was raised with his six younger sisters. He attended elementary and high school at Sacred Heart School in Greeley and graduated in May, 1960. During the years in Greeley, he delivered daily newspapers, worked in a grocery store, and later in a lumber yard owned by his maternal grandfather who instilled in him the value of hard work and the philosophy that "if there is a job to be done, it should be done well."

Jim enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in September, 1960. During his undergraduate years, he was employed part-time by Arthur Andersen & Company, doing general office work, including the operation of printing equipment.

Jim and his high school sweetheart, Karen K. Kennedy, were married on August 31, 1963, in Greeley, and ten days later Jim enrolled at the Creighton University School of Law with Karen being employed as a Secretary/Receptionist for the Creighton University School of Medicine. During his law school years, Jim worked part-time in the tax department of Arthur Andersen & Company, and received a Juris Doctor Degree from Creighton on May 31, 1966. By that time Jim and Karen had been blessed by the birth of the first three of their six living children - two sons passed away in infancy, one as a result of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and a second as a result of premature birth. Jim, Karen and family moved to Ogallala, Nebraska where Jim began his law practice in July, 1966, which continues to this date with his son, Michael as a partner.

Jim was initiated into Ogallala, Nebraska Lodge No. 1760 in 1966, served on and chaired a number of committees and was elected Exalted Ruler in 1977. He was a member of three Nebraska State Championship Ritual Teams, was All-State Inner Guard and Exalted Ruler and All-American Inner Guard. He served as Lodge Trustee for five years, Lodge Treasurer for seven years, Presiding Justice of the Subordinate Forum for a number of years and was elected to Honorary Life Membership in 1989.

Jim is proud that his father, Michael J. McQuillan, is a Charter Member of Ord, Nebraska Lodge No. 2371, and his three sons and two sons-in-law are Members of the Order of Elks. Two of his sons are Officers of Ogallala Lodge No. 1760, one being the immediate Past Exalted Ruler and the other being the Esteemed Leading Knight.

On the Grand Lodge level, Jim served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Western District of Nebraska in 1983-1984. He served on the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge for eight years being its Chairman for two years. He was a regular member of the Grand Lodge Pardon Commission for two years and served as Chairman of that Commission for one year. He was a Justice on the Grand Forum for five years, serving as Chief Justice of the Grand Forum in 2002-2003.

Jim and Karen are the proud grandparents of eleven granddaughters and three grandsons and are known to them as "Grandpa and Grandma Quillie." They are also happy to have as an extended family the many Elks they have been privileged to meet throughout the country and look forward to a significant expansion of that extended family in the years ahead as they meet and work with other Members of the Order to show that "**ELKS CARE & ELKS SHARE.**"

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LEADING KNIGHT

### Sally Claunch

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:**

David Naccarato

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

Robert Jones

**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:** Sally Claunch

## Random Thoughts from Claunch

**MY NAME IS SALLY****AND I AM PROUD TO BE AN ELK!!!**

When and where did my Elk journey begin? My first introduction to Elksdom was at my husband, Tommy's indoctrination in Sept. 1988. The information presented was helpful, but soon forgotten, yet the important part of the evening for me was ER Ted Lipka's announcement. The bowling league needed one more bowler. Because I enjoyed bowling in the past and wanted to share an activity with my soon to be husband, I volunteered. Thus began my journey of becoming active in Lodge activities. First I was bowling secretary, served as chair of many fundraisers, was elected as vice president of El Konejo Kampers and as Elk Ladies president. Then three and one half years ago with the encouragement of Johnnie D'Ambrogio, I decided to become an Elk. As part of the process, I attended my own indoctrination. Now my journey continues by serving as a lodge officer. My Elk journey began at indoctrination and is still evolving. It is a ride that I both cherish and enjoy.

We as members have all experienced our own indoctrination or as Mr. Webster states "the act of instruction in beliefs and or theories". Our lodge conducts this Grand Lodge required meeting the night before initiation. At Lodge #2477 the face of instruction belongs to Jack Loughran, a PER and word coach for the ritual team. He acts as MC for the gathering. Using his wit and charm he guides the meeting through the new and improved video, introduces officers, and the Elk Ladies representative and acts as host at the refreshment table following the meeting.

As a member you too can begin someone's Elk journey by sponsoring a member and then encouraging her/him to volunteer for a committee or to attend events and functions. Who knows your own Elk commitment may be renewed when you attend your candidate's indoctrination.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS****805-495-0577**

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the family of Tommy Tyler on the passing of his mother Betty, who was the widow of former trustee and charter member Bob Tyler; to Arlene Tellez on the passing of her brother Clifford.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** PER, Bob McKee; Dick Rogge is in rehab for his broken leg

**ON THE MEND:** Tom Klomparens, Jim Wallace and Patti Serota from eye surgeries; Walter Ogden from pancreatitis; and Myrna Block had surgery.

Remember cards and phone calls are appreciated.

**BRANSON MEETS THOUSAND OAKS**

On Saturday, November 20th the two shall meet. No travel is needed only an appetite and tappin toes are required. It will be at our lodge. A three-course dinner followed featuring classic country and standards for listening and dancing pleasure. Otherwise known as the fundraiser for the charity baskets and other charitable works throughout the year. The evening begins in the lounge mingling with friends while sipping your favorite beverage and indulging in temping appetizers. Next is a sumptuous sit down dinner prepared and served by a professional chef and staff.

After dinner sit back and be entertained by Don Newcomer (our very own) and his Classic Country quartet. They will have your toes a tapping and your feet a dancing. During their intermission dessert will be served. After a short break they will return for another set.

Another highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the winners of the raffles-a cruise; rounds of golf, dinners and booze baskets are the featured prizes. All is included for the price of \$20 per person. Reserve this date on your calendar and watch the mail for raffle tickets to purchase.



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat von Wittenburg

### SOME SUCCESS - SOME FAILURE AT FLYING FLAGS - BUELLTON

I think I've commented on this before, but it continues to amaze me. When we began camping with El Konejo Kampers some ten years ago, Friday was the day to begin the campout. Now we have more and more people arriving on Thursday - even before noon. In fact, the Ogdens arrived so early this time they had to park in another area before they could occupy their assigned campsite, then six more rolled in before 2:00 p.m. or so. I think this speaks volumes about the enjoyment derived from our campouts - I'm pleased.

This was confirmed in a manner that gave me Goosebumps! We had the pleasure of welcoming new members, Carol and Pete Stewart, this weekend. **WHAT A PAIR!** I'm sure Pete probably has never met a stranger, however, Carol told us that she usually spends the weekend in their rig reading or something and rarely comes out to socialize. She often asks Pete if they have to go back again? **NOT THIS TIME!** She felt so-o-o comfortable and welcome she jumped right in to **ALL** our activities, sold 50/50 tickets and maintained a very high profile. What a delightful lady! And she's cute too. When I told Carol we're occasionally accused of having cliques in the group, she was quite surprised cause she said she could sense that immediately if that were true and she certainly didn't get that impression **AT ALL!** Thank you ever so much, my dear, and welcome!

We had a first ever on this campout. Actually a couple of first evers. One was that Gene Ewald arrived **ALONE!** More or less - he was connected by wireless phone. Yup - Carol was off Making Somebody's Day - that is coordinating a wedding and Gene wasn't going to miss the campout so there he was. Full of it. For his mother's favorite recipe - he told everyone he was raised in an orphanage so he had a pan of spaghetti's! I know for a fact he was **NOT** raised in an orphanage!

Speaking of mother's favorite recipes, Veronica Robichau didn't prepare her mother's favorite recipe - she brought her mother instead to prepare her recipe. Isn't that cheating?

Yeh, my "Are You My Mother" photo thing fell flatter than a cow plutz! Of course Bill accuse me of not taking my medication and having memory loss - I told him there were two names on that flyer as wagon master and my medication has nothing to do with memory loss - only to

keep me from killing him when he makes inappropriate comments. Oh well win some - lose some.

**BUT** our **SECOND FIRST** and **ROARING SUCCESS** - -

When we attending the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and Parade, we met a very lovely, charming lady and her husband. This lady, Theresa Ramirez, has the voice of an angel, sounds very much like Patsy Kline. Really don't remember how I started talking with her since we are both such shy people, but somehow I ask her if she and her husband, Hank, would join us at this campout. They checked their calendar and although they were leaving a couple of days after the Rodeo they thought they would be back in time. On Tuesday before the campout I began to panic when I talked to Theresa and they were still in Nebraska, but she assured me if they didn't get to Buellton on Friday, they'd be there on Saturday.

Well, Mother's pictures had failed, was this gonna fail too? A few people who knew what I was waiting for, kept asking, "Are they here yet?" And I'd left Theresa's card with her cell phone number at home. By Saturday noon, things were not looking good. I was playing Mexican Train, loosing and feeling pretty dismal, when Doris came and said, "Pati, they're **HERE!**" I jumped up - "Walter, finished this for me please", and left the table. Happy, Happy!

Don and Theresa got together for a little practice and after dinner we had a concert that drew people from all over the park - **ABSOLUTELY AWE-INSPIRING!** Didn't think Jackie Coley would let them go, in fact Theresa sang "Sweet Dreams" twice. Those of you who went to the Rodeo heard her sing the National Anthem and she told us of being at the Lodge one May, waiting for Hank to return to pick her up. Apparently there was a wedding reception going on and she was drafted into singing there also - you lucky dogs!

I told you people on the flyer there would be a surprise you didn't want to miss - ask anyone who was there - **OUTA WORDS AGAIN - - -**


### TRUSTEES CORNER

Herb Jellander, Chairman of the Board



The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 wishes to thank Charles Slayman for donating his vehicle to the Elks Major Project Aid to Disabled Children and the Elks National Foundation which provides scholarhips for high school seniors. Each of these charities will receive \$2,500 in his name.

Thank you Charles on behalf of the children you are helping.

<p>2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN</p>	<p><b>LOYAL KNIGHT</b> <b>David Naccarato</b></p>	<p>2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN</p>
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Ever seen the sign "We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone." Well, mine is I reserve the right to change the meals on the calendar. Some times things happen and with the lodge at our top priority if we had a poor showing on a Friday night dinner, then we are going to have left over the following Wednesday night which in turn moves our chefs around. Kinda like musical chairs but with Chefs. I promise to keep it down to a mimium.P.S. I am still looking for Cooks for the lodge please see me to set up a time. thanks go out to Bro. Bobby Williams for stepping up to do his Killer Pork Chops this month.

In a nut shell, ever been asked "WHAT IS THE ELKS"? Here's your answer real simple, B.P.O.E is a nationwide fraternal organization founded in 1868.

**WHO CAN BE AN ELK?** Any US citizen (Man or woman) of good character at least 21 years old who believes in God, Country and American Fag, and our principles of Charity, Justice, and Brotherly Love.

**HOW MANY ELKS LODGES ARE THERE?** We have 2,177 in our 50 states, with over 1 million members.

**WHAT DO ELKS DO?** We actively sponsor, support and participate in over fifty charitable works and community services.

**WHAT DO I GET FROM THE ELKS?** The opportunity to voluntarily associate with your fellow Americans who enjoy one anothers company and are active in helping others, through charitable works and community services. Your Elks membership gains you welcome entry into all Lodges across the country safe and pleasant places to visit while traveling.

Elks donated 7,849,122 hours of time and 51,743.664 in dollars "**ELKS Care ELKS Share**" Do good unto others for we pass this way but once.

When you look at our major Project graph in our Ante Room, you will be pleasantly surprised. We got a shot in the arm early on in the contibuting year. We shot up at the end of the cycle when we all send in a little extra with our dues. But when I saw the statement at last weeks meeting and saw that our Major Project fund was up past \$5000.00 already I was blown away. And it even got a reaction from Don Corts who was the Major Project Chairman for 10 years. So I had to do a little investigating and here's what I found. Our One year trustee Herb Jellander's brother in law a gentleman named Charles Slayman, who is not an Elk donated a car to the Lodge which we have sold for \$5000.00. Mr. Slayman got a decent write off and we got \$2500.00 to Major Project and \$2500.00 to E.N.F.



**DDGER Clinic - August 7, 2004**

Permit me to express my appreciation for your excellent leadership and highest quality presentation in support of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Clinic recently conducted in Santa Barbara. You are truly subject matter experts in your respective areas.

The innovative approaches utilized in your information sharing and delivery were second to none and were most enthusiastically received by over 90-Elks. The workshop participants are now better prepared to conduct the charitable works of Elkdom because of you ... they now possess tools they did not have prior to the sessions.

In reflecting on the material presented, it certainly represents the driving programs of all successful Lodges as they impact membership and the health of our charitable organization. Creative Lodge activities, entertainment, fund-raising, fun promotions, public awareness, community image, and media relations are truly heartland initiatives.

The West Central Coast District is proud of your excellent contributions. I look forward to working with you in promoting Elkdom and making others feel good about the things Elks do.

Fraternally,  
Richard J. Goldner

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And at the lodge meeting instead of a round of applause we had a round of snaps(finger snapping) Thank you Mr. Slayman for your donation. Our kids sure do appreciate it  
**Wisdom by Harley Dave: No mountain is too high to climb when you trust in yourself and believe.**



## CLUB MANAGERS CORNER

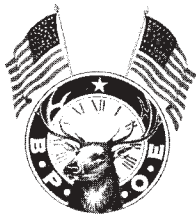
Judy Brayman

Hello everyone do you believe it we are into September where did the summer go? Now that fall is near I hope to see a lot more of you coming in for lunch. We are doing fairly well but we could use a little more support to keep us going. Please bring in a friend or a neighbor or a co-worker we would like to see new faces. The three visit rule can be stretched for lunch visits every little bit helps to make money for the lodge. So please feel free to bring in a guest and support your lodge. Remember also to bring in your favorite recipe and we will serve it on Thursdays as our daily special. All the recipes will be collected put into a cookbook and sold when it is completed with all proceeds going to support the new Lodge every little bit helps, right!

What a difference in the lounge a little paint can sure make a big difference. THANK YOU very much Mitch for working all night and day to complete the job just so our customers wouldn't be too unconvinced. And to Harold who stayed with Mitch to lend a helping hand; Thank you also to Tom, Steve, Katherine, Sally, & Vicki for removing and re-hanging all the pictures on the walls; Thanks to Max & Harold we now have window coverings on the windows out on the patio which helps block out the hot sun way to go guys.

If anyone knows of anyone looking to have a party of any kind please refer them to me so we can rent out our banquet room. The banquet room is available to non members who are sponsored by a member, as well as members. We need to bring in more business and with our banquet room available we have a lot to offer them. I use to manage the banquet department at the Westlake Hyatt I will work with each booking from start to finish and make it a great success for everyone. So help me bring in new business you know what they say word of mouth is the best way to pass out free advertising so get out there and start talking.

See you soon I hope for lunch



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## AMERICANISM

Raven West

Every year the Americanism Committee sponsors a Essay Contest for students in grades 5-8. Essays are submitted in two divisions; I for 5th and 6th grades and Division II for the 7th and 8th and are judged on originality, development of theme, mechanics (grammar, spelling and punctuation) and neatness.

Our lodge awards Savings Bonds to the first, second and third place winners in both divisions in the amount of \$300, \$200 and \$100, with the first place winners going on to compete at District, State and, National level.

Each essay is 200 words on a specific theme relating to our country. This year students are asked to write on the topic "What 'Old Glory' Means to Me".

As the term "Old Glory" isn't one that most students in the 21st Century are familiar with, a little background might be necessary for this year's theme. The term "Old Glory" to describe the Flag of the United States was coined by Captain William Driver, a shipmaster of Salem, Massachusetts, in 1831. As he was leaving on one of his many voyages aboard the brig CHARLES DOGGETT - and this one would climax with the rescue of the mutineers of the BOUNTY - some friends presented him with a beautiful flag of twenty four stars. As the banner opened to the ocean breeze for the first time, he exclaimed "Old Glory!"

He retired to Nashville in 1837, taking his treasured flag from his sea days with him. By the time the Civil War erupted, most everyone in and around Nashville recognized Captain Driver's "Old Glory." When Tennessee seceded from the Union, Rebels were determined to destroy his flag, but repeated searches revealed no trace of the hated banner.

Then on February 25th, 1862, Union forces captured Nashville and raised the American flag over the capital. It was a rather small ensign and immediately folks began asking Captain Driver if "Old Glory" still existed. Happy to have soldiers with him this time, Captain Driver went home and began ripping at the seams of his bedcover. As the stitches holding the quilt-top to the batting unraveled, the onlookers peered inside and saw the 24-starred original "Old Glory"!

Captain Driver gently gathered up the flag and returned with the soldiers to the capitol. Though he was sixty years old, the Captain climbed up to the tower to replace the smaller banner with his beloved flag. The Sixth Ohio Regiment cheered and saluted - and later adopted the nickname "Old Glory" as their own, telling and re-telling the story of Captain Driver's devotion to the flag we honor yet today.

Captain Driver's grave is located in the old Nashville City Cemetery, and is one of three (3) places authorized by act of Congress where the Flag of the United States may be flown 24 hours a day.

It will be most interesting to read what the students have to say about "Old Glory".!

Raven West  
Americanism Chair

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## LECTURING KNIGHT

### Catherine Koeritz

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**LODGE PICNIC:** Catherine Koeritz  
**MEMBERSHIP:** Every Lodge Member  
**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Bob Hardy, PER  
**EL KONEJO KAMPERS:**  
 Bill von Wittenburg

The first thing I would like to say in this article is Congratulations to Bro. Jim Kellogg for his appointment as District Chairman of Veteran Affairs. With his experience, dedication and long-time commitment as our local Chairman for National Services, he well deserves this.

Just a reminder: Each Officer is responsible for committees under their station. If you don't know what the committees are, please take a look next to each of our smiling faces (see above). If you would like to participate in any of the committees, please contact any of us.

#### CATHERINE'S COMMUNICATION:

What is our District? Our Lodge (#2477) is one of 12 local lodges that make up the West Central Coast District (WCCD). Including the Thousand Oaks Lodge, this district consist of Atascadero, Lompoc, Oceano-Five Cities, Oxnard, Paso Robles, Oxnard, San Louis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Ynez, Simi Valley, and Ventura. The WCCD is one of the districts that make up the California Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA). Today there are 48 state associations, with California and Hawaii forming one association, and Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia comprising another.

What is "DDGER"? Just as we have Officers and Chairmen on a local level, each District has its Officers and Chairmen as well. And each district has it's Exalted Ruler, known as the DDGER. They are Deputies to the Grand Exalted Ruler. Also known as the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, thus forming the ever popular term "DDGER".

Lately, you most likely have heard and seen "DDGER" come up in communications. It's everywhere now, and that's probably due to our Bro. Richard Goldner, who has just become our new "DDGER". (He was on the front page of our last Antler Antics). Congratulations Richard!!!

The DDGER, at a regular or special meeting, visits each Lodge in the District. Once that is complete, he will "come home" to our lodge, which is known as the DDGER Homecoming. You will hear more about that in upcoming communications.

#### BROTHERLY LOVE:

How long has it been since you have heard the messages from each station? Do you remember your Solemn and Binding Obligation? Come to the meetings and Initiations, greet the new members, win some raffle prizes, renew your oath, and participate in lodge activities. This is a great time to express Brotherly Love to new members as well as ALL members and guests with a handshake and a smile. **They don't call me the Lecturing Knight for nothing!!!**

#### CALAMITY ANNIES WRAP UP PARTY

David Pearson Campaign Chairman



There were over 100 supporters of Calamity Annie's Grand Marshal Campaign that showed up on Sunday, July 25th, for fun, food, prizes and awards. Everyone had a great time dining on complimentary food prepared by Chuck Busch, Larry & Coleen Morris, Mitch Strunk, Dee

Swanson, Harold Calvin and Crew.

All attendees also received a free ticket to win a door prize. Yes, that's right, a FREE TICKET from Calamity Annie. Some supporters felt a little "light headed" and had to sit down until the shock wore off! The El Konejo Kampers, Elks Ladies, PER Association, Elk BBQ Teams, Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, and the Junior Elks, all received a special award for their hard work and financial support during the campaign. Campaign Treasurer, Bob Hardy received a special "Blinking Beer Mug" and a few brewskies to fill it with for his outstanding job of banking and keeping track of all the money Calamity Annie raised. Debi Fitzpatrick and Pat vonWittenburg also received their own special "Blinking Glasses" along with their favorite brew for the support and time they gave everyday throughout the campaign. Mary Elva Lussier did a great job presenting Calamity Annie with her CVD Lifetime Pass. (Looks like a gold credit card and allows Calamity Annie and three guests to enter all Conejo Valley Days events...FREE...FOR LIFE)

After the awards, the drawing was held for a bunch of great door prizes. The winners picked up different styles of "Blinking Glasses" along with the appropriate booze selection...you know, like tequila and margarita mix with two blinking margarita glasses! As the day went on, stories were traded and lots of laughter was heard. I believe it is fair to say that everyone had a really good time. Once again our thanks goes out to everyone and especially to our Lodge who picked up the tab for the entire evening!!



**WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS**



**(L-R) Taking the oath and swearing in ceremony Louis Dulay, DDGER, North Central District, David Bell, DDGER, Hawaii District, and Richard Goldner, DDGER - West Central Coast District**



**Harry Isaman with sponsor Richard Wixon**



**Steakhouse Tavern where the steak is tender and the ERs of the WCCD presented Richard Goldner, DDGER his Jewels of Office**



**Erin Pierle and sponsor Mitch Strunk**

**NEW FACILITIES**  
**Wednesday September 29, 2004**  
**No Meeting**



**INVEST IN THE FUTURE**

**BOND RALLY**  
**Free Chicken Cordon Bleu**  
**Info on the Bonds**



**Myrna Block and sponsor Robert Jones**

ERs GOING AWAY PARTY



Tom Frick, John Governor Ventura D'Ambrogio and Don Skinner Frack as in Frick & Frack



Dino Jack had the girls up and jumping!



Myrna and Elaine checking out the goodies! Yes the viagra is all there.



Tom The Chef Ryder gives up his duty to be Emcee Frick



Lucky Elaine won and donated the 50-50 to the New Facility Fund



Marvin Lewis Scouting Award (L-R) Howard McMasters, Paso Robles, Richard Goldner, DDGER -past recipient and Norm Jensen, Oceano 5 Cities



**Jack the Cheerleader Loughran**




**Don the Pregnant Bride Ansell**



**John Patsy Falling to Pieces Kline Ennis**



**Walter the Stripper Ogden**

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Hello Everyone.

May there always be work for your hands

to do;

May your purse always hold a coin or two;  
 May the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
 May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
 May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
 May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you. (An Irish friendship wish)

Here's the happenings: We had 2 guests at our August meeting. Diane Isaman and Carol Fredricks and Carol became a new member to the Elk's Ladies. So welcome Carol!

It would be nice if everyone could make the September Meeting. We will be voting on the rest of our By-Laws.

Much to my surprise! I received many quick responses in the mail, Re: Get Reacquainted Brunch on August 14th. Thank you all. I'll report more on this event in October's Antler.

**Mark your Calendars on Sat. October 16th!**

**Sadie Hawkins's Dance! A Country Affair!**

\$17.00 pp includes Dinner. Live Music, Dancing and a lot of Fun.

The results of the monthly Drawing for August!  
 Bubble Drawing for the month of August:

Gladys Ennis \$100.00 Not Present No Winner  
 Teri Rochford \$100.00 Not Present No Winner  
 Jeri Miller \$60.00 Present Winner!

Remember in order to win you need to be at the Meetings that are held on the First Tuesday of every month!

Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 7th Elk Ladies Monthly meeting
- Sept. 19th Jr. Elks Car Wash
- Sept. 29th Bond Dinner, (Must Attend the Meeting for the Free Dinner)
- Oct. 3rd Santa Anita Bus Trip ( See Annie Pearson)
- Oct. 16th Sadie Hawkins's Dance and Dinner



## YOU GUIDE OUR WAY

Marilyn Cissell

We trust you with our lives, Dear Lord,  
 you know our thoughts and every need.  
 Sometimes we make a problem worse,  
 you guide the way, we try to lead.

Why do we say, we'll follow you  
 then choose to struggle on our own?  
 You love us if we're right or wrong,  
 with you, we'll never be alone.

Amen



## SEPTEMBER

- 5. Cornelia Meehan
- 6. Teri Rochford
- 12. Annie Pearson
- 17. Annie McIntyre
- Dee Swanson
- 20. Donna Hardy
- 21. Doris Dellinger
- 22. Becky Krabel

### (Swanson: Chairperson)

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

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- Adam Eslick
- Catherine Koeritz
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- Glenn Miller
- Michael Tam
- Roger Mortenson
- Armando Moroni
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- Jay Block



## SEPTEMBER

- |     |                   |     |                        |     |                        |
|-----|-------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| 3.  | Ed Ayrat          | 13. | Keith Orr              |     | Philip King            |
|     | Holly Lore        |     | Dennis Anderson        | 23. | Ed Stogsdell, PER      |
| 4.  | Tom Ryder, PDDGER |     | Steve Gettleman        |     | Jerry Serota           |
| 5.  | Dick Churik       | 14. | Dan Snyder, PER        |     | Worth Grim             |
|     | Harry Brockwell   |     | Ed Louy                | 24. | Fred Hodge             |
|     | George Peckham    |     | Judi Palmquist         |     | Boyd Lindquist         |
|     | David Dennison    | 15. | Lee Taft               | 25. | Joe Fratella           |
| 6.  | Ed Jones          |     | Jim LaRue              | 26. | Marshall Knowlton      |
|     | James Mandich     | 16. | James Brown III        |     | Jeff Drake             |
|     | Len Cardoni       | 17. | Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL | 27. | Robert Reed            |
| 10. | Bill Dennison     |     | Jim Glaze              |     | John Tracy             |
| 11. | Edward Bianchi    |     | Ed Rice                | 28. | Ron Dourlain           |
| 12. | Roy Cooper        |     | Mallory Andrade        |     | Steven Sewell          |
|     | John Cooper       | 18. | Kirk Keeler            | 29. | Everett Boyce          |
|     | Joe Palmintiero   |     | Chris Campbell         |     | John Nau, PER          |
|     | Dick McCann       |     | Dale Grimes            |     | Brian Boals            |
|     |                   | 19. | Frank Mancuso          |     | Fred Trzcinski         |
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|     |                   | 20. | Jim Kellogg            |     |                        |
|     |                   |     | Hugh Mulloy            |     |                        |
|     |                   | 21. | Bill Von Wittenburg    |     |                        |

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

Date: September 8, 2004

NAME	OCCUPATION	SPONSOR
Anthony Gomes	Construction	Walter Eagan
Cherri Skoczek	CPA	John Peterson
Michael Clingan	Material Planner	Deborah Clingan
Todd Turnham	Education	David Naccarato
Dean Reichle	Deputy Sheriff	Robert Adams

## CRYING TOWEL



July	7	\$500.00	#526	Harold Rasmussen	
		\$300.00	#2047	Sean Hudson	
	Lucky 13			Terry Baker	WINNER
July	14	\$500.00	#2039	Larry Lawhon	
		\$325.00	#1669	Jeffrey Eichel	
	Lucky 13			No Winner	
July	21	\$500.00	#2036	Lee Hess	
		\$350.00	#1316	Luther Hadley	
	Lucky 13			No Winner	
July	28	\$500.00	#1767	Don Booker, PER	WINNER
		\$375.00	#722	Ron Collins	
	Lucky 13			Leo Rodriguez	WINNER

**NEW FACILITIES**

Greg Metzgus, PER, Com. Chair



I would first like to thank all of the members that have supported our effort to fund the construction of our new lodge building. We are approaching the half way mark of our goal and with support of the rest of the members that desire a new lodge, we will be ready to move onto the next phase of the project, the final design of the building and the selection of a general contractor.



By the time you are reading this we should be have made a decision on the construction medium we will be using. The basic design of the building will be similar to the plans that are available for our members to review. Remember, your input into the design of this building is very important to us. I have heard a lot of comments from members on the floor plan and I again ask you to please put any suggestions you have in writing and submit them to me. I promise you that the building committee will address every written suggestion we receive and you will receive a written response. We have posted a floor plan of the proposed project in the lounge and I urge you all to look it over. The design decisions we are making now will have to be lived with for a long time to come. With the parking requirements imposed by the city, there will never be an opportunity to add onto this building. We are using every square inch of our property for either the building itself or the required parking.

I have been asked when we will actually start the building process and how long it will take to complete. The second part of that question is easy to answer; from the time they actually start excavating for the footings until the time we can occupy the building will be somewhere between 6 to 9 months. The first part of the question, when we will start, is dependent upon you as a member. I am in hopes that everyone in our lodge can show support by at least purchasing a \$500 bond. I would encourage everyone to invest as much as they feel they can but even one \$500 bond puts us that much closer to our goal.

There will be another bond rally the last Wednesday of this month. Once again we will put on a free dinner and we will be available to answer questions you may have. At our last bond rally we were able to answer a lot of questions concerning this bond issue and about the design of the new lodge. We also sold a lot of bonds to those attending. Please plan to be there.

I will close by again thanking all of the members that have purchased bonds and by asking every member to show their support. With your help we can get this project started and be enjoying the comfort of a new lodge building in the near future. We have never been this close to a new building and it will never be cheaper to build than it is today.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY**

Bill Lloyd, PSP,DL



Well, here it is September already and summer has just about given up the ghost for another year. Matters have pretty much quieted down in the office, however it is merely a lull in the storm. The Grand Lodge Session in Minneapolis was one of the best I have attended. Had some pretty lively sessions with resolutions, but everything came out pretty much as I had expected. Missed one out of 13, which isn't too bad. A list of the resolutions and if they passed or not is attached to this month's bulletin as a flyer. Much easier to get it published that way.

We are well under 10% on lapsation, however we still have a lot of work to do. The lapsation report is posted in the lobby of the lodge and also there is one behind the bar. Take a look at it, and if you see someone you know is on the list, give them a call and ask them to pay their dues. On the same note, it seems as though some lapse members are still walking in by ringing the bell. If you see them entering the lodge and you know they are lapse, please ask them nicely to either pay their dues or leave. They are getting free what you are paying for, and they're not supposed to be in the lodge (lounge or patio). Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Membership is going great. At the rate we are going we'll be a plus-1 lodge again this year. It's a good feeling to know that your lodge is prospering, especially when other lodges are having problems with membership and lapsation.

Another word about bonds. They are trickling in, but not at the rate we would like to see. We only have a few months to go when we must make a decision to build the new lodge or not. If you want one, there is only one way to get it. And that is to buy it. We have some very staunch donors, and I congratulate them for their desire to help all they can to get our new lodge. If you plan to help, stop in the office and fill out a form, or you can get one on the table in the lobby.

That's about it for this month. Hope you all had a great Labor Day weekend and got home safely if you went away. We'll see you at the lodge (soon I hope).

**EYE CARE FOR SENIORS  
FROM THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN**

Many seniors on low or fixed income are forced to neglect or ignore serious vision problems. While Medicare, Medicaid, and other health insurance will pay for some medical and surgical treatment, the cost of eye exams and eyewear is often not covered. The Seniors Eyecare Program (SEP) provides one solution to this problem. If you are a U.S. citizen or legal resident age 65 or older who has not seen an ophthalmologist in the last three years, you can call a toll-free number for the name of a volunteer in your area. The ophthalmologist assigned will provide a comprehensive medical eye examination. If ongoing care is required for a diagnosed condition, SEP provides it for one year. SEP volunteer ophthalmologists accept Medicare or other insurance as payment in full, requiring no additional payment from you. For any program participants with limited finances, many forms of assistance are available.

This program is intended to encourage seniors to take care of vision problems before they worsen. Conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma and ocular hypertension require regular treatment. If ignored, these conditions can lead to blindness. This program is provided by EyeCare America, and co-sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

To receive information about the program or written materials on conditions affecting the eye, call the SEP Help Line at 1-800-222-3937 or visit <http://www.eyecareamerica.org>.

Learn what financial aid you or your loved one is entitled to! Visit the website <http://www.nei.nih.gov/publications/aid.htm>. This is an excellent, concise summary of financial aid resources.

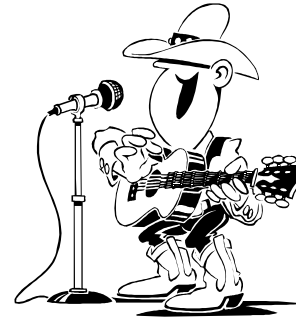
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To all Elks Lodges and their members,

It is approaching the summer activity time again and the Simi Valley Elks are getting geared up for our 6th annual Chili Cook-off, Craft, and Car Show. The event is set for Saturday & Sunday September 18 & 19 from 10:00am to 5:00pm on both days.

This year the Simi Valley Elks are participating along with the Simi Valley Days organization in their location at Los Angeles Avenue and Madera Road in Simi Valley. There will also be a Carnival and Craft Booths for the public to view. This will give the Elks a huge exposure to the public, since the Simi Valleys Parade is on Saturday morning, the same day of our ICS Chili Cook-off event.

As an added feature we will also hold a Chili Cook-off on Sunday open to the public and with a special invitation to all Elk Lodges to participate! Yes, we are inviting you to participate as a patron



**SATURDAY NOV. 20TH**

- **Charity fundraiser event**
- **3 course sit down dinner**
- **Branson style show**
- **Dancing**
- **Cruise/raffle winners announced**
- **\$20 per person**
- **Dress casual or country**
- **6 p.m. appetizers**
- **7 p.m. dinner**

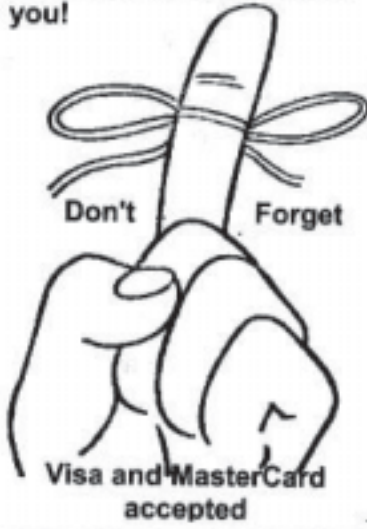
or as a chili cook on Sunday September 19. Prize money will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from Sunday's event. We will also award \$100.00 to the best booth. This invitation is being sent to all who are interested in helping our lodge put on the "Biggest" Chili Cook-off in the Simi Valley Lodge history.

If you have an interest to participate and require further information, please contact our lodge (805) 522-2492, or contact myself at (805) 584-0299. I will be glad to provide you additional information for this event.

So in closing, I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,  
Gordon Voshall  
Simi Valley Elks No. 2492  
Chili Cook-off Chairman

Dues are due for some of you!



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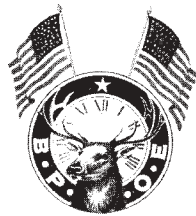
### LOOKING UP By Ken Muellerleile

Why do we look up to the sky when we speak to, or of God? We know that he is here with us yet we continue looking up, that's odd.

And when we think of all our relatives who have passed to the other side, we do the same thing, we look up and ask, them to be our guide?

They are with us in spirit their body is what's left. Although we cannot see them For their love we are bereft

We continue with our lives in hopes they watch over us That they are looking down and we are looking up



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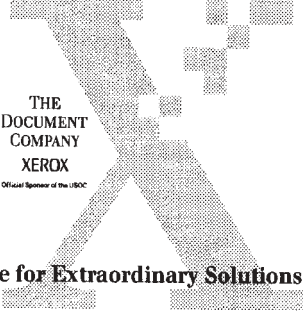

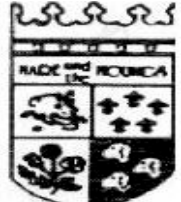
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