

ANTLER



Jay Block
EXALTED RULER



ANTICS

VOLUME

33

"Catch the Spirit of Elkdom"

**Sat. Nov. 20th - CHARITY FUND RAISER
BRANSON ENTERTAINMENT**

**Sun. Dec. 5th the first Sunday in December
ELKS MEMORIAL**

Come pay your respects to our members who passed away this past year.



Elks Veterans Remembrance Month

**VETERANS BRUNCH
Sunday, November 21, 2004**

**Come greet and honor our Veterans
as we host a Breakfast/Brunch for them.**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\$5.00 p/p

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



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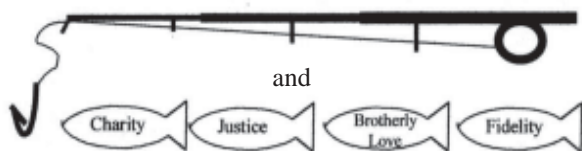
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“CATCHING THE SPIRIT OF ELKDOM”



!! IF YOU HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR BOND(S)- THANK YOU !!!

For those who came forward at our last bond rally we wish to thank your for climbing aboard. You have demonstrated that a new facility is going to be a reality. If you have been undecided please gain confidence from the support we are receiving and join in.

With the State Mid-term Convention, looming as I write this article, it has dawned on me that my term of office is half over. Therefore while I have a moment to ponder what has transpired so far this year, I want all of you to know that being given the privilege of presiding as your Exalted Ruler has been most rewarding and enjoyable. I am confident that the remainder of my time will continue to be as filled with success as the first half.

The salary I have received, in the ELKS tender of Friendship and Brotherly Love, is worth more then any of you can imagine. I only hope that the IRS doesn't figure out a way to tax it.

With the continued support of our Officer Corp and our members, this year will go down as the beginning of the realization of our very own multi- purpose Lodge facility. So all I want to say,

IS KEEP THE FAITH.



FIRST LADY'S CORNER

First Lady Myrna Block

Hi:

I want you all to know---I'm doing fine. However you will excuse me if I take this month off from trying to be creative in writing anything witty or profound. Every one stay well.

Be seeing you at the Lodge.

God willing and the Creek don't rise.

P.S. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving

First Lady and Brother Honey Myrna Block



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Come pay your respects to our members who joined that Grand Lodge on High this past year.

Due to a conflicting schedule we have appointed Bro. Joe Smith to take Bro. Jim Rochford term of Trustee only temporarily.

Yours in Fraternal Brotherhood.
 Exalted Ruler, Jay Block



EDITORS CORNER

jerryserota@earthlink.net

"EASE HIS PAIN"

In the movie 'Field of Dreams' the hero is working out in his corn field in Iowa and he hears a ghostly voice say "*Ease his pain*" thus is the start of a charming baseball movie.

We would like to share a little of that fictional pain experienced by your editor. Our goal is to get the Antler Antics to our readership before the last Friday of the month. It is completed by the printer in plenty of time. The Antler Antics did not arrive 3rd class to our local members until September the 9th. That is a painful experience. It was so long at the Post Office that Jim Wallace, PER complained that the 'L' was missing in the word flag in Bro. Dave Naccaratos article and it came out fag. Well we explained to Jim that it rolled around at the Post Office so long it not only gathered cob webs there they also lost the letter 'L'.

If you are on line and have a computer we can send the Antler Antics to you via Email as a .pdf file so you can get an advanced preview and not miss any scheduled events that occur at the beginning of the month. Our **NEW** Email address is:

jerryserota@earthlink.net

Send me your Email address and we will place you in our address book. We electronically send the Antler Antics to the printer as a .pdf file.. If you wish to be included in an early preview please send me an Email and we will include you in the initial mailing. It requires an Acrobat Reader which is free on the internet at:

(<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>).

It is also posted on our web site at elks2477.com.

If we can circumvent the U.S. Postal Service it will not only ease your pain of missing an important event at our Lodge but it will ease my pain in not reaching our goal of a prompt delivery.

ELKOMOTIVE #2477 DID US PROUD

A special thanks of recognition to Brother Kevin Robichau, for the use of his van and trailer which enabled us to participate in the Simi Valley Days Parade. A special thanks to Terry Baker, our train chairman and Engineer, Vern Jossy who was at the controls for a job well done.

Times like these when we get the message out that '*Elks Care and Elks Share*' we strike a blow for Elkdom. Exalted Ruler, Jay Block rode in the parade with two physically challenged children and made us proud.

A special thanks to all the BBQ crew members who participated in this two day event. Though sales were not up to expectations you showed the public what Elkdom is all about. You not only made us proud but you also have our deepest admiration for what you accomplished

WHEN NEEDED WE WERE THERE



Brother Eddie Rice, our BBQ Chairman performed the herculean task of getting the job done and so many of our members being up to the task of 'Elks Care and Elks Share'. This was a weekend affair not just one day BBQ.



Simi Valley Elks Lodge needed our support at their Simi Valley Days Festival and we were there with our wagon and BBQ crews. My hat goes off to all the hard working Elks who took part in this undertaking. You are all Champions in my eyes.



Engineer Vern Jossy and ER, Jay Block ready for the parade and our train ran beautifully

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LEADING KNIGHT

Sally Claunch

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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

A familiar saying among Elks is, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". On a monthly basis our Lodge lives that motto by providing a bingo party for them at the Sepulveda facility. Continuing our annual tradition of providing a brunch for the vets, on November 21st, Jim Rochford and Dave Naccarato will cook the feast. National Services chair, Jim Kellogg, as always will coordinate the festivities by arranging transportation and overseeing all the necessary details.

The purpose of this article is not merely to inform you about an upcoming event, but to personally invite you to the brunch. Two years ago was my first time attending the affair. While there I was astonished by their incredible life stories, and their joy as being our honored guests. They really appreciated the food and shared conversation. Please join your fellow officers and members this November by sharing your time with the vets in gratitude for the sacrifices they have made for our freedoms.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS ARE A COMING...

By now you have received the raffle mailings for the Charity Baskets fundraiser and I trust that you have returned the tickets along with your donation. In November the lists of basket recipients will be compiled and preliminary plans will be made. As usual Tommy Claunch and Dave and Annie Pearson are strategic managers of the basket building team. As always the success of the project is dependent upon you, the volunteers, who donate toys, turkeys and time. The volunteer opportunities for the various tasks will be posted in the Lounge in late November.

You can receive 12 additional tickets for the raffle with the donation of a frozen turkey between 12 and 16 lbs, which will be one of the important items in the Christmas baskets. But remember the offer for extra chances ends Friday November 19th, because the drawing will be held on Saturday the 20th. Please put your name, address, and phone number on a **TURKEY LIST** which is located behind the bar. Please keep the turkey at home in your freezer until we contact you. Freezer space at the lodge is very limited. Don't worry!!! The list will be checked every day and your tickets will be put into the hopper in time for the drawing

BRANSON MEETS THOUSAND OAKS

...Or otherwise known as the fundraiser for the charity baskets and other charitable works throughout the year On Saturday, November 20th Branson and T.O. shall meet. No

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

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Brother Larry Deeder on the passing of his mother Jeanette; Brother Gary Erland on the passing of his mother; Brother Harry Brockwell on the passing of his brother; Gina Johnson on the passing of her mother Jane Spark.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Raven West's father; Don Ansell, **PER**; Myrna Block for cancer treatment; the daughter of Howard Wullschleger who has cancer; Steve Gettemans daughter had a stone removed;

ON THE MEND: Don Booker, **PER** is home and on the mend from a knee replacement; Yolie Loughran from oral surgery; Patti Serota from cataract surgery; Joel Erickson (Dakota Kid) from a leg problem; and Pat Smail from a heart attack; John Ennis and Bob Thornton who were hospitalized briefly; Sheila Aitken from shoulder injury.

Remember cards and phone calls are appreciated.

travel is needed only an appetite and tappin toes are required, because it will be at our lodge. A three-course dinner followed by the classic country and classic standards for your listening and dancing pleasure is the attraction.

The evening begins in the lounge mingling with friends while sipping your favorite beverage and indulging in tempting appetizers. Next there will be a sumptuous sit down dinner of beef Wellington or chicken cordon bleu prepared and served by a professional chef and staff.

