

# ANTLER



Sally Clunch  
EXALTED RULER



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**"LIVE THE MOTTO - ELKS CARE- ELKS SHARE"**

## **BPO Elks Pledges Aid to Victims of Hurricane Katrina**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS—With numerous counties in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina, which slammed the state on August 29th, taking thousands of lives and making hundreds of thousands homeless, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A. has pledged its assistance to hard-hit hurricane victims.

The hurricane, which pounded the city of New Orleans with particular ferocity and 145-mph winds, was the worst storm to hit the continental United States since Hurricane Andrew devastated Florida in 1992. It was the most powerful storm ever to slam New Orleans and the first direct hit on the city in 40 years. A massive evacuation of the city has begun in the wake of what may prove to be the deadliest natural disaster in the United States in at least a century.

Louis James Grillo, the national president of the BPO Elks, has asked the more than 1 million members of the Elks nationwide to lead the way in offering disaster relief.

To aid in this effort, a fund has been established by the BPO Elks Grand Lodge to assist those individuals and families who have experienced the devastating effects of the hurricane. Checks made payable to the Hurricane Katrina Elks Disaster Relief Fund should be sent to:

**The BPO Elks Emergency Charity Fund  
2750 North Lakeview Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60614-1889**

Though best known for its many patriotic and philanthropic programs, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has helped the victims of major disasters since 1871. In times of greatest need—from the Great Chicago Fire to the recent Florida hurricanes—the BPO Elks of the U.S.A. has been there to lend a helping hand to ease the burden for disaster victims. In this way the Elks live up to their motto, *Elks Care—Elks Share*.

BIOGRAPHY OF  
**L. J. "JIM" GRILLO**  
*GRAND EXALTED RULER*  
**2005-2006**

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

Louis James "Jim" Grillo was born and raised in Stockton, California. Jim, a fifth-generation Stocktonian, attended Madison Elementary School, Daniel Webster Junior High School, and Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Stockton. He graduated from California State University in Sacramento, with a degree in Criminal Justice. While in college he interned for the District Attorney's Office.

Jim was a baseball player all through high school and college, reaching the semipro level. He had aspirations of becoming a professional, until an injury ended his career. Jim then planned to enter the field of law enforcement, but at the urging of a family friend, he instead launched a successful 27-year career as a sales representative, retiring only recently.

In his youth, Jim served his community and Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He and his brother, David, were the first Acolytes ever to serve at St. Stephen's. He also worked on numerous Church committees throughout his youth and young adulthood. Ultimately, he served on the Bishop's Committee for ten years, overseeing the operations of the Church.

As a teenager, Jim worked with his grandfather, Jim Fisher, at Fisher Brothers, the family's sixth-generation house moving company. From this experience, he learned the value of a hard day's work and respect for his fellow man. He also learned the lesson to never ask anyone to do anything he would not do himself.

Currently, Jim is a member of the Bersaglieri Society, called "Campo Di Bersaglieri" in Italian, one of the oldest Italian organizations in the United States. The Society originated with a group of guards who protected the Italian royal family. Jim is a third-generation member. He attended many meetings of the Society with his late grandfather Louis (Luigi) Grillo and his late father, Dr. Italo J. Grillo. For a number of years, Jim served as "The Collector" of the Society. In September of 2004, Jim was proposed for membership in the Emblem Club by his mother, Charter Member Dorothy Fisher Grillo, and Past Supreme President Betty Parsons. Jim was initiated into Stockton Emblem Club No. 226 in October, 2004.

On February 12, 1974, Jim was proposed for Elks membership by his father, who was then State Vice-President of the Central District of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. On a visit home from college, Jim was formally initiated into Stockton, California Elks Lodge No. 218, on March 26, 1974. He served

with distinction in all the Chairs and was elected to serve as Exalted Ruler for 1987-1988.

Subsequently, in 1991, he was Chairman of the Centennial Celebration for the Stockton Lodge, a celebration which included a visit from then Grand Exalted Ruler James W. Damon. Jim also was the editor of the Lodge's 100-year Commemorative Book, and was instrumental in obtaining television coverage for the Lodge's 100 years of Elkdom on the *NBC Today Show*. Jim is an Honorary Life Member of Stockton Lodge No. 218.

Jim has been active on various California Central District Committees and has served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1991-1992. He served the California-Hawaii Elks Association as State Indoctrination Chairman in 1994-1995, and in 1995 was appointed to serve on the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Board of Trustees for three years. Jim served on various committees of the Major Project Board: the Continuing Education Committee (*three years, one year as Chairman*); the State Disabled Scholarship Committee (*two years, one year as Chairman*); the Insurance & Safety Committee (*three years*); and the Hospital Grant-North (*three years, as liaison to the University of California San Francisco, Ophthalmology Department*). For one year, Jim was Secretary of the Major Project Board of Trustees. In 1998-1999, Jim was First Vice-President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, and he was elected President of the Association for 1999-2000. Currently, he is serving as District Leader of the eleven (11) Lodges in the California Central District.

Jim was on the Grand Lodge-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee from 2000 to 2001, and was Chairman of the All-American Lodge Contest during that time. Currently, Jim is completing four years on the Board of Grand Trustees, the general financial agent of the Order and of the Elks National Home. As a Board Member, he was responsible for Building Applications West in 2001-2002; Pension Member in 2002-2003; and Approving Member in 2003-2004. In July of 2004, Jim was elected Chairman of the Board.

Jim met Lucia Catherine Olivieri at an Elks gathering, and on December 1, 1990, they were married. Since that time, Lucia has been at his side, not only in life, but also in Elkdom. They live on the family ranch in Linden, California, where Lucia was born and raised. They are involved in overseeing the operations of the walnut and cherry orchards that were established by Lucia's father in the early 1920s.



**ATTENTION LODGE BIKERS**  
**SUNDAY OCT. 9TH**

- 1st Charity Poker Run to Benefit Christmas Baskets
- \$20 per person
- Lunch Provided
- Meet at Lodge at 9:00 am
- Sign up sheet to go up in the Lounge on Sept 18th. (deadline to sign up Oct 1st)
- Spaces limited to the first 30 bikers!!

Any questions see or call David Naccarato at 375-1089



**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY NOV. 12TH**

- Charity Fundraiser to Benefit the Christmas Baskets
- 10:00 am at the Lodge
- \$20 per team
- Results will be given out at the Charity Ball on Nov. 19th

So get a teammate and we will see you there!!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Santa Anita Day at the Races Power Dave Breakfast \$6.00 9:00am-12:00pm	3 Investigation 7:00 pm	4 Trustees Meeting 6:15 pm Calendar Meeting 7:00 p.m. Officers & House Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Elks Ladies 7:30 pm	5 Antler Antics Article Due  GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM Dinner \$6.00 Polish Dogs Crazy Crew	6 Bass Club Meeting	7 Beef Stew \$8 Neuner/Naccarato	1 BBQ Wagon at the Lodge Jim Rochford & Crew  BBQ Wagon at the Lodge Eddie Rice & Crew
9 First Charity Motorcycle Poker Run Brite Lites Breakfast \$6.00 9:00am-12:00pm JAZZ CLUB	10	11 PER Meeting 7:00 pm VFW Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Balloting GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM Dinner \$6.00 October Fest Marva D*	13 Radio Club	14 Beef Stroganoff \$9 Chrystal Dool	15 BBQ Wagon at the Lodge Herb Jellander & Crew
16 Scholarship Fund Raiser Horseshoe / Cribbage Tournaments Magnificents Breakfast \$6.00 9:00am-12:00pm	17 Atom Club 7:00 pm	18 Elks Ladies Board Meeting 7:30 pm	19 Vote on New Facilities  GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM Dinner \$6.00 Spooky Spaghetti Alice Kennedy DDGER Visitation Paso Robles	20 Veterans Visitation 5:30 pm IBEW 4:30 PM	21 Fish Fry \$7.50 Cooper & Crew	22 BBQ Wagon at the Lodge Eddie Rice & Crew Elks Ladies Castaway Party \$20 P/P
23 FLAG RETIREMENT Ceremony PER Omelet Bar \$8.00 9:00am-12:00pm	24 Candidate & Lady Indoctrination 7:30 pm	25 DDGER Visitation Simi Valley	26 Initiation GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM Steak Dinner \$10.00 Ryder & Crew DDGER Visitation Thousand Oaks	27	28 ENTERTAINMENT HALLOWEEN PARTY Beef & Salmon 5:10 The Kozlowskis WCCD Picnic Oct. 28-30 Santa Barbara DUTY OFFICER - David Naccarato	29 BBQ Wagon at the Lodge PERs & Crew
30 AA Meeting 8 a.m. Elkonejo Kampers BREAKFAST- 9:00am-12:00pm \$6.00	31	Sunday, Oct. 2 Sunday, Oct. 9 Sunday, Oct. 16 Sunday, Oct. 23 Friday, October 28		Santa Anita Day At The Races First Charity Motorcycle Poker Run Scholarship Fund Raiser Cribbage/Horseshoe Tournament Flag Retirement Ceremony 1:00 p.m. Halloween Party		

# W.C.C.D Annual Picnic

**Santa Barbara Elks Lodge # 613**

October 29th , Saturday @ 1:00 p.m. with entertainment

\$12.00 per person      In the "Grove" area

## Dinner

BBQ French Rack of Pork, Shrimp Skewers w/garlic butter  
Garden Rice, BBQ fresh Veggies (pineapple chunks, red pepper,  
zucchini, yellow squash, onions, mushrooms),  
Grilled Pineapple stripes marinated in Tequila & fresh lime juice

## Events for this weekend at the S.B. Elks Lodge #613

Oct. 28th Halloween Dinner Dance @ 6:30 p.m. w/prizes for best costume

Oct. 30th S.B. Elks Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

**RSVP the office @ 964-6858** (pay when you arrive)

We have 18 RV spaces available for reservation on this weekend - Call the office ahead



# Castaway Island



*Here's your chance  
to be.....*

# Shipwrecked!

*Join the Elk Ladies*



Saturday, October 22nd  
6:00 p.m.  
\$20.00 per person  
Dinner & Entertainment



Contact: Carol Neuner (805)300-7248

2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



**EXALTED RULER**  
**Sally Claunch**

2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**ANTLER ANTICS:** Jerry Serota, Editor  
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**HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK:** Jerry Serota  
**GREETERS:** Jack Loughran, PER  
**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota  
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**ELKS TRAINING:**  
**BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:**  
David Naccarato

**RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM CLAUNCH**

How do you say the final farewell to a friend? Then how do you comfort the widow and daughter? Some people do it with cards, some with flowers and some with words of condolences and acts of kindness. But as Elks we also do it by conducting a memorial service and Marilyn Cissell composing a prayer/poem. That is how we said farewell to Bruce Fitzpatrick on September 8th. Of course a few shots of Jamison in his honor followed the service were done to ease the pain. He will be missed for his engaging smile, Bostonian accent and gentle loving soul which he so freely gave to family and friends. Debi and Christine we are now your extended family. Please use us for support and comfort.

**The El Konejo Kampers Memories of Bruce Fitzpatrick**

*Bruce loved his family, his friends, his job.  
He earned love and respect from everyone.  
At Skyworks Solutions in Newbury Park,  
Working hard for them, he made time for fun.*

*While camping, jet skiing, golfing or partying,  
For any occasion Bruce might disappear.  
When found, he be off conducting business,  
So often, with a cell phone attached to his ear.*

*An avid sports fan, Bruce from Massachusetts,  
He had a soft Boston accent and a warm winning smile.  
His love for the Patriots and proud to be Irish,  
With Jamison-and friends, he'd talk for a while.*

*And being a part of the Elks barbeque team  
Working with Tommy, as a slicer on the bar-be-q wagon.  
Contributing to Elkdom with his job in that group,  
Turning work into fun, conversation not draggin'.*

*Enjoying as members of the Elks El Konejo Kampers,  
Bruce would drive their motor home to a campout weekend.  
Just relaxing with wife Debi, Christine and dog Toby,  
With other friend campers, a few day they'd spend*

*The many fond memories we all have of Bruce,  
His friendship, sense of humor, and generosity  
We are certain Bruce knows that Debi and Christine  
Are forever a part- of our extended Elks family.*

*If there could be cell phones in heaven, God,  
Undoubtedly they'd have unusual rings.  
When Bruce attempts to call down here,  
His phone would sound like fluttering angel wings.*

Marilyn Cissell

Bruce Fitzpatrick, 52 of Newbury Park, Calif. died suddenly of heart failure on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. He leaves his wife Debi, daughter Christine, brother Bob all of Calif., step-daughter Melanie of North Dakota, Mother Barbara and Sister Gayle of Florida and step-sister Sherri of Massachusetts.

Bruce graduated Westford Academy (1971) and Lowell Tech (1975). He was Director of Operations for Skyworks Solutions, Inc. of Newbury Park, Calif. and Woburn, Massachusetts. Bruce was an avid Boston sports fan and truly enjoyed Golf, Softball and Camping. He was beloved by his entire family, friends and colleagues in California and (Continued Page 7) Massachusetts.

**IN MEMORIAM**

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

**“THE GOLDEN HOUR OF  
RECOLLECTION”**

**Born:** Bruce F. Fitzpatrick  
**February 14, 1953**  
**Initiated:** October 27, 1999  
**Died:** August 26, 2005



**EDITORS CORNER**  
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### 'BITE THE BULLET'

In olden times before anesthesia, before a painful operation the patient was given something to bite down on to help him get over the agony of surgery. In some cases on the field of battle or in the old west it was 'Biting the Bullet'.

Our Lodge is at the critical point where we must make some painful decisions about our future. It would be nice if there was a sweet candy pill that would help us get through the pain of facing reality. A member just came back from visiting the Hawaii Elks Lodge and said they would join that Lodge in a minute because it was so posh and elegant with restaurant meals served every night. What they didn't say was Initiation was \$600 to join and their yearly dues is \$200.

At some juncture in their Lodge they had to come to grips with the same choices and decisions that we are facing right now. There were some that wanted to keep things as they were with a minimal yearly dues and just have a bar to come to when they wanted to relax. There were some members of vision who saw the advantages of the future and convinced the old guard to bite the bullet for a brighter tomorrow.

In our daily lives we are faced with unexpected challenges i.e. dentist bills, major auto repairs, a new roof for the house, etc. Though these are painful emergencies somehow we bite the bullet and meet those challenges.

We are coming to the crossroads where biting the bullet will help us get over the pain of going ahead with our plans for a New Facility. Though being painful in the beginning we will be compensated with new revenues from our catering, new members more willing to join our Lodge, and the pride that we put our fears behind us and had the courage, foresight and resolve to move forward, pride in the beauty of our surroundings and the greater pleasure of being members of BPOE #2477.

### HURRICANE KATRINA

How do you set an example? By leading the way! We have made our \$100 donation to the:

**The BPO Elks Emergency Charity Fund**  
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As a young boy in 1938, living in Venice, CA we got flooded out and lost everything in our house. There is nothing so depressingly sad as coming home with water marks three feet in the house.

When one million Elks followed our example there would be One Hundred Million dollars of '*Elks Care & Elks Share*'. Please follow our lead.

**Please See Page 19**

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the family of Bruce Fitzpatrick on his passing.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Pete Marston; Jim Wagner is now home from rehab; Anne Hedl is in a nursing home; Jack Malone is in rehab following a fall which broke his jaw.

**ON THE MEND:** Elaine Goldner, wife of PDDGER Richard is recovering from a broken arm; John Ennis is cancer free; and PER Buggy Ansell is recovering from kidney surgery.

**KAY RIEBE NEEDS PEOPLE TO OCCASIONLY DRIVE HER TO UCLA ON WEDNESDAYS EVERY SIX WEEKS FOR EYE TREATMENT. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR HER PHONE NUMBER.**

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### EXALTED RULER CONT.

### ELKS WHO CARED AND SHARED



(L-R) Robert Jones, Est. Lect. Kt., Catherine Koeritz, Est. Loyal Kt., David Naccarato, Est. Lead. Kt. and Sally Claunch, Exalted Ruler

**Tom Hartin and Tommy Claunch** who prepared the side yard for the installation of the tent. Also Tom Hartin thanks for painting the outside doors.

New member **Kevin Gullik**, he shampooed the rug in the ladies room.

**Cooper and Max Maxwell**, installed a fan in BBQ refrigerator. And **Dave Naccarato**, he performed repairs on the swamp cooler. Please have a cool beverage on the Exalted Ruler.



2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LEADING KNIGHT

### David Naccarato

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:**

David Naccarato

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

Myrna Block

**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:** David Naccarato

The kitchen is not under my station this year, but I would like to make an observation. Our El Konejo Kamper Klub sees a need and they step up and take action. Whenever the kitchen needs an appliance, the Kampers step up and take care of it. As you know, the multi slice toaster took a dump and there were many other home type toasters in the kitchen (which we need to toss). We need the space. Some toasted one side; some stuck down; some didn't heat up at all. Low and behold as I was walking into the kitchen, I ran into Kevin Robichau who heard about the toaster situation (now remember Kevin Robichau is the one who rebuilt our train) and he fixed the toaster. Now sometimes that flow through toaster is not the type needed when the P.E.Rs. do a buffet, so the El Konejo Kampers bought a beautiful heavy duty toaster. You know it's heavy duty when it takes an instruction manual to operate

Since I'm on the subject of the kitchen, I would like to thank Bill and Jeri Miller for donating not one but two waffle irons to the kitchen. One they bought and donated. For the other they did the dishes for two of my breakfasts to free up that money to purchase the second toaster. The waffles went over so well one just wasn't going to be enough. Terry Baker is the 'Master Toaster'. Come out and support our breakfast, have a waffle and some toast and all that goes along with it.

October already, but as Elks we live for this 4th quarter of the year. Our charity work gets into full swing with all the fun we have in raising funds for our Christmas basket program and our scholarship program. The one and only fund raiser for our scholarship program is on Oct 16th at scholarship chairman, Rick Herrera's, beautiful backyard complete with horseshoe and cribbage tournaments and all you can eat deep fried turkey, yum!

One week before that, is our first and not last motorcycle poker run. Later in November we will be holding another horseshoe tournament at the lodge. Get practiced up at Rick's and come out for another fun filled day. Of course the BBQ wagon will be at this event for all your hungry needs. Our annual charity ball is November 19th with dinner by Bobby Williams and crew featuring his famous killer pork chops. There will be country dance lessons at 7:30 with dancing beginning at 8:00. All this to raise the \$6,000 it takes to fund our baskets. We are not just looking for a hand out. We want you to come out and participate and the funds will take care of themselves. Thank you

**MAJOR PROJECT**

Highlights of this program;

On staff are 10 Pediatric Screeners

8 Occupational Therapists

8 Physical Therapist

8 speech/language Pathologists

An estimate of 350,000 and 400,000 miles are driven each year

The preschool vision screening program sees between 40,000 and 45,000 children each year

over a thousand children were found that needed immediate medical attention

You can be a part of this by turning in your Purple Pig on the first Wednesday of the month or donate a lump sum of \$100.00 and become a member of the Century Club get a nice certificate and lapel pin. Our lodge has many member of the century club but we do not have any of the 52 club. I talked about the 52 Club a while ago and have had no takers. When the lodge receives \$52 from a member, either \$1.00 a week or all at once, a check is made out and sent to CHEMPI. Again a certificate will be signed by CHEA and issued along with a special '52 Club' pin. The intent of this program is for the member to belong on a yearly basis

**QUOTABLE QUOTES**

*Santa Claus has the right idea, visit people only once a year-Victor Borge*

*I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury-Groucho Marx*

*My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. every now and then she stops to breathe-Jimmy Durante*

*By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere-Billy Crystal*



**EL KONEJO KAMPERS**

By Pat vonWittenburg

**OCEANO WAS COOL - REAL COOL!**

Both temperature wise and event wise, what an awesome turn out. Don't know if it was the location or wagonmasters, Frank and Jackie Coley's magnetic personality. We had five (5) new campers and two (2) new members acquired out of the five - and the possibility of more. This is exciting, very exciting. They were Mike & Mary Flannery, Don Peterson & Kim Walters (John's brother) Wayne & Glenda Clark, Joe Landry and Ed Bianci.

Of course it was great to have Mike and Mary Ferragamo back with the group. We don't call Mary "Martha Stewart" anymore - for obvious reasons. Although she does whip up some mean dishes. They brought a BUNCH of home grown tomatoes with them. By the time we got there on Thursday, Mike said that everyone had had their pick - and on Friday kept telling me to take more, take more. No way was I going to refuse homegrown tomatoes - YUM!

Speaking of dishes - there were some new, fantastic recipes at the brunch this weekend. Personally, I'd really like to know who made the wonderful spinach casserole and I'd love to have the recipe. Dang, there were a couple of others too, but 'the memory' you know?

Sometimes I feel like that proverbial mushroom, kept in the dark and fed \* \* .

We didn't know until our arrival that Frank was celebrating a 'landmark' birthday. Had no clue there was to be a 'surprise' gathering in his honor. We had made reservations before leaving Thousand Oaks for Friday night - so a belated Happy Birthday, Frank. Lucky dude, got a portable ice cube maker from some dear friends. I understand the celebration when on for a number of hours (grin).

Oceano and surrounding area has charm and things to do. A lot of the gals found a ton of places for shopping and of course, the beach within walking distance, enticed Charley Henry out almost every morning. Doris Newcomer even found her favorite Saltwater Taffy. Bill and I worked surveillance in Grover Beach (next to Oceano) a few years back and were quite surprised at the growth and change in the area.

It is rumored, actually it's a fact, Beverly Erickson drove their rig a whole 30 miles. Well, heck, we all have to start somewhere. Joel, however, bad eye or not, had a few choice comments to make - they did draw chuckles.

Better watch that Big Fella!



Our 'in house' comedian Steve Chiszar was the Sheriff - this guy can be absolutely hysterical and amazingly observant. Fine (no pun intended) job, Steve and Molly, his deputy. He is also very talented at redoing motorhomes. This was our first opportunity to see his "new" rebuild. Gorgeous and amazing

Jim Hamilton was one lucky guy! His philosophy is to support the local Lodge - wherever he might be. He didn't bother to tell us he had won the 50/50 at the Lodge on Friday night until AFTER he has also won a portion of the Kampers split pot. Frank had determined, if the pot was larger than \$100 it would be a split the pot - the lucky winners were Susie Ross, Jim Hamilton and Gene Ewald. Exactly how often has this been Mr. Ewald? ? ?

Quite a few of us stayed over Sunday night! Several of us have enjoyed the food at Jocko's in Nippomo for a number of years. Some of the group had never been there. They were very pleasantly surprised - walking out with very full tummies and/or a take home box.

Monday morning, Doris Newcomer came to ask if I had a thermometer. Seems Kevin Robichau had a fever - poor guy - who's never sick according to Veronica. Ends up that Veronica had to drive home on Tuesday and Kevin was diagnosed with pneumonia. YIPES. At last report he's improving!

I understand some Kampers have serious likes and dislikes regarding some of our campsites. Years ago, I belonged to a group whose motto was, "Principals above personalities". My motto regarding our campouts is, "People above location!"



Gene Ewald and Kevin Robichau, part of the El Konejo Kamper breakfast crew on Sunday

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LOYAL KNIGHT Catherine Koeritz

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**CONEJO VALLEY DAYS:** Ed Rice  
**LODGE ACTIVITIES:** Judy Brayman  
**SCOUTING:** Bill Miller  
**HOOPSHOOT:** Tom Hartin  
**WED. NIGHT DINNERS:** Catherine Koeritz  
**DRUG AWARENESS:**  
**STRAY ELKS:** Herb Jellander  
**MOTHER'S DAY:** Terry Baker



**ENTERTAINMENT:** Judy Brayman  
**WED. NIGHT TICKETS:** Liz Bell  
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 APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool  
**DISTRICT PICNIC:** Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
**PRESIDING JUSTICE:** Dick McCann  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Heather Maddox

### Kitchen Concerns:

It's a shame... We are having too many escapees from the refrigerator. Food is disappearing and they can't be growing legs and walking out! We've asked numerous times for members to stay out of the refrigerators and not to take anything from them. This unfortunately has not worked. Time and time again we have had complaints that food planned for upcoming events disappeared. We can't expect the Bar Manager and her crew to act as police and watch over the kitchen every minute. As a result, we have been forced to start locking up the kitchen.

### PLEASE HELP.

We are also trying a new program. As many cooks can attest to, it is very difficult to guess on the number of people coming to a Friday night dinner. Sometimes we don't cook enough and sometimes we cook too much. In an effort to cut down on the overages for dinners and to perhaps have enough dinners, we would like to try to get our members to call in advance and make reservations. This should be done no later than Thursday. Please do this if **YOU ARE BRINGING GUESTS**. The cooks would really appreciate it and so would the budget!!!

I would also like to add a special "thank you" for all the volunteer cooks. I couldn't do this without all of you!!!!

### SCOUTING

Bill Miller, Scouting Com. Chair



"Tip-A-Scout" night on Tuesday, November 8th at Cisco's Mexican Restaurant on Arboles off the 23 Freeway. All tips will be donated to the Ventura County Council to support the Boy Scouts.

At the Vice Presidents homecoming visitation in Santa Maria, Bill Miller was one of two Elks that were honored. Bill was named **'Elk of the Year' for the West Central Coast District**.

The following letter was submitted to Ashley F. Fittz the California-Hawaii Elks Association, Vice President 2005-2006 by Exalted Ruler, Sally Claunch.

July 31,

Dear Ashley Fittz:

*As per your request for a nomination for District Elk, who delivers, I am proud to recommend, Bill Miller, Scouting Chair, from our Lodge. As a new chair for the last year, he has taken charge and improved the scope of his committee. He is not just a figurehead; he rolls up his Scouting uniform sleeves and becomes involved. For example Bill has increased the number of troops that we support including a troop at Casa Pacifica. He attends all Courts of Honor as witnessed by his picture in the recent national magazine. To increase public awareness, he has built a visual of our commitment to scouting that is displayed at our Saturday BBQs. Bill meets all Elk report filing deadlines and is constant communication with the scoutmasters to offer assistance where needed.*

*In addition to his scouting duties, he is regular on a Saturday BBQ team and is known to lend a helping hand at Sunday breakfasts or Friday night dinners. I sincerely believe that he is worthy of this honor for he lives the motto-Elks Care—Elks Share.*

*Our project that delivers is one spearheaded by Bill Miller, Scouting Chair. A new Boy Scout troop supported by our Lodge is located at Casa Pacifica, a residential school for troubled youth. For the training of the new Tenderfoots, Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg, District Scouting Chair, give of their time and talents to instruct the boys in knot tying and other skills needed to progress to a higher rank. Bill Sternberg has carved a knot ring for each boy in the troop. These gentlemen feel that if scouting can help turn just one boy around, all their time and efforts have been spent profitably.*

Sincerely yours,

Sally Claunch  
Exalted Ruler





## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Myrna Block, Com. Chairperson

Since I've been the chairperson for ENF, I've been surprised at the number of members who didn't know what the E N F was. So here is a very brief description.

Elks National Foundation or as it is simply known as ENF, is the "**Great Heart of Elkdom**". This program was started in 1928 with the premise that every cent contributed would become part of its interest-earning principal, never to be spent or subtracted, and thus the core would ever continue to grow. The interest and income would then be used for the many charitable causes supported by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The fund was started in 1928 with a seed of \$100,000. Through dedicated management by its Board of Trustees it has grown to over \$300,000,000 today.

At the most recent National Convention in Reno, the ENF Board of Trustees approved appropriations and distributions for the 2005-2006 fiscal year of almost \$15,000,000

### Funding highlights include:

College Scholarships \$3.25M

National Programs \$3M

State Association Grants \$6M

If you would like more information as to the details of the distribution, you can go to the ENF web site [www.elks.org/enf](http://www.elks.org/enf)

### GER Grillo Sets the Bar High



Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Grillo has raised the bar and set this year's per-capita goal at \$4.00 per member. Do your part to help reach the goal early by donating now!

### Legacy and MVS Contests Kick Off September 1!

Scholarship applications for your children and grandchildren who are high-school seniors will be available September 1. For more information about the Legacy Awards, visit [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm).

Our Most Valuable Student contest, which is open to any high-school senior, also kicks off September 1. For complete contest details, visit [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm). Applications for both contests will be available online at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/).

### ENF Announces Eagle Scout and Gold Award Scholarship Winners

Each year the Elks National Foundation awards \$96,000 in scholarships to Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Winners. To be eligible, applicants must have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Gold Award and be a high school senior. Applicants are judged on scholarship, leadership and community involvement. Click here ([www.elks.org/enf/scholars/eaglescouts.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/eaglescouts.cfm)) for more information on the Eagle Scout Scholarships or for a list of this year's winners.



## ENTERTAINMENT

Judy Brayman, Com. Chair.

Hi Everyone,

The month of October is here so let me highlight the October activities for everyone since I am the activities chairman.

Monday night what does everyone think about this time of the year when it comes to Monday nights. Let me give you a hint there are a lot of men running around grabbing other men's butt's, throwing a ball from one end of a field to the other knocking each other down piling on top of each other all to get the ultimate results of crossing over a special line do you know what I'm talking about? Well load and behold yes it is Monday Night Football. Of course I would love to have a lot of people come down to the Lodge to watch the games just think you can yell scream and have fun watching those guys run around and grab and knock each other down. If anyone would like to volunteer to help me on Mondays to whip up some food I will have a sign up sheet posted by the bar phone so please join in and let's be creative. The bartenders will have special shots for \$1.00 and we will have a ball throwing contest at half time (if we get enough people to join us). So think about it and let me know if you can help make our Monday night games more fun and interesting.

Oct 7th Beef Stew by David & Carol

Oct 9th we have the Motorcycle run flyers are posted around the lodge see Dave N for details.

Oct 17th Marva & John's Oct Fest for Wed dinner

Oct 15th a private party in the lodge room (wedding bells are ringing)

Oct 16th I will be cooking breakfast look for my flyer for my specials

Oct 21st. Fish Fry it can't be the last one but it is, Roy we love ya man or do we just love your fish no we love you and your delicious fish can't wait for next year when you start again.


Oct 22nd. The Castaway Party

Oct 23rd. Halloween decorations will be going up Catherine, Toni, Sally & I will be busy if anyone would like to join us please let one of us know the more the merrier all guys are invited to join us too we would love to have some of our strong manly men join us.

Oct 28th get ready for our first time in a long time Halloween Party please dress in a costume and make the night a fun & spooky one. We will have a pumpkin carving contest (watch for details) costume contest, plus more. Start thinking about your costumes don't wait for the last minute. Goblins, spiders and monsters what more could you ask for besides good food but watch out you never know what might be in it, all kinds of things could happen on this night. We will also have entertainment.

I'm a little ahead of myself but for New Years Eve Catherine has hired Mr. Phil Birdsell to entertain us. Catherine is in charge of our New Years Eve Party this year I can't even imagine what she will be putting together for all of us this year but I know it will be good that wild & crazy girl.

Hope to see more of you join us in our lodge activities  
Judy

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	<b>LECTURING KNIGHT</b> <b>Robert Jones</b>	2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
<b>AMERICANISM: Raven West</b> <b>FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:</b> <b>Robert Jones</b> <b>SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera</b> <b>GOVT. RELATIONS: Denise Goldstein</b> <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE: Terry Baker</b> <b>NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg</b>		<b>KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER</b> <b>GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson</b> <b>Tommy Claunch</b> <b>LODGE PICNIC: Robert Jones</b> <b>MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member</b> <b>CHRISTMAS TREES:</b> <b>Herb Jellander/Terry Baker</b> <b>EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Gene Ewald</b>



### AMERICANISM

Raven West, Com. Chair.

Our country has been faced with many difficult situations which could have led us into war, but none showed the world our determination for peace than the events of October, 1962.

The Cuban Missile Crisis was the closest the world ever came to nuclear war. The United States armed forces were at their highest state of readiness ever and Soviet field commanders in Cuba were prepared to use battlefield nuclear weapons to defend the island if it was invaded. Luckily, thanks to the bravery of two men, President John F. Kennedy and Premier Nikita Khrushchev, war was averted.

In 1962, the Soviet Union was desperately behind the United States in the arms race. Soviet missiles were only powerful enough to be launched against Europe but U.S. missiles were capable of striking the entire Soviet Union. In late April 1962, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev conceived the idea of placing intermediate-range missiles in Cuba. A deployment in Cuba would double the Soviet strategic arsenal and provide a real deterrent to a potential U.S. attack against the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, Fidel Castro was looking for a way to defend his island nation from an attack by the U.S. Ever since the failed Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961, Castro felt a second attack was inevitable. Consequently, he approved of Khrushchev's plan to place missiles on the island. In the summer of 1962 the Soviet Union worked quickly and secretly to build its missile installations in Cuba.

For the United States, the crisis began on October 15, 1962 when reconnaissance photographs revealed Soviet missiles under construction in Cuba. Early the next day, President John Kennedy was informed of the missile installations. Kennedy immediately organized the EX-COMM, a group of his twelve most important advisors to handle the crisis. After seven days of guarded and intense debate within the upper echelons of government, Kennedy concluded to impose a naval quarantine around Cuba. He wished to prevent

the arrival of more Soviet offensive weapons on the island. On October 22, Kennedy announced the discovery of the missile installations to the public and his decision to quarantine the island. He also proclaimed that any nuclear missile launched from Cuba would be regarded as an attack on the United States by the Soviet Union and demanded that the Soviets remove all of their offensive weapons from Cuba.

During the public phase of the Crisis, tensions began to build on both sides. Kennedy eventually ordered low-level reconnaissance missions once every two hours. On the 25th Kennedy pulled the quarantine line back and raised military readiness to DEFCON 2. Then on the 26th EX-COMM heard from Khrushchev in an impassioned letter. He proposed removing Soviet missiles and personnel if the U.S. would guarantee not to invade Cuba. October 27 was the worst day of the crisis. A U-2 was shot down over Cuba and EX-COMM received a second letter from Khrushchev demanding the removal of U.S. missiles in Turkey in exchange for Soviet missiles in Cuba. Attorney General Robert Kennedy suggested ignoring the second letter and contacted Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin to tell him of the U.S. agreement with the first.

Tensions finally began to ease on October 28 when Khrushchev announced that he would dismantle the installations and return the missiles to the Soviet Union, expressing his trust that the United States would not invade Cuba. Further negotiations were held to implement the October 28 agreement, including a United States demand that Soviet light bombers be removed from Cuba, and specifying the exact form and conditions of United States assurances not to invade Cuba.

It was a win-win situation in which the strength and power of intellect and reason overcame the strength and power of the ultimate weapons of total annihilation in the fourteen days in October, 1962.





**VOTE ON NEW FACILITIES**

Bill Lloyd, Secreary, DL

An application is being submitted to Grand Lodge that will allow the lodge to amend our present bond sales permit. Presently the permit allows us to sell bonds up to \$1,000,000 in order to raise funds to erect our new facility. Bond sales are not what was expected, thus it is necessary to create financing in another way. In July a special meeting was held at the lodge where all members were encouraged to attend in order to determine which way we should be proceeding. By a large majority the attending members want a new facility, and left the decision of raising funds to the New Facilities Committee. We have outside financing available at a good rate and excellent payment plan.

***On Wednesday, October 12, 2005 a vote will be taken*** by the members present to file for an amendment to our present permit. This amendment will allow the lodge to raise the \$1,000,000 by a combination of selling bonds and outside financing. Nothing else in the permit will change except the ability to use outside financing. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting and cast their vote. Remember, if you don't vote, then don't complain about the results of the ballot.



**NEW FACILITIES**

Greg Metzgus. PER

The Soils Engineer, Civil Engineer and Structural Engineer are at work along with our Architect Len Cardoni putting together an estimated cost for the foundation of our new building and the various fees that will be required by the city. The conceptual grading plan is complete and being sent to the city showing exactly how the building will set on our lots. The soils sample is in the lab as I write and we should be getting that result back soon. Len Cardoni will be meeting with Claudia Pedroso at The Department of Building and Safety to finalize the driveway positioning, traffic flow and how all of that is related to our new lodge. In short, we are moving ahead albeit at the slow rate at which a project of this magnitude moves at this stage.

Meanwhile, money is still an issue. Each member should have been notified via the Antler Antics of a vote to be taken concerning financing. Please read the proposal carefully and be there to cast your vote.

Many continue to ask why we have not contacted the metal building people that advertise on the radio. We have, they have yet to get a positive response from them. I am speculating that the location of the building in the City of Thousand Oaks is the big problem. As everyone that has tried to build even a patio cover in this town knows, our city is one of the more difficult areas to deal with. We are continuing to look for cheaper ways to build our building but at this point it looks like conventional wood framing will be the construction method used.

Thank you to everyone for their support in this venture. We are moving ahead and things should start moving at a faster pace once we get through the foundation stage.

Greg Metzgus, PER



It took a full BBQ crew to master Bro. Bruce Fitzpatrick's memorial. He was much loved by our Lodge and held in very high esteem by his colleagues as witnessed by more than three hundred of his friends who came to pay their respects.

(L-R) Jay Schmidt, Arnie Antle, Ed Rice, Bill Rodarm, Tom Hartin, Roy Cooper, Al Lenahan and Ken Keeler

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**Co-sponsor Jim Rochford and new member Ron Watkins and Co-sponsor David Naccarado**



**Gary Erland salutes Judy Palmquist with a plaque from the VFW Eric Huberth Post #11395 for the work she did on the Poppy drive**



**Gary Erland salutes Vern Jossy with a plaque from the VFW Eric Huberth Post #11395 for the work he did on the Poppy drive**



**Jim Wallace, PER, Receives from Sally Claunch, ER a Certificate from CHEA Presidents Club for his \$100 Donation to Purple Pig**



**Fred Trzcinski, did his thing ,'Liver & Onions' and was a hit for those that can't get it at home!**



**GIL RIDING, DDGER**

My staff and I are half way through our very busy Visitation schedule. It has been a great experience and learning process. The hospitality at every Lodge has been outstanding and we are looking forward to our September and October Visitations, especially our last one at our home Lodge.

**141<sup>ST</sup> GRAND LODGE CONVENTION  
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Out train got a big boost from Johnny D' and Marva D'Ambrogio with a special dinner on August 31<sup>st</sup> with the help of Tom Hartin, Myrna Block, Carole Saynay and dishwasher Dave Naccarato.



Exalted Ruler, Sally Claunch presented the jewels of office to Gil Riding, DDGER




Marva all set to start serving. Everything was great.



Gil Riding, DDGER and Jim Grillo, 2005-06, Grand Exalted Ruler



Myrna Block and Marva preparing a to-go box for one of our members.

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>THE ELKS LADIES</b> Alice Kennedy	2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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**GOT MILK?**

Jessica Stull, 2nd Vice President

No, I don't mean that white stuff that babies (and my husband) drink by the gallons. I mean the "milk" of human kindness. Since this terrible natural disaster that destroyed so much of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama I am amazed to see how the "utter" has gone dry for so many people. This is not to say that there is no one out there helping the victims, there are plenty of people either planning or on the front lines and for those people I am so thankful. But the evil that seems to abound is frightening. I wonder where we lost our values along the way. Have we become so callous to disaster that we don't feel anymore? I have spoken to several people with relatives and friends in the affected areas that they have not been able to locate. They look like zombies, it is so frightening as they expect the worst and hope for the best. I am not sure how I can change anything but I want to give it a try. And, of course, I'm going to ask for all your help as well. How you say?

As a counselor I have often had to encourage my clients to smile during their sadness to get through the day. I call this the "fake it until it becomes real" principle. What it means is that if you smile every day during your pain, the pain will eventually subside, but the smile will remain. One day you will wake up with that smile and you will truly feel happy without realizing that a transformation has taken place. What behavior might be necessary to stimulate the production of the "milk of human kindness?" Each and every one of us has it within us to be warm and kind and help others. We do it everyday, just look around you. Our Lodge and subgroups are dedicated to helping others. We love each other so much we throw around more kisses in Thousand Oaks than they do in Hershey Pennsylvania! The challenge I am proposing goes beyond that which lies in our comfort zone. Here is where we get to stretch (using muscles makes them strong). If you are up to it and love challenges here we go - practice a random act of kindness every day or once a week, its up to you. This is not with those people you already know, this is with someone new.



**ACCEPTING IS SELDOM EASY**

Marilyn Cissell

**We know you are a giving God,  
still part of life is take away.  
Accepting devastating acts,  
will strengthen us, Dear Lord, we pray.**

**Because we cannot see you now,  
nor at this moment understand.  
That when a tragedy occurs,  
you will be there - to hold our hand.**

Amen

**OCTOBER**



- 12. Marilyn Corrigan
- Deanna Savokinas
- 16. Rosemary russlee
- 22. Charlotte Gessler
- 25. Betty Vega
- 27. June Leadam
- 29. Sarah Ely

Bake some cookies or muffins for a neighbor; ask an elderly person if they need their lawn mowed; invite someone you have lost touch with for a chat. Its so simple and old, but often we forget. You may surprise the recipient and they may ask what they can do for you. Have them pass other kind acts along as your payback. Before long everyone is being kind to one another and we have "faked it until it became real." Who knows, we may make a change big enough someday that we won't see killing and looting in our



**HONOR ROLL**



Richard Case  
Sally Claunch  
Dave Naccarato  
Pearl Gibbs  
Scott Dool



**OCTOBER**

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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Irv Koeritz     | 11. Raymond Taylor  | 21. Mark Lampenfeld |
| Gail Tam, Jr.      | Mark Lowe           | 22. Norman Panczak  |
| 2. Bernhard Rieger | Kenneth Kolde       | 25. Ken Carroll     |
| Tom Tyler          | Russell Raabe       | 26. Dick Hardin     |
| 3. Jack Paulson    | Judy Jennings       | Jack Loughran, PER  |
| 4. Phil Riordan    | Elizabeth Bell      | Tom Klomparens      |
| Tim Hinsche        | Garry Burcham       | Michael Stark       |
| 5. Doug Ross       | Andrew Tortorici    | 27. Dennis Gillette |
| 9. Claude Tait     | Don Thompson        | Peter Nolan         |
| Richard P. McCann  | John Heaton         | John Olson          |
| 10. Lee Gautreau   | Glenn Wellman       | 28. Don Corts       |
|                    | 16. Russ Garrison   | 29. Tony Gambino    |
|                    | Cliff Jones         | Bill Canavan        |
|                    | J.R. Savokinas      | 30. Kenneth Kenyon  |
|                    | 17. Jeff Enger      | Floyd Lindquist     |
|                    | Tom Bolton          | Lee Hess            |
|                    | Michael Tam         | 31. Jay Block       |
|                    | 18. Jim Porter      | Chris Metzgas       |
|                    | 19. Michael O'Kelly |                     |

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

**Date: October 12, 2005**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Robert Souza	Retired	Katherine Koeritz
George Reich	Mechanic	George Meehan
Bill Kott	Plasterer ( Retired)	Larry Morris
Michael Flannery	Retired Firefighter	Ed Bianchi
Thomas J. Walsh, Jr	Retired	Alfred Battles
Gary Clarke	Cusom Ceramics	David Pearson



**CRYING TOWEL**

August 3	\$25.00	#1996	James Bragg
Lucky 13 No winner			
August 10	\$50.00	#1609	Edward Colleran
Lucky 13 No winner			
August 17	\$75.00	#891	Terry Gicking
Lucky 13 No winner			
August 24	\$100.00	#1556	Christopher Campbell
Jim Wallace, PER		WINNER	
August 31	No Meeting	Dark Night	

### ELKS LADIES CONTINUED

country and even the world. For those of you who have decided not to take the challenge, please pray for the success of those who do! Thank you for "hearing" me out.

#### ELK GROUPS PULL TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS

I wrote the above article on September 1st. No one had seen it yet and then I attended the Ladies Meeting on September 6th still feeling like we could do so much more. At the meeting Carol Neuner announced that the Jr. Elks and the Elks had each pledged \$200 toward paying the postage to send clothing, shoes, and toys that the Jr. Elks were collecting to send to a specific area that was wiped out. The Ladies also pledged another \$200 along with promises to clean out their closets to provide clothing for people who have been in the same clothes for six days! I wanted to get up and start mooing - the "milk" of human kindness was certainly flowing in Thousand Oaks tonight!

#### CAST AWAY PARTY

Just a reminder that the Castaway Party will be Saturday, October 22, 2005. Tickets are on sale beginning September 18 and are \$20 per person. There will be good food, great entertainment, fun and some surprises. The fun will begin at 6 pm. Beautiful baskets will be raffled off - you could be the big winner. Be sure to dress up - you can be one of the Gilligan's Island crew, Tom Hanks, or simply another type of beachcomber. It's easy, drag out your Hawaiian shirt and leis and you're set to go - I wouldn't miss it for the world!

Wishing you the best of everything especially random acts of kindness and creativity for your costume.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Stull

#### OLD NEWS FOR NEW AND OLD MEMBERS

Bob Saynay, WCCD Insurance Com. Chair

#### TOUR BUSES/CRUISE/ RECREATIONAL CLUBS

Some Lodges are involved in or allow others to arrange trips or cruises and establish recreational events (such as RV or motorcycle clubs etc.)

When such events are conducted by travel agents or vendors, the Lodge should make sure it is clearly stated that they are not responsible for any claim or injury arising out of such activities. Travel agents, bus owners, cruise lines or any other vendors arranging such events must indemnify the Lodge and preferably name the Lodge as an additional insured under the arranger's general liability insurance policy.

If members have formed recreational clubs such as RV, motorcycle or auto clubs, etc. the Lodge should not sanction or recognize such groups as an affiliate of the Lodge. This is not to say that a member of a Lodge can't form such groups, but they must not be recognized as part of the Lodge operations. Such activities are separate from the Lodge. The participants in such groups are fully responsible for activities of the group as well as any claims arising out of the activities of the group.

### BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF FUND

#### Elks Need Our HELP!

Date: September 8, 2005

To: All Elks

From: Andrew W. Milwid

Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

A summary of the known damage, from the State coordinators, to the Hurricane-affected Lodges in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana,

#### Alabama

Mobile Lodge #108: 122 Elks Families. Lodge sustained additional Roof damage. Not fully repaired from Ivan last fall.

#### Mississippi

Gulfport Lodge #978: 279 Elks Families. Lodge completed gone - only the slab remains.

Biloxi Lodge #606: 612 Elks Families. Some water and structural damage - but repairable.

Pascagoula Lodge #1120: 406 Elk Families. Some water damage.

Ocean Spring Lodge #2501: 397 Elk Families. Water to the attic - a total loss.

Hattiesburg Lodge #599: 978 Elks Families. Tree Damage - Lodge is ok.

#### Louisiana

New Orleans Lodge #30: 255 Elks Families.

Slidell Lodge #2321: 325 Elks Families.

New Orleans West Lodge #2496: 64 Elks Families.

Thus a total potential exposure of 2338 displaced Elk Families and as many as 10,000 Elks and family members need our HELP!

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SATURDAY NOV. 19TH

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- 6:30 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Dance  
Lessons
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IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN  
By Ken Muellerleile

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I would have been more attentive  
and your pain would have been prevented,  
If only I had known,  
I may have been more understanding  
that your wants were not demanding.

If only I had known,  
you were only asking for love  
what you needed, did not come from above,  
If only I had known,  
what your body language was saying  
I would have done more praising.

If only I had known,  
I would have been more rewarding  
doing so, I would have felt more awarding.  
If only I had known,  
I could have categorized my feelings  
and I would have been aware of those dealings.

If only I had known,  
how much you really cared for me  
I would have been more tolerable, you see,  
If I had only known,  
my life would have been more blessed  
and love would not have made me depressed.

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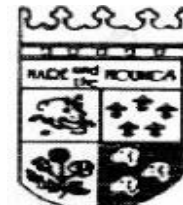


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