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

## ANNUAL CHARITY BALL SATURDAY NOV. 19TH "LETS GET A LITTLE BIT COUNTR Country Music by the Original 3 course sit down Renegades dinner Killer Pork Chops by Bobby Williams Cruise/raffle winners announced \$20 per person Dress nice country 5:30 pm Cocktails attire 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Dancing Tickets available at the Bar or from the Officers. Call David and Karen Naccarato for table reservations, 375-1089

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## What does a DDGER do??? What is a DDGER homecoming??? Who is invited to attend??? When is it??? Where is it??? Why have it???

Read on to find out the answers to these burning questions. Presently our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler is Gil Riding, a member of our lodge. He was appointed by the national organization to be the efficiency expert and the exalted ruler representing the Grand Lodge in our district. Each year one of the DDGER's many tasks is to visit the 12 lodges in our district where he views the initiation ritual and inspects the lodge. Afterward he and his Esquire (Don Skinner) and his Auditor (Greg Metzgus) prepare reports on the condition of the lodge committee-wise and safety -wise. These reports are then submitted to the Grand Lodge for reviewing and for issuing a report card on each lodge. Gil and company will make their inspection of us on October 26th. Of course all our committee reports were complete and our facility was safe. Naturally we expect an A+ rating. After all the seriousness of visitations is finished a big party is held to celebrate the completion of the tour. It is held at the DDGER's home lodge. Everyone from national, state and district Elk dignitaries to all members from all lodges in the district are invited to attend. We are forced to eat delicious food, listen and dance to great music and enjoy beverages. This pleasurable event will be November 12th at our lodge starting at 6 pm. Why have a homecoming you ask? Because Elks love to attend fun parties!!!

#### RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM CLAUNCH

November is a month dedicated for contemplation and reflection about one's life and counting your blessings. In my Elk life I am grateful for:

- $\cdot$   $\;$  Tommy Claunch, who in his quiet back-seat manner supports and helps me
- · The lodge officers who perform admirably and effectively official lodge business
- · Boyd and Gayla Lindquist who proved that a reserved sitdown Friday night dinner can be a success
- The BBQ teams headed by Eddie Rice, Herb Jellander and Jim Rochford who do heroic duty at Saturday and outside BBQs providing a major source of monthly revenue for the lodge
- · The committee chairs who fulfill their obligations and write mandated reports
- · Members such as Cherri Skoczek, Max Maxwell, Tom Hartin and Jim Mullen who see problems then solve and fix them
- · My Elk family/friends who prayed for me and sustained me

#### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS 805-495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the family of Dean Nash and Carol Fredricks on the passing of his mother-in-law and her mother, Ann Hedl long time Elk Ladies member and widow of a long time Elk; the family of Pete Marston on his passing.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** PER, Ralph Vester who is undergoing rehab therapy from a car accident; Dick McNeal from hospitalization for heart problems.

ON THE MEND: PER, Jack Loughran, from hospitalization from an infection; John Ennis is now cancer free; PDDGER, Bob Thornton, has a medical release from back problems; Mertice Nichols from a minor stroke; Marilyn Corrigan had a pacemaker installed after a heart attack; and Michael Fairbacks from kidney failure.

## REMEMBER CARDS AND PHONE CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!

with love and support through my cancer

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS IN DECEMBER

Mark your calendars: Please attend or assist at our traditional functions.

- · December 1st- 13th -Christmas tree sale
- · Friday, December 2nd-Childrens Tree Trimming Party
- · Sunday, December 4th-Elk Memorial Service
- · Tuesday, December 6th-Elk Ladies Christmas Party
- · Friday, December 9th-Exalted Ruler's party for members
- · Saturday, December 10th- Childrens Chirstmas Party-Sunday, December 11th- Kampers Brunch
- · December 13th-17th-preparation and delivery of Christmas baskets
- · December 31th-New Year's Eve Party



## A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS ELKS CARE & ELKS SHARE

On Monday September 12, 2005 the Thousand Oaks Elks volunteers Max Maxwell, Tom Hartin, Jerry Serota and his grandson Michael Dorman came to the aid of a woman who is confined to a wheelchair. It is 5:15 a.m. on a Monday morning and still dark. We own a van with a wheelchair lift and were driving on Erbes Road to help Dick McNeals neighbor with a ride to Los Robles Hospital. She was scheduled for surgery at 6:30 a.m. She lives in a unit that has four steps going up at the Thunderbird Mobile Home Park.

Passing me on the way was Max Maxwell, and we arrived at our destination at the appointed hour, 5:30 a.m. exactly. Before I could lower the elevated ramp on our vehicle Tom Hartin pulled up. Max the retired fireman was well prepaired, he had two 2X12s in his truck to fashion a ramp. In less than 5 minutes our mission was accomplished and she was on her way.

As we were leaving her husband came out to the street to show his appreciation. We can't tell you how proud we were of ourselves and our brother members who performed this random act of kindness that demonstrated, Elks Care & Elks Share to these appreciative people.

Max and Tom were there to help her home when the surgery was over.

#### DIRECT ACTS OF KINDNESS

November is the month when we observe Thanks-giving. It is a time for getting the family together for dinner and counting our blessings. It is a time to reflect on what we have to be thankful for. Our Brothers and Sisters ravaged by Hurricane Katrina and Rita are not so fortunate. Please open your hearts to them and as you make a direct act of kindness with your donation with *the name of our Lodge and your membership number* on the check.

Mail directly to:

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

and say to yourself "There but for the grace of God go I (Our family)".

It is your direct act of kindness that will ease the pain of loss and suffering for those afflicted by this horrendous disaster. By giving generously you will demonstrate not only that 'Elks Care & Elks Share' but you can be proud that you performed a genuine act of kindness for those in trouble and need.

#### Andy Milwid, Hurricane Relief Committee.

Attached is the email I sent to Chicago asking this to be added to our Hurricane Relief Website.

Currently we have funded checks to 191 Elk Families in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana and anticipate requests from Texas very soon.

Many Members, Lodges and Associations have made direct donations because of personal ties to Members and friends in the effected States and I do not have that total other than I do know of more than \$25,000.00 that has come into these States in this manner.

Currently we are still servicing Elk Members, Lodge Employee Families and some Elk members Family members BUT not the general Public- no requests have come in from non Elks yet.

If you have other questions after reading the attachment please email back.
Andy

From: Andy Milwid [mailto:amilwid@earthlink.net] Sent: Fri 9/30/2005 4:07 PM To: Frederick Mensch Subject: new donations Fredrick,

Can we replace the Website statement of total donations with the following. Fellow Members:

For the first four weeks since the devastating damage caused by Hurricane Katrina and then Rita- Elk Members, Lodges and State Associations have sent in over 700 donations totaling \$ 306,816.22. This is in addition to the tens of thousands of dollars of direct donations made to Mississippi and Louisiana lodges and Members during this period. We would also like to acknowledge the many Elks that have volunteered hundreds of hours assembling and delivering water, food, clothing and other vital items.

Lodges from Coast to Coast continue to hold financial fund raisers as well as many of you who have started toy drives to insure that the children will have toys at Christmas. Chico California Lodge has shipped one thousand Teddy Bears to be given to the traumatized children of these two Hurricanes. Florida Elk's came to Mississippi and cooked over 2,000 meals- bring the food as well as the equipment to cook and distribute the food.

Thank you for all that you have done and all that you continue to do.

Andy Milwid, Hurricane Relief Committee. \*As of 10-7-05 \$405,302.12 been donated by caring Elks.

## **ELