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Editors Note:

Due to a computer crash we lost the April
Issue file.

Have scanned it as a second generation file for
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Sally Claunch
EXALTED RULER



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" LIVE THE MOTTO-ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE."

Installation of Officers - Wed. April 6
Inaugural Ball - Sat. April 9 -
Thousand Oaks Inn - \$40 Per Person
Cribbage Tournament - Sunday April 17
Rummage Sale - Sat. April 23, Sun. April 24
Ritual Contest, Lompoc - April 29-30

ENTERTAINMENT
Fri. April 1, 15 - Blue Diamond
Fri. April 22 - Visions
Sat. April 2, 16 - Card Party

SALLY CLAUNCH

Exalted Ruler, 2005 - 2006

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

A new era is born at the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477. By unanimous acclamation the Exalted Ruler for the Year 2005 - 2006 will be a wonderful lady by the name of Sally Claunch. She was elected and will be installed on April 6, 2005. The first feminine Exalted Ruler for the Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477.

Sally's life journey began in Buffalo, New York where she was born and raised. There she attended elementary, high school and college. At the State University of New York College at Buffalo she obtained a BA in Liberal Arts with a minor in Education. While attending college she participated in sorority and campus life and served as president of the Student Publications Board and CYAC officer.



After graduation she taught at Sweet Home Elementary School in Amherst, New York for 14 years both as a full time and resident substitute teacher. Along the way she married and welcomed the arrival of her three daughters: Amy, Robin and Jodi. Sally worked for her community by acting in various capacities including manager of softball teams, leader of Brownie and Girl Scout troops and she served her church as a member of the parish council and president of the women's group.



Traveling west in 1978 with her family to pursue career opportunities and never to be cold again, she obtained a master's degree from California Lutheran University. Next she accepted a position at Hillside Middle School in Simi Valley as a resource specialist, where she remained until 1996. When Santa Susana High School, a school for performing arts and technology, opened in 1996 she transferred there where she is still employed as a resource specialist.

As her children grew and demanded less of her time, she pursued added activities at school and in the Simi Educators Association. Over the years she has held various offices in the union and has chaired the bargaining team. Currently at Santa Susana High School she is co-chair of the Leadership Team, member of the School Site Council, junior class moderator, and club advisor. Also she has served as a mentor to new teachers in the BITSA program. Last year the Simi Valley Rotary Interact recognized her as an outstanding educator.

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My name is Sally Claunch and I am proud to be an Elk....

Yet, I am proudest of your vote of confidence to allow me to serve as your Exalted Ruler. Thank you!! Originally I only committed to one year as Inner Guard. However, being part of the Ritual Team, and taking part in the rich traditions of the Lodge hooked me (sorry Jay for the pun on your motto). I knew that I would continue in the officer corp.

Before proceeding further, I want to acknowledge Jay Block as an outstanding ER whose shoes will be hard to fill, especially since mine are size 7. Also thanks to all the committee chairpersons who have agreed to serve another year and to the new committee chairpersons who have accepted assignments.

This year you should expect and demand certain commitments from me. You should expect me to support the Lodge officers and chairpersons and their committees. You should demand that I perform my duties with open communication and dedication to the job. I do wholeheartedly accept the responsibilities. It is your responsibility as my boss to support me by supplying new members, participating in lodge activities and volunteering to do the work of Ekldom. As a team we can make a difference.

I think that you should also know what my goals are for the Lodge year. Number one priority is fundraising for the construction of the new lodge. A New Facilities Fundraising Committee is being formed which will provide the leadership for generating and overseeing new and exciting fundraising events. If you have fundraising experience or have knowledge of events, which have been successful, share this information by becoming a part of the team. The first organizational meeting is on April 12th in the Lodge Room at 7 pm. Membership is open to all who are interested. After the fundraising phase, construction can be completed in 6-9 months. Just think the next inaugural ball for David or Katherine can be held at the new Lodge.

Maintaining the rich traditions of our lodge and increasing member participation by having new activities and entertainment on Friday night is priority number two.

Priority number three is happening this month. We need to apply another hand-aid on the aging building that has served us for over 30 years. From operation facelift funds, we will enjoy new carpeting, and paint throughout the building,


until our new Lodge is built. These improvements will allow us put on our best face for member enjoyment, and equally important for the private party rentals of the facility. Thus a full circle, new monies will generate revenue for our charity works, new facilities fund and increase membership pride.

Finally, everything that we do this year, from charity works, service to our community and our lodge should be entered into with a spirit of fun and pleasure. Remember it takes more energy to frown than to smile.

Live the motto—Elks Care Elks Share
LIVING THE MOTTO...ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE


- Terry Baker—for making the beautiful wood sign which graces the corner of Los Feliz and Conejo School roads.
- Jim Mullen and Max Maxwell—for buying and constructing the brick monument at the entrance to the side parking lot.
- Kevin Metzgas—for building the steel shelves behind the bar.
- John D' Ambrogio—for hanging the door to the pantry in the anteroom

THANK YOU




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 O
RECOLLECTION"



Born:	Edward Stogsdell, PEI	
Initiated:	September 23, 1932	
Died:	March 25, 1972	
	February 16, 2005	
Born:	Robert H. Clark, Jr.	
Initiated:	July 27, 1948	
Died:	January 20, 1982	
	March 3, 2005	





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OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

As Elks we some times come together in times of grief and great happiness. When a loved one passes away we feel the comfort of love of our extended family. They share our pain and extend to us their love and comfort.

When a great happiness comes along we share in that also because we are an extended family. On Saturday February 12th we were fortunate to share that happiness with the joining of Jacob and Tracy Panczak. They were married in a garden ceremony with members of family, friends and Elks in attendance. As in most weddings where true emotions are felt the tears of joy also abounded as they took their marriage vows.

It is a new beginning for the both of them. In lifes scheme of things they were lucky to be friends, then best friends, lovers and as a part of our extended family we wish them much happiness as the years melt away and they are lucky to be lifetime companions.

Our Elks family is saddened by the recent passing of Eve Davis, the widow of Stan P. Davis and Ed Stogsdell, PER. Eve and Stan came together in the twilight of their years and enjoyed many happy times at our Elks Lodge. Ed a Charter Member and Darlene were a driving force in the formative years of our Lodge and we feel a special loss because Ed and I shared the same birthday. When September 23 rolls around it will hold a personal sadness and we will miss him.



We were shocked at the sudden passing of our Bro. Bob Clark, Jr. An Elk is never forgotten and he will not be forgotten. As we look around our lodge and see the imprints he left here we are reminded what he and his father did

here. They installed the air conditioning, he worked on the Helping Hand Committee at the Camarillo State Hospital, the Scholarship Committee, worked on many Sunday morning breakfasts with Bro. Bob Holm, supporting those committees, and many more.

He was a devoted father to Courtney who we saw push her way into this world and now is a beautiful young woman. She was a special part of Bobs life as an adoring parent.

With sadness in my heart for the loss to our extended family, we will cherish their memory and when the chimes of memory ring out at the Eleven O'Clock Toast their good deeds will be remembered on the tablets of love and memory.

LIVING THE MOTTO....ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE



SCHOLARSHIP
Jim Wallace, PER, WCCD,
Scholarship, Chairman

9 February 2005

Dear Mr. Wallace,

I just received your letter informing me that I have been forwarded to the next plateau of judging for the Elks National Foundation, Most Valuable Student Scholarship, and I want to thank you for taking the time to keep me updated on my applications progress. I am very excited and honored to be considered for this award! Thank you again, and have a great day!

Best wishes,
Dallas Woodburn

March 4, 2005

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 received notification from Jim Wallace, PER, West Central Coast District, Scholarship Chairman, California-Hawaii Elks Association of their Elks National Foundation scholarship winners.

Lauren Baize, La Reina High School State Award	800.00
Sabrina Chou, La Reina High School District Award	700.00
*Elks National Foundation, Most Valuable Student being judged and will be announced later this year.	
Ellis Kim, Agoura High School District Award	700.00
*Elks National Foundation, Most Valuable Student being judged and will be announced later this year.	
Alan Lewis, Newbury Park High School District Award	\$200
State Award	\$800.00

The first week in May is designated as National Youth Appreciation Week and special recognition will be held at the T.O. Elks Lodge #2477

In order to get free flyers printed and as a courtesy to our benefactor, a lead time of three weeks pryor to press time is required. We go to press the 10th of the month. Thank you for helping make the Antler Antics special.

2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	LEADING KNIGHT David Naccarato	2005-06 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

Before I begin my last article as Loyal Knight, first some house keeping. Daylight savings starts on April 3rd. Set your clock ahead one hour before going to bed or else you'll be late for my breakfast on April 4th. Passover begins at sundown on the 23rd.

As Loyal Knight I have a lot of thank yous; first I would like to thank my wife Karen for her love and support through this busy year with the kitchen. She was always by my side even with her back pain. Thank you honey! Thank you Bill and Jeri Miller, Alice and Rusty Kennedy, Terry and Sharon Baker and George and Cornelia Meehan for your help on my Sunday breakfasts. I could not have done it without your help. Thank you Dee and Mallory and their crew for preparing a monthly breakfast. Thank you Ed Rice and your crew for the years of preparing a breakfast. Thank you Kampers for your many years in the kitchen. Thank you Tom Ryder and crew for monthly initiations dinners and the special events you stepped up to cook for. Thank you Greg and Barbara Metzgas for your Mexican Wednesday night dinners. Carol and Alice for your diverse Wednesday night dinners. Carol and Robert Neuner and my wife Karen for monthly Friday night dinners. Roy Cooper and crew, thank you for your many years of Fish & Chips. It's very successful and would be missed not to see it on the menu. I would like to thank Crystal Dool and crew, Bobby Williams and crew, Chet and Shirley and crew, Ed Bianchi and crew, Larry and Colleen and crew, Jerry Serota and crew, Judy for all of their wonderful dinners throughout the year. Also, thank you all those who did an event through out the year and those who helped made them successful. I know as I move on and Catherine takes over, you will continue to help and support her with many new and exciting meals.

Now last month I mentioned about George Washington. What I wrote was that he was our 7th President but I was edited to say 1st president but in reality there was 6 men before Washington who served just one year each kind of like the Elks. Our nation was called Article of Federation and the first president of the Article of Confederation was John Hanson. Besides being the first president John Hanson developed the Department

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Eve Davis, widow of Stan Davis on her passing; the family of PER Ed Stogsdell; and Bob Clark, Jr. on his passing.

ON THE MEND: Phylis Rding from bone spur surgery; John Ennis from radiation; Raven West's father's health is improving; Eula McKee from knee replacement; Ed Bianchi from complications of high blood pressure; Dave Stull from hernia surgery; Larry Morris had an aneurysm removed from his leg; and Walter Ogden from pancreatitis.

IS YOUR GROUP LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HAVE A LUNCHEON MEETING????

- **Your search is over**
- **The newly painted and carpeted banquet room is available**
- **Call Banquet Manager Judy Brayman 496-4550 for menus and a tour of the facility**

of the Treasury, Department of War and he also designed the Presidential seal. While we are on this subject have you bought your Igaural Ball tickets. Available from the chair officers or behind the bar \$40.00 person on April 9th at the Thousand Oaks Inn. Your choice beef or fish. Come out and be apart of history in this lodge.



FEBRUARY CAMPOUT - ALMOST

Camping in 2005 is putting us to the test. First - January had all kinds of last minute changes - but true to form - we managed.

February - we have record rainfall.

The camp host for Oak Park called Donna Hardy on the 12th to advise the park was experiencing pretty serious difficulties, perhaps we wanted to find someplace else. YEH RIGHT - - - The Newcomers, who were wagonmasters, were staying in touch - but the rain was not letting up. There were several calls between Donna Hardy, Don, Gene and me. Gene had even mentioned we all park in Superior's parking lot, not an awesome alternative - but WHAT TO DO - - WHAT TO DO? Our meager number of 9 campers was rapidly dwindling -

On Tuesday about 5:00 a.m. I came wide-awake - the Palmdale Lodge. Bill and I had been there (not as campers) several years ago. They have a TRUE patio (about 3 times what our used to be), which they call their cabana, stage, outside bar, WELL COVERED - the Lodge is good sized and I believed it would be a viable alternative. They have 80 sites - 40 pull-throughs, AH HA! Obviously the decision was not up to me - the wagonmasters and Mr. Prez - would make the final decision.

I called Palmdale and learned they were having Tamale Pie for Friday night dinner and Saturday they're having a spaghetti dinner and CASINO NIGHT! This is sounding better and better.

On Thursday there were four of us at the Palmdale Lodge. Raining - OH YEH! But so what? Gene Ewald, the Newcomers, the Ericksons and us (von Wittenburgs) were not about to let the scheduled weekend fall completely apart. Then we learned that Ed Collieran didn't have to work on Monday, Donna had to work ALL weekend - Ed could come as long as he didn't bring his scooter. The last time he out unsupervised with his scooter - he ended up in the hospital. Ed didn't seem to think that a major concession - so he arrived Friday night.

Ed's arrival is a story in itself. Friday evening traffic at the 118 - 5 - 405 interchange is awful (actually it's awful almost any time). When we go to Lancaster, it has sometimes taken as much as 45 minutes to travel 5 (or less) miles. He encountered rain - then it cleared. The decision to continue was a moment-to-moment thing. Finally he passed the point of no return, the traffic had cleared somewhat and he pressed on!

As he neared his destination, he phoned Joel, and just as Joel told him to turn on 25th Street East - He passed the intersection. No big deal, 30th was coming up; he would still arrive at the Lodge - from the east instead of west. REGRETABLY - Joel hadn't told him the major entrance to RV parking was on the west side of the Lodge. The front parking lot was well occupied (Tamale Pie night) and Ed got himself into a bit of a tight spot. Suffice it to say - "Rabbit Tracks" were left from the front parking area to the RV area J! I have pictures.

Because the group was small, I had offered my Chili Verde and some tamales for dinner, which was going to happen Saturday night. After all the spaghetti sauce was probably something out of a jar L. WRONG AGAIN! We learned that the sauce was being prepared by - check this out - a pure Italian

(from Italy) and his Scots wife. Bill & Ed were in the kitchen sniffing around, found the aroma to be emanating from something they wanted to eat.

By this time the Ewald rig had developed a leak. Unfortunately Gene left for home.

Poor Don - Doris had just made her spaghetti a few days before and he wasn't too thrilled about eating spaghetti. He was a real trouper; we ate some pretty dang good spaghetti.

YES, I felt like a real smuck bailing out, I'd even picked up beans so Beverly could make her fantastic refried beans - but everyone accepted it gracefully and seemed to enjoy the dinner.

Casino games started. What I KNOW about gambling you can put in the corner of your eye and have room left. I can stumble through Black Jack - but all the seats were taken by the time Bill, Beverly and I got up. There was NO ONE at the craps table - SO - it's funny money - what the heck?

The dealers at the table were kind and patient. We had a GREAT time! Beverly's tutor coached her through a good winning streak, Bill lost all his money and I ended up with some left. The games over - prize drawings began. The tickets were free! Thousand Oaks walked away with tremendous prizes. One of mine is 4 passes to the Gene Autry Museum.

The Lodge members were very friendly and they have one of the best bartenders we've ever encountered. Cindy really catered to us.

All I can say - those who didn't come - missed A REALLY FINE TIME (and food).

El Konejo Kampers

April 15-16, 2005
Far West Resort

Santa Paula



Third Annual Polish Jamboree & BBQ

Make your reservations Early, only 17 sites available

Group Area "Bitch", water, electric, rest rooms & showers.

Extra Days at \$18. call camp site Margaret at (705) 933-3200.

Wagon Masters: Chet & Shirley Kozlowski (705) 492-0939.

Friday 8:00 am *Alibon Adjustment*
8:00 pm *Dinner on your own*

Saturday 10:00 am *Breakfast Pot Luck*
11:00 am *Business meeting*
12:00 pm *On your own or games, cards, read, sleep, etc.*
5:00 pm *Alibon Adjustment*
8:00 pm *Polish hot dogs with Espresso, Biryani & deli*

Sunday *to share. Zuzka and Sheriff to follow.*
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Mail Checks (\$50) to El Konejo Kampers
c/o Kozlowski's, 3330 Heatherglow, T.O. 91360

2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	LOYAL KNIGHT Catherine Koeritz	2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
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



Calling all cooks!!! As Loyal Knight, I have the pleasure of organizing all possible chefs to provide our brother/sister Elks some fabulous feasts for our Wednesday and Friday night dinners and our Sunday Brunch. I have been asking a few people already but I would be very grateful to have more. It's a great way to meet people and show

off your cooking skills. Maybe you have a particular family dish you would like to share. We would love to try!!! Please come see me or call me at (805) 492-4851.

For those wondering what the large bin is doing in the parking lot, it's for our upcoming Rummage Sale on April 23-24. All proceeds will go to New Facilities. If you have donations that you can store at home, please keep them and bring them down later. Otherwise, please contact Pat von Wittenburg to make arrangements. Posters will be up in the Lodge for contact information and further details. You can also see the ad in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

April 6 (Installation Dinner) Turkey and mashed potatoes by Judy

April 23-24 Rummage Sale. (Please contact Pat von Wittenburg for donations)

May 1-7 - Youth Appreciation Week

May 30 - Double G Burger Night by Glen Wellman (Bartender) and Greg Ryder

Cath's Quips:

"Will" is what creates the energy and courage to create.
 "Want," by itself, just isn't enough."

BARGAIN
Bonanza



RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 23rd - 24th

8am - 3pm

You may bring your "treasures" to the Lodge anytime. We have a container available for their safe keeping.

If you have any **LARGE** items, please contact Pat vonWittenburg (805-523-7758) before bringing to Lodge. Come down, join in the fun, and find that "new treasure".

All proceeds go the New Facilities Fund.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE FOR NEW FACILITIES

- ◆ First organizational meeting
April 12th 7 pm in Lodge Room
- ◆ Bring fundraising
ideas & enthusiasm to meeting
- ◆ Membership is open to all interested

SCOUTING
Bill Miller, Com. Chair.

Scott T. Cutler - Trail to Eagle



(L-R) Scott T. Cutler, Eagle Scout receives the Elks Certificate from Bill Miller, Com. Scouting Chairman

Scott began his trail to Eagle as a Cub Scout with Pack 3753 in 1997. He spent 2 years in the Cub Scout program and earned the Arrow of Light award, Cub Scouts highest award.

In 1998 Scott bridged into Boy Scouts joining Troop 730, and then transferred over to Troop 754 where he has been active in Scouting for 6 years, now earning the Eagle rank. During his scouting years, Scott has earned 22 merit badges and over 50 nights of camping. Scott has served in many leadership capacities: Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. His many valuable experiences include: Back Packing in the Sierras, Canoe trips on the Colorado River, Rock Climbing, Bike Trips, Camporees, Rifle Shooting and many Summer & Winter Scout Camps.

Scott completed his eagle Service Project at Maple Elementary School. The project was to rebuild the outdoor bulletin board and painting of the handball courts, benches curbs and fences. All the effort was coordinated and arranged by Scott to demonstrate his leadership abilities. Over 3 days and 156 man hours of labor the project was completed. Many thanks go to the Scouts and Scout Leaders who helped work on this project. A special thank you to Jim Judge Painting Company, who donated all the painting equipment for the project.



A special hand crafted tie holder gift from Bill Sternberg, PER, District Scouting Chairman, WCCD that Eagle Scout, Scott will cherish forever



A gift in the making from one solid block of wood. When completed the ball in the center will be free rolling

**34th Annual Elks Lodge 2477
 INAUGURAL BALL**

April 9th at the
 Thousand Oaks Inn
 75 W. Thousand Oaks Blvd.
 Thousand Oaks, CA



Tickets on sale from David Naccarato
 or at the Lounge
\$40.00 per person
 Choice of Beef or Fish

Social Hour	6:00 p.m.
Dinner	7:00 p.m.
Grand Entrance	9:00 p.m.

2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LECTURING KNIGHT
Robert Jones

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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

AMERICANISM
Raven West

Here's our winning entry for the
 Americanism Contest:

What Does Old Glory Mean To Me?
By Leah Tommela, 7th Grade

La Reina High School
 Teacher: Carol Walter
 Co-Principal: Cecilia Coe

WHAT OLD GLORY MEANS TO ME

Whenever I look at our American flag, I'm reminded of how people fought and died for our country to give us freedom. I also remember who made the flag, a woman, Betsy Ross. She loved our country so much that she made something so special to honor it and I think that every woman should admire her. I am also drawn to the bright colors when I glance at the flag. For me, the red represents the blood, shed with pride from the whole-hearted soldiers fighting for our country. The blue is the ocean that the first men and women of our country sailed across to establish this land. The white shows all the crosses planted for people who have fought and died for our country because they loved it so much. I cannot imagine living anywhere else but here, where the Old Glory flies in the wind, because we have so much to be thankful for, and if we lived somewhere else, we might not have as much to be thankful for. I am proud to say the Pledge of Allegiance each morning with my hand over my heart, standing towards Old Glory.

Miss Tommela won second place in the district contest and now has qualified for State judging.

Why Should I Support the
Elks National Foundation?

Here are \$13.3 Million Reasons...

\$4.75 Million
 Grants to State Associations

\$3.3 Million
 College Scholarships

\$715,000
 Elks National Home

\$607,716
 Elks National "Hoop Shoot"
 Free Throw Program

\$600,000
 Elks Drug Awareness Program

\$552,850
 Elks National Veterans
 Service Commission

\$592,100
 Elks Veterans Memorial

\$150,000
 Elks Soccer Shoot

Aren't these \$13.3 million reasons
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For more information, contact the Elks
 National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview
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 email enr@elks.org or visit the
 Elks website at www.elks.org.

NATIONAL SERVICES
Jim Kellogg, Com. Chair.

Feb. 17, 2005, 5 Elks were at the Supelveda
 V.A. hospital to play bingo with the 22
 veterans who joined in. The 5 were Pearl

Gibbs, Vern Jossy, Jim Kellogg, George, a fred of Ed
 Ayril and myself; there are helpers among the staff or
 volunteers who also are there for the enjoyment of
 being with the veterans and friends. This is always a
 rewarding day for all. Also Bro. Dick Flittner
 donated some clothing for the vets.

NEW FACILITIES
Greg Metzgas, PER



I wrote my first New Facilities article a year ago today. A lot has happened since then, a lot except we have not yet broken ground. The big question is why?

The answer is our membership. We have sold a lot of bonds to date and for that we are grateful. There are a lot of members out there that have not come forward and purchased even a \$500 bond. Bonds have been on sale for over a year. With very few exceptions I believe that most members can afford to purchase at least a \$500 bond. Please show your support and put in an application for a building bond.

Now, onto the positive. Our Architect, Len Cardoni, is making progress with the city. The new design that is acceptable to the building department in very few ways resembles the rendering that is hanging in the lounge now. The city is making us add a lot of "eye appealing" trim to the outside of the structure. We are at their mercy; until the outside of the building is to their liking, we will not be able to proceed with our project. Of course, all of the added windows, roofs etc. will increase the cost. On the plus side, the appearance of the building is much better than our original conceptual drawing.

Len will be tuning up the design this month and a new rendering will be displayed in the lounge. We are also trying to put together a scale model of the building and parking area for the members to see.

I have been in contact every week with a builder that would like to construct the new building. He is a local builder, well qualified and ready to start. I have also been asked by the membership if I have contacted the metal building company, General Steel, that is advertising on the radio. The answer is yes, many times. They have told me they will refer me to a contractor but I have yet to have one call me back. I think that they must be geared to much simpler projects. Our city is also not the easiest to build a building in, especially if it is a metal building.



I will close appealing to you again to step forward, join the Building Bunny Campaign and support your lodge to the best of your ability. If you can't afford a bond, help us in any way you can.

Greg Metzgas, PER

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY



First, let me congratulate all of the newly elected officers for lodge year 2005-2006. If they perform next year as they did last year, we will truly have a great one. We ended up with a plus 34 in membership, which we have never done before. This indicates that we're on the right path to keeping our members in. It is too bad that 22 members decided not to stay with us. We are planning on some great things in the upcoming years, including our new facility. We at Thousand Oaks have always been a lodge for others to follow both in organization and functions.

We are closer than ever to getting our new facility built. So close it is almost scary. It would really be neat to be able to write my articles from a new office in a new building. Reality is only a mere step away.

Finally, it is that time of year once again when the officers are required to practice their initiation ritual for the contest held in April. Please give them a break for the short time they practice, and try to keep the noise level to a minimum. They will certainly appreciate it. They are now selling tickets for the annual inaugural ball. Dave and Karen Nacarrato are putting it on this year, so it should be a hum dinger. Buy your tickets early, and enjoy the fun.

Dues are now in order, and when the bell rings behind the bar because your card key doesn't work, it is probably because you aren't paid up. In order to gain admission to the lounge (or lodge) you must be paid up. You cannot enter the premises if you are lapse. Ring the bell and you'll be carded to see if you have paid up. It Happens every year, and invariably someone gets their feelings hurt. Bringing the money in next time doesn't cut it. Be prepared to pay or leave!



Got to go, the editor says I'm too late again.

And that's 30 for this month

Bill

WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



Alexi Sahagian and sponsor Gil Riding, PER



Juanita Feamster and sponsor Richard Johnson



Mitch Strunk in support of Glenn Wellman
sponsored by Elise Murray



Rick Filerman in support of Judy Brayman and Erin Pierle
standing in for sponsor John Peterson



Charles Kudra and sponsor Dick Wixon



The PER's performed the memorial service for one of their own
the late Ed Stogsdell, PER

**GRAND LODGE MEMBERS ASSOCIATION
(GLMA)
Past Exalted Rulers
West Central Coast District**



There are many of you that have heard the acronym "GLMA" over the years but there are few that actually know what GLMA is or what we do for the West Central Coast District (WCCD).

GLMA is the West Central Coast District Past Exalted Rulers Association. GLMA meets formally after each District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers Clinic. The purpose of GLMA is to be available to assist the WCCD lodges District activities both financially and physically. The 12 WCCD Lodges PER Associations are part of the District PER Association (GLMA) and work as a unit to allocate GLMA funds where they will do the most good for WCCD Elks and their Lodges.

GLMA provides funds for the following:

- ◆ District Lodges Ritual Contest each year
- ◆ **District Lodge Ritual Team representing the WCCD at the State Convention each year**
- ◆ National Ritual Contest when WCCD Lodge represented the California-Hawaii Elks Association at the National contest
- ◆ District/ CHEA Hoop Shoot contests
- ◆ District/CHEA Soccer Shoot contests
- ◆ Boy Scout/Girl Scout Awards Activities
- ◆ Elks National Foundation Donations
- ◆ CHEA Elks Major Projects/Purple Pig Donations
- ◆ GLMA personnel schedule and coordinate members rooms and provide funds for Hospitality Rooms at CHEA State and Mid-Term Conventions
- ◆ Sickness and Distress cards of cheer and/or condolences to sick PERs or widows of deceased PERs
- ◆ Telephone calling cards to troops in overseas combat areas in the name of the California WCCD Elks

As you see GLMA is supporting the WCCD Order of Elks in many ways. Funds used in support of these activities are raised by GLMA members each year. Every year the GLMA Trustees meet and propose a budget to the GLMA members for approval on how the funds are to be distributed. Your help in GLMA fund raising activities is greatly appreciated. Please continue to support GLMA and the Order of Elks. Your help is greatly appreciated and continues to make the West Central Coast District Elks the **Best People On Earth (BPOE)**! Your Lodge is a WCCD Lodge.

**SALLY CLAUNCH
(Cont.)
Exalted Ruler, 2005 - 2006
Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477**

Following the death of her husband Paul and remarrying Tommy Claunch her Elk journey began by attending Tommy's indoctrination meeting.

As his involvement in Elkdom, increased by becoming a trustee, banquet chair and barbeque team member and receiving the prestigious honor of Elk of the Year, so did Sally's participation evolve. She became the Elks Ladies president and chair of various fundraisers. In 2001 as women were increasingly becoming Elk members Johnny D'Ambrogio asked her to be the Inner Guard for his officer corp. Accepting the challenge, she became an Elk and has risen through the chairs attaining the position of Exalted Ruler for 2005-2006. In her spare time she enjoys playing golf, going to the theater, working out at Curves and hanging out with her grandchildren. For her motto she has chosen:

LIVE THE MOTTO-ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday April 6, 2005

7:00 p.m.

**TURKEY & DRESSING
\$8**

All PERs living in the Elks West Central Coast District, whether they are GLMA dues payers or not, are members of GLMA. Thank them all for their efforts. We invite all WCCD PERs to participate!

Fraternally
Tom Ryder - PDDGER
GLMA - Secretary/Treasurer

2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
CHAIRPERSONS

THE ELKS LADIES
Alice Kennedy

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CHAIRPERSONS

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HISTORIAN:
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Hello Everyone,

Well this is my last article as 2nd Vice President. As much as I have enjoyed writing this every month it is now time I pass this responsibility on to our New 2nd Vice President, Jessica Stull. If you are not aware we voted on the new officers at our meeting on March 2nd. And they were installed on March 8th at the Elks Ladies Installation Dinner.

Our New Officers for the year 2005-2006 are:

President – Alice Kennedy

1st Vice President -- Carol Neuner

2nd Vice President -- Jessica Stull

3rd Vice President -- Jeri Miller

Treasurer -- Barbara Metzgas

Secretary -- Diane Isaman

Some of our past officers have retired. We thank you for all that you've have done for the Elks Ladies and the Elks Lodge. Your time and efforts are most appreciated. Thank All Very Much!!

March Bubble Drawing :

Marva D'Ambrogio \$100.00 Not Present

No Winner

Marie Wagner \$ 40.00 Not Present

No Winner

Raffle Winner:

Alice Kennedy who donated it back to the Major Project.



WE ARE ALWAYS BLESSED

Marilyn Cissell

Our world is filled with good and bad,
how sad at times we concentrate
On happenings that lead to fear
or seeing love replaced by hate.

When illness, conditions or accidents
invade our lives and cause us stress,
We thank you, Lord, for loving arms
to hold us, God, and show we're blessed.

Amen

APRIL



- 8. Madeleine Brockwell
- 14. Elvera McNaboe
- Mertice Nichols
- 15. Roxanne Horning
- 21. Theresa Kingsland

Dates to Remember:

- April 5th - Elks Ladies Meeting 7:30pm
- April 9th - Inaugural Ball
- April 23-24 Rummage Sale
- April 24th - Conejo Valley Days Carnival begins
- April 29th - Special Kids Day
- April 30th - Conejo Valley Days Parade

As always I wish everyone Well and Happiness,

Sincerely, Carol Neuner

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| | | | Steve Chiszar | |
| | | 25. | Alfred Battles | |
| | | 28. | Jerry Case | |

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

Date: April 13, 2005

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Jerry Cain	Retired	Frank Coley



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| Lucky 13 | | No Winner | |
| February 9 | \$475.00 | #1971 | Raven West |
| Lucky 13 | | No Winner | |
| February 16 | \$500.00 | #1829 | David Dennison |
| Lucky 13 | | No Winner | |
| February 23 | \$500.00 | #255 | Anthony Federico |
| | \$25.00 | #1858 | James Wilkes |
| Lucky 13 | Juanita Feamster | "WINNER" | |

ORDER AND ORIGIN OF THE ELKS



The great question concerning the real origin of our Beloved Order of Elks has been made the subject of many well meaning ambitious writers and discussed by numerous and eminent Elks with much truth.

These have been devoid of the essential facts of the actual happenings and reason as they developed in the minds of the personalities of those who were really responsible for the ultimate foundation and subsequent development of the principles. It was all brought about through a close kinship among hundreds of performers, who at the time were commonly known as "Minstrels". This undisputed documented data was given to a man named Henry Myers by Bob Fulgora in the year 1877 in the city of Philadelphia. In 1913, in the city of Chicago, Myers organized "The Old Friends Club" to which this data was donated.

These performers would meet in different places and have their try outs or rehearsals. Among these places was a saloon known as Crist's Place, owned by a Christopher Crist, who always furnished free beer for the performers. The lunch consisted of cold turkey, duck, chicken, cold meats, homemade breadstuffs, variety of cheese, pretzels, smear case, cabbage salad, pickles, etc. The beer was always served in a steins.

On a Friday, November 15, 1867, during a rehearsal, a newcomer appeared, a Charles Vivian from England. He was a man with great talent and was very prominent in the events which follows. Among those who was always present was Bob Fulgora who was always taking notes. Nothing escaped his pen, including names and sayings. On one occasion, rehearsal was over and lunch was in progress and the usual hilarities were taking place. Suddenly, a man named Gus Philips rose and asked for silence, then remarked "How happy we are and so many good things to eat and do you know how many poor devils are going hungry". to which George McDonald said "A dam good idea, why not each wrap a package of the remains of this lunch and distribute them among the wondering stomachs". Baskets were filled with food and then holding their steins aloft and with interlocked arms they all drank. Shortly thereafter, each picked up his basket and in silence started distributing its contents among the half starved, half naked people on the

Bowery. Thus ending the first meeting of a group that had unknowingly planted a seed of great magnitude.

The next morning at breakfast, Saturday, November 16, 1867, Charles Vivian was loud in his praise for his American Friends, saying they were almost as good as Britishers. That day they began their first visit to the Star Music Hall, run by John Ireland. During the course of the festivities, Vivian shouted "Lets make it interesting" and asked Ireland if he had a lot of Corks. These soon appeared on the bar, and after dividing them among the members, he said, "I'll show you a Jolly good Trick" Explaining the requisite each placed his cork and the last to do so was to be stuck for the drinks. Shouts of joy resulted in finding John Ireland was the only one who had the cork to uncover, the rest had pocketed theirs, so Ireland gladly furnished all the beer. They all produced their cork from their pockets and shouted "John you are a Corker" This was the prelude of each in knowing, to play the trick on the first victim they met. It was a command question, "ARE YOU A CORK?" , and all subsequent meets were known as the Corks.

Among the party was Phil Summers, owner of a saloon, and he too became a victim and voted a Cork. At the meeting at his place, Vivian was voted Chairman and he fined each performer for being too good or not good enough. Long after midnight, they all sang Auld Lang Syne and closed the meeting with the suggestion that each bring the name of a needy family to the next blow out. Just before closing this session, there appeared two members who stated they had been visiting a very sick member. By a quick it was decided his immediate wants be satisfied and that the two report back what could be done for his comfort and recovery. With the usual Stein in hand and interlocked arms, the meeting closed and the lights went out. Thus ended the first meeting as Corks.

On a Monday Night November 18, 1867, some Corks had gathered at Crist's Place and Mr. Crist informed them he was having a Birthday Party on Saturday, November 23rd and all the Corks were invited. He promised the best lunch and more than they could drink. Great plans went into making for the celebration of this great man's birthday. They would all meet at Donaldsons London Theatre on the Bowery and march to Bleeker Street. An orchestra was to lead the March. By ten O'clock they began to arrive and at ten thirty they were ready to start the short march. They marched along the Bowery turning into Bleeker Street, a

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ORDER AND ORIGIN OF THE ELKS Cont.

nondescript crowd following in song and demonstrations of Good Fellowship. A short distance from their festive haven, the crowd became so tense progress became impossible and a fellow cork hailed an officer and asked the cause. The excited officer replied, "One of those usual sailors brawls, this time they have killed Crist". Almost at that moment the chimes of the East Side Cathedral (which struck each hour of the day) sounded it's eleventh hour and as the last stroke sounded, Gratin Riggs directed the quintet to sing Auld Lang Syne. As the singing ended (to which all had joined in) Riggs held up his hands and exclaimed, "To our absent Brother". This was in deference to their beloved friend Crist and became the general practice at all sessions of the Corks.

It was a Barnums Museum that Grattan Riggs noticed some men mounting one beautiful head of an Elk. He was so impressed and enthusiastic over the Elk that he strongly advocated the organization be named the Elk. Vivian invariably urging the name Buffalo. The mammoth Elk at the Museum, with it's fascinating antlers, not only became a powerful attraction to the populace, but of great interest to those whose mind were bent upon the development of the newly proposed organization destined to be successor to the Corks, both the name Elk and Buffalo had their advocates, but the success of either faction was a problem to be solved. A committee was formed to consult the proper authorities to carefully investigate the nature and habits of the different animals in question which would aid them in final approval. Many volumes were examined and finally Goldsmith's Animated Nature, which devoted much space to the Buffalo but whose traits did not warrant consideration. With the Elk however, a different view was presented. Goldsmith, who is without question the worlds greatest historian on animal life, declared the Elk is without rival, "Keen of Perception"- "Timorous of Wrongdoing"- "Protection for the Helpless"- "fierce in Battle for the Young".

Sunday, February 16, 1868- At this meeting, not only the new name Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was adopted, but the Constitution from Manuscript of George McDonald, George Thompson and Thomas Grattan Riggs was unanimously adopted, which legally proclaimed the Dawn of Elkdom.

In conclusion- The arrival of Charles Vivian and the introduction of his Cork Trick, not only opened a haven of feast and refreshment, but resulted in and undenied fellowship that had not existed before and still exists in our Beloved Order of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

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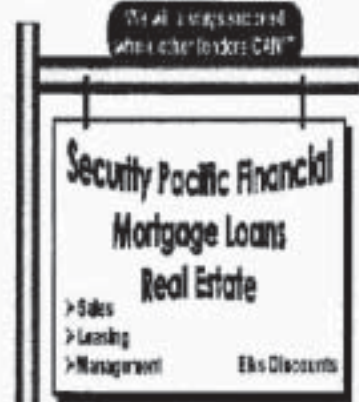
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