After dinner sit back and be entertained by Don New-comer (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 drawing for the raffles winners. 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 for tickets will go fast. Tickets may be purchased at the bar or from officers. Call Sally Claunch for table reservations (495-0577). Watch the mail for raffle tickets to purchase.

EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat von Wittenburg

MEXICAN FIESTA AT CACHUMA

Can you believe it's September already? I remember as a child, I couldn't wait to be 10, for Christmas, 16 or whatever. My mother telling me "You're wishing your life away. When you get older, time will go by so quickly you'll not know where it went!" Well Mom, you were So-o-o Right!

Cheryl Templeton, Carroll and Pete Stewart were Wagonmasters and did a bangup job. Thank God for Pete and Carroll, cause on Saturday – Cheryl took our car to allegedly pick up her errant brother at the Casino and didn't return for hours. The rumor is she picked up 400 bucks – think she offered anything for the use of our car – Nada!

Again – I'm way ahead of myself! We pulled in behind the Ewald rig on Thursday and lo' and behold – there were TWO people in it. I vaguely remember that feisty woman Gene's married to. Thank God I didn't go shootin' off my mouth (as I usually do) cause she ended up being the Sheriff, she can get down and dirty! More about that later, good to see you again Carol.

BUT SPEAKING OF SHERIFF – our badges have gone missing! I've mentioned this before - To the best of anyone's recollection – they were last seen at the March campout PLEASE CHECK AROUND!

Yah – Cheryl was a piece o'work this weekend! Took her to a quilt shop with me and she spotted a wallhanging on display! She WANTED IT – I WANTA BUY IT. Cheryl, it ISN'T for sale, it's a sample. HOW MUCH IS IT. CHERYL, IT ISN'T FOR SALE. Poor shop owner. Oh for heaven's sake – buy the dang pattern, pick out some fabric and shut up! Ya' know I don't have one quilt or wallhanging for myself – I had to HIRE Peggy to make a quilt for me.

Took Peggy back with me on Saturday and we saw a quilt being raffled off in Solvang – cute-cute. When we got to the quilt store found the quilt uses a simple technique. I bought the book – only to get home and find someone had given me the same book. Called Peggy DON'T buy that book – TOO late she already had. While Peggy and I were off scouting out quilt stuff, at camp Carroll Stewart introduced a new method of playing Mexican Train – much faster, instead of the 4-hour marathon type. Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience.

Of course the Mexican food was awesome and dinner was terrific.

Now comes Carol Ewalds duty as Sheriff – I swear this woman is much too clever! Everyone was fined and then she had tee shirt saying for everyone – don't know that she can recall all but some are just too good not to pass on



Donna Hardy: *Tact is for people who aren't witty enough to be sarcastic*

Cheryl Templeton *You're not the boss of me My Cat is*

Walter Ogden *Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected the expected?*

Peggy Mulleneux *Who needs a therapist? I have my sister.*

Carol Ewald *I'm not bossy - - I just know what you should be doing!*

Gene Ewald *Everything I say is fully substantiated by my own opinion!*

Pete Stewart *To err is Human, to forgive is Divine - neither of which is Navy policy.*

Bob Thornton *Women should come with instructions.*

Margaret Thornton *Women do come with instructions Just ask them!*

Bill v W *Have you ever considered becoming a Mime? Me P.M.S. Purchase More S* * **

(Carol those are treasures – how dare you)

Okay folks, this may be mentioned elsewhere in the Antics but I'm mentioning it too. We have two Kampers that need extra special thoughts and prayers. Veronica Robichau has had surgery and will be undergoing radiation and chemo. She's doing well but she's got some tough times ahead of her – She's a pretty spunky gal, but I'm sure moral support will be greatly appreciated.

Joel Erickson experienced swelling in his leg at this campout which has been diagnosed as a ruptured muscle/vein (hope I got that correct). He's sitting with leg elevated – doing a lot of reading Beverly says – and I'm sure he'd appreciate hearing from his friends also. Hopefully he'll be back on his feet (no pun intended) by the time this is read.

At the campout we learned a marvelous use for BOUNCE – it keeps bugs away. EFFECTIVELY. I wore BOUNCE bracelets and anklets and wasn't bothered by any type of flying insect including flies witch drive me nuts. (I know – that's not a drive, it's a short putt).



(L-R) Greg Metzgs, Esquire to the DDGER and wife Barbara, Richard Goldner, DDGER and wife Elaine and Gil Riding, Auditor to the DDGER and wife Phyllis at the Atascadero visitation

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LOYAL KNIGHT
David Naccarato

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CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Ed Rice
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Greg Metzgas, 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

November is here and the holidays at the lodge are always anticipated. We have our charity ball in November to raise moneys for our baskets in December. The Veterans are here and New Years Eve party here at the lodge and then the biggest Super Bowl party in the Conejo Valley. Just note on New Years Eve Tickets go on sale Dec.1st Black tie affair music by the Starlighters and an Italian cuisine with Chicken Marsalla. Now don't say "not chicken again" this chicken will be drenched in wine sauce We will have party favors and all for only \$25.00 per person

MAJOR PROJECT

Finished wrapping the 30 pounds of pennies donated by member Eugene Letourneau. Eugene owed a bar and threw pennies in a beer can now these were tin cans and 16 oz. And of coarse our own resident Mr.Gaget, Bro. Robert Jones had the proper tool to cut off the top of the cans. The grand total was \$37.50 Thank you Eugene.

New program for our major project the
"52 CLUB PROGRAM"

A member donates one dollar a week to the "52 Club" This can be done all at once by giving \$52, or in various increments as the lodge see fit, i.e., \$1.00 a week or any other amount until the lodge receives \$52 from the individual. When the Lodge receives the \$52, a check is made out and sent to the California Hawaii Elks Major Project and sent with the member, spouse, or friend of the Elks name to the office in Fresno. When CHEMPI receives the money, name and address and lodge of the donor, a certificate will be issued along with a 52 club pin. The certificate will be signed by the CHEA state president and forwarded to the lodge. The lodge will get credit in its piggy bank account at Fresno for this donation. Names of the 52 club members will be posted in the Antler Antics. Remember all Major Project donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you, David Naccarato, Major Project Chairman

P.S. Please inform me when you decide to join the 52 club
Thank you



MAJOR PROJECT
Joe Smith, 4th Year Trustee (Temp.)



Being a sponsor of the Little League National Champions from Thousand Oaks we came into possession of a valuable collectors item that is very special.

It is a signed autographed baseball of all the players on the team. We are going to raffle it off for a dollar a chance for the Major Project for Disabled Children and can be seen and purchased in the Lounge.

The final drawing will be held at the Richard Goldner, DDGER Homecoming Party. If you have children or grandchildren this would make a marvelous gift for them. Imagine if 10 years down the road one of these kids makes a career in baseball and became a big time star what that could mean to the winner.



NEW FACILITIES

Greg Metzgus, PER

**New Facilities Construction Could Start Soon**

I am in hopes that the title of this article has prompted our members to read on. A lot of people stop me at the lodge and ask for an update and after talking to them it is obvious they have not been reading my column each month. Here is the latest as of 6 October when I am writing this:



· Len Cardoni is finalizing the outside design of the lodge. The city didn't like our first

drawing and has asked us to revise it to fit in with the architecture of the new building north west of us.

· A builder has been brought in to help finalize our building costs. It appears that we have experienced a 15% increase in building costs since our original cost estimate.

· We are in the process of selecting a surveyor to survey the topography and boundaries of our properties.

In addition to the above "brick and mortar" items we have made some progress in financing the new construction. Additional bonds have been sold; check out all of the Building Bunny pins that are being worn at the lodge. Our lodge has also found a commercial lender that would like to fund the balance of our project. We are in contact now with Grand Lodge to get their permission. When we are sure we can afford to service the loan along with our bond issue, we will bring the proposal before the membership at a Wednesday meeting. All of this will be happening very soon so please keep yourself informed by reading the Antler Antics and any additional flyers that are sent to you.

I would like to thank all of the members that have shown their support to date by purchasing bonds. We have come a long way and I am very optimistic that construction will start soon. We are going to have to absorb the 15% increase in building costs. We may have to designate some areas in the new building as "future improvement areas". The longer we wait to build, the more "future improvement areas" we will have to designate. Please help us to the fullest of your ability by purchasing bonds to finance your new lodge building.

Greg Metzgus, PER

**NOMINATION FOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

In 1990 we had a new member join the lodge who was destined to become very valuable and necessary in the success of our lodge as we see it today. This member got himself involved immediately and was always seen around the lodge doing both small and large jobs that were necessary. He worked in the kitchen over many years, and eventually became famous for the different soups that were served at dinners. Working through the chairs, he eventually became our number one man as Exalted Ruler, still working as often as possible to help whenever and wherever necessary. As a small business owner, time is always very valuable but he still reserved as much time as possible to devote to his lodge. After Exalted Ruler he started into district committee work as a valued chairperson, and was instrumental in setting up the state Business Practices Committee for Frank Rindone, who was the initial chairperson, but also on the district level. During his many years of service to his lodge, he chaired the BBQ committee for seven years, helping it to become one of the major sources of income for the lodge, and was Esquire to the DDGER in lodge year 1998-99. He has provided, at not cost to the lodge for many years, all of the key services necessary for the security and integrity of the lodge along with much of the hardware for doors. Presently, in his endeavors to help as much as possible in the Order, he was selected as Auditor to the DDGER where he has diligently audited the accounts of lodges within the district.

For these, and many other reasons, I will place into nomination at a regular session of the lodge on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 the name of Gil Riding to be elected into Honorary Life Membership in the Order. Election will be held also at a regular session of the lodge on Wednesday, November 17. Please come out and support this outstanding member as an Honorary Life Member.

Bill Lloyd, PDDGER/DL



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

CATHERINE'S COMMUNICATION:

Veteran's Day:

November 11 is the anniversary of the Armistice signed in 1918, ending World War I. President Woodrow Wilson issued his Armistice Day proclamation, setting the tone for future observances:

To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation.

In 1938, Congress passed a bill that each November 11 "shall be dedicated to the cause of world peace and ...hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day." For sixteen years the United States formally observed Armistice Day. But after WWII, Armistice (which basically means truce) had little or no association to new veterans and the name was changed to Veterans' Day, by Act of Congress on May 24, 1954. President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so gallantly, and through rededication to the task of promoting an enduring peace. The President referred to the change of name to Veterans' Day in honor of the servicemen of all America's wars.

BROTHERLY LOVE:

Have you ever said "Thank You" to a Veteran? I have. You can have your chance at the next Veteran's Brunch, November 27th. This is an excellent time as Veteran's Day is approaching to express your gratitude, honor America's vets for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

They don't call me the Lecturing Knight for nothing!!!

NAMES OF BOND HOLDERS

The below named persons have purchased bonds supporting the new facilities campaign to raise money for our new building. These people have not signed for or picked up their bonds as of this writing.

1. Paul De Nubilo (sign issuance certificate)
2. C. Ryder (pick up bond)
3. Vern Jossy
4. Myrna Block
5. Louis A. Wolff
6. Leonzo G. Rodriguez
7. Eugene A. Letourneau
8. Chester S. Kozlowski
9. Harry or Diane Isaman
10. Elks Ladies of Thousand Oaks
11. Walter or Anne Ogden
12. Rutherford D. Britton
13. Richard I. McCann
14. Nancy J. Hull
15. Patricia Von Wittenburg
16. Donald W. Long
17. Janet K. De Nubilo
18. Alton D. Nash
19. Roy A. Ratcliffe
20. Ella McDonald
21. Harold E. Rasmussen
22. Phyllis Riding
23. Gil Riding
24. Kevin W. Metzgas

With all of these bonds ready for issue or pickup, my safe is beginning to get very full. Room is a luxury as you might well imagine, and I need all I can get. Please come in and close these transactions as soon as possible.

Bill Lloyd, Lodge Secretary



CLUB MANAGER
Judy Braymen

Hi Everyone,

It's been a couple of months since I wrote a article for the Antler so I thought it was time I did before you forgot who I was.

I would like to say thank you to all of you who have continued to support our lunches I hope to serve more of you in the future. I have added a monthly calander showing our lunch specials that Carol and I will be preparing in November so pick a day and come in and enjoy. We have our complete menu avielable everyday.

I would like to say thank you to our two new lunch chefs Carol Neuner & Debbie Fitzpatrick the girls jumped in when they new I was short a cook. Debbie will be cooking every Tuesday and Carol will be cooking on Wednesday & Thursdays.

I'm still waiting for all those favorite recipes everyone has so we can start making them in December. They will be added to make a new cook book that will be sold when completed and all proceeds will go to the new Lodge. Dee better known as Grandma has given us her meatloaf recipe and we will be serving it on Nov 9th so come in and enjoy.

My next little project I'm starting which I think will be a lot of fun is a contest for everyone to join in. It's called:

"REMEMBER WHAT WE LOOKED LIKED 30 YEARS AGO"

Dig out a picture of yourself from 30 years ago get your picture in from Nov 7th to Nov. 20th. I will have two sealed boxes one placed in each restroom write your name on the back of the picture and drop it off in the box when no one is looking.

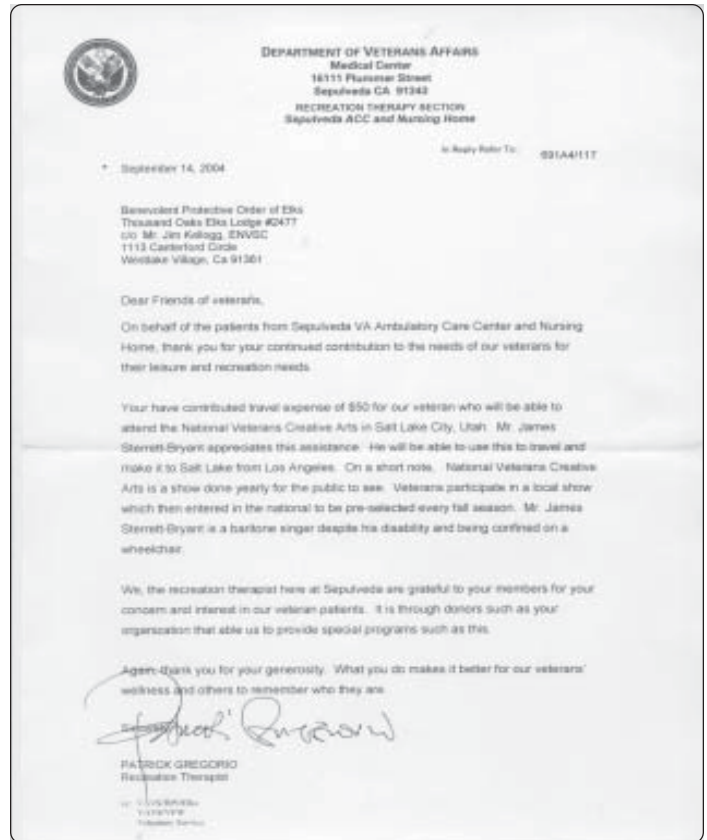
I will post them on the board out on the Patio on Sunday Nov.21st. each picture will have a number. I will make up a sheet with everyone's name on it and you will match the name with the number. You can guess even if you do not turn in a picture there will be a time limit set to match the name with the number. We will have a 1st. 2nd. and 3rd. place winner the winners will receive a nice prize. The more pictures we get the more fun it will be so come and have breakfast and start guessing at 12:00 p.m.

See You Soon

Judy



NATIONAL SERVICES
Jim Kellogg, Com Chairman



NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU

Tue.	Wed.	Thur.
2 Judy's Chicken Pot Pie	3 Judy's Chicken Salad	4 Carol's Tuna Casseroles
9 Dee's Famous Meatloaf	10 Meatball Hero Sandwich	11 1/2 Lb. Mushroom Burger
14 Judy's Beef Stew	17 Chicken Alfredo & Salad	18 Carol's Taco Salad
23 Judy's Spaghetti & Meatballs	24 Chicken Club	25 Happy Thanksgiving From Judy Carol & Debbi
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*Jr. PER Roast of Greg Metzgus
'It was a Very Good Year'*



Jr. PER Roast of Greg Metzgus and he is still smiling, even Walter Ogden felt the smiles



Barbara Metzgus was all smiles at some of the humor



Master of Ceremonies Gil Riding, PER did a little riding on his own



Jacob Panczak, PER with script in hand shared some memories



Dave Pearson poet extraordinair waxed poetical of his year



Johnny D'Ambrogio, PER shared the art work that symbolized Gregs Year

WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



Todd Turnham and sponsor David Naccarato



Michael Clingan and sponsor Debbie Clingan



Dean Reichle and sponsor Bob Adams




Cherri Skoczek and sponsor John Peterson



**Courtesy of Abe Gamble*

We are proud of our heroes large and small. Adam Justiniano and Evan Ocello with trophy. Thousand Oaks, U.S. Little League Champions feted with a parade down Thousand Oaks Blvd.

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:</p> <p>CVD: Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell HISTORIAN: SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski</p>



Hello Everyone,

The Holiday Seasons are upon us and I would like to share what I think

Thanksgiving is;

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude to God, our Creator and Provider, whose guidance and care go before us...and whose love is with us forever.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the changes, to remember that we, too, grow and change from one season of life to another.

Thanksgiving is a time of changing seasons, when leaves turn golden in Autumn's wake and apples are crisp in the first chill breezes of fall.

Let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving. As we see the beauty of Autumn, let us acknowledge the many blessings which are ours...

Let us think of our families and friends.. and let us give thanks in our hearts.

So here's what's happening the ladies held a Sadie Hawkins Dance in Oct. I hope everyone had a good time. On Nov.20th The Charity Event Branson Night will be held at the Lodge, with entertainment, boy that night sounds like a lot of fun. We all hope to see everyone there! Is the Lodge hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner that is the Question?

The Friday after Thanksgiving their will be no Dinner. On Tuesday Dec. 7th the Elks Ladies Meeting night is our Annual Ladies Christmas Dinner. Tickets are \$ 12.00 p/p, and remember to bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl.

Bubble Drawing for the month of August:
 Marie Wagner \$100.00 Not Present No Winner
 Sheila Aitken \$100.00 Not Present No Winner
 Carol Ewald \$40.00 Not Present No Winner

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



YOU ARE ALWAYS READY TO HELP US GOD

Marilyn Cissell

**You look into our hearts, Lord,
our every need is known.
Decisions are not easy,
repeatedly your love is shown.**

**Your options in abundance, God,
we need not be confused,
To ask for help with problems,
not one of us will be confused.**

Amen

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Marva D'Ambrogio |
| | Eula McKee |
| 5 | Flo Lloyd |
| 6 | Gale Figley |
| 9 | Jeri Miller |
| 11 | Vickey Eagan |
| 16 | Gail Corts |
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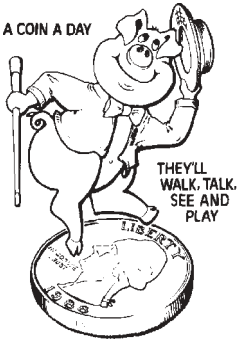
Dates to Remember :

- Nov. 20th Branson Entertainment (Charity Fundraiser)
- Dec. 3rd Christmas Tree Trimming Party, and the Jr Elks X-MAS Craft. bring the kids down and join the fun!
- Dec. 7th Ladies Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 10th ER's Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 11th Childrens Christmas Party
- Dec. 14th Charity Basket Week starts
- For more information or need a ride; Please Contact: Carol Neuner (805) 492-6980,
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As Always I wish Everyone Well & Happiness,
 Carol Neuner

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- Vern Jossy
- Bill Miller
- Ken Krabel
- Gene Letourneau
- Gerald Schneider
- Tom Bolton
- Denise Goldstein
- Cheryl Templeton
- Jay Block, ER
- Ed Shuttleworth
- Joel Erickson
- Jack Henry, PER
- Roy Ratcliffe
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NOVEMBER

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| 3. Andy Matsunaga | 13. Wayne LaFarr | Patrick Hartin |
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| Nick Demma | 21. Roy Ratcliffe | |
| 10. Jackie Carter | 22. Jack Dolan | |
| Kevin Robichau | 23. Wayne Flittner | |
| | 24. Raymond McCarthy | |
| | 25. Lee Ingram | |
| | 26. Elmer Johnson | |
| | 27. Pete Marston | |
| | 28. Frederick Anderson | |

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Lucky 13		No Winner		
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	2nd	#75.00	#1495	Pat Pipolo
Lucky 13		No Winner		
September 29		No Meeting - 5th Wednesday		



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NOW is a good time to visit the Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia. Every season in Virginia has its beauty and advantages. You do not have to be an Elk member to visit for a tour and/or meals. You do have to be a member to stay overnight at the Home.

SPRING is a time of new life with dogwood and cherry blossoms, and with daffodils and tulips showing their colorful heads. The air becomes balmy and songbirds are plentiful. Everyone feels a lift in spirits as we leave winter behind.

SUMMER brings the green trees, bright summer flowers, and warm sunshine. Days can be spent in the shade of a tree or visiting some of the many historic and scenic attractions nearby. (See our website for links to local areas of interest and information on the Bedford community. www.elkshome.org) The warm evenings are perfect for taking a walk or sitting outside enjoying the summer sky and sounds.

FALL attracts many visitors to our area as they travel the Blue Ridge Parkway to see the colorful display of autumn leaves. The color peak is usually in mid-October. Even though we know winter is on the way, the beautiful foliage display and smell of fall in the air are invigorating.

WINTER has a charm of its own. Residents of the Home can enjoy this season from the comfort of the enclosed heated porches, and there is always something to do here. Christmas is one of the highlights of the year with the Home's splendid lighting display and the many visitors who come to bring treats and sing carols. If you haven't seen our lighting display, you owe it to yourself to make a visit during that time. Winters in Virginia are fairly short and before you know it, spring is on the way!

So make your plans for a visit to see for yourself what we have to offer. Any Elk in good standing may stay at the Home for up to five days in any one month for a charge of only \$40.00 per day plus tax, room and meals included (\$60.00 for a couple). Or if you prefer, there are two excellent motels nearby where you may stay and make day visits to the Home and nearby attractions. For more information on a visit or residency call us at 1-800-552-4140 or write to Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523. You can ask for Nellie Martin or April Pleasant. We look forward to seeing you.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

We have a right to exist as a private organization. I know this to be a true statement because the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States says so. Thus the purpose of the Elks Government Relations Program. From local Lodge Chairmen to Grand Lodge Committeemen, our job is to protect our Order's right to be a private organization. Everyday, legislative bodies and courts on the National, State and local level are considering new laws and amending old ones that could negatively or positively impact our freedoms.

Elks need to be aware and watchful of proposed legislation at all levels and where possible establish positive relationships with legislators who will support or oppose those changes that affect our organization. The Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee needs the help of everyone in their job of protecting and preserving our rights. Inform your Lodge Chairman, your District Chairman and your State Chairman of any pending actions you know of, that could change the way we do business. Our right to exist as a private organization is every Elks responsibility.

Michael P. Phillips, Member G/L Government Relations Committee

DRUG AWARENESS

*SUBJECT: MY DRUG PROBLEM

My generation just might have been lucky. I had a drug problem when I was young, but I turned out all right:

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I was drug to family reunions.

I was drug out of bed In the A.M.

I was drug to the bus stop to go to school.

I was drug by the ears when I was disrespectful.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.

Those drugs still run through my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin. If today's children had this kind of drug problem, America might be a better place.

*Author unknown

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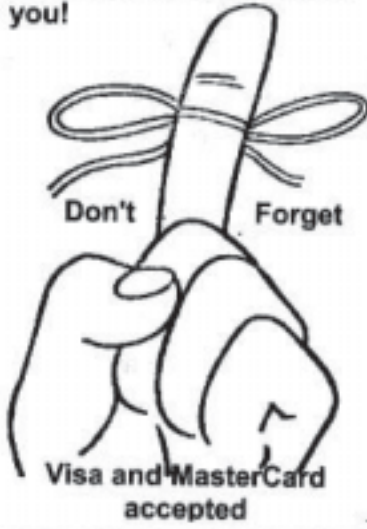


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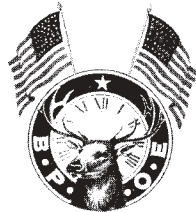
As our friends wait patiently
the tardiness they understand,
We've known each other forever
the waiting, has been planned.

And now it's time for libations
with a little friendly cheer for all,
Besides the dinner, we wait for
our favorite sport, football.

As the game gets interesting
you know what happens then,
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and it is time to say grace,

Amen.

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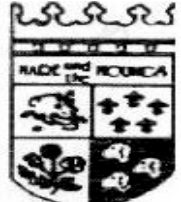
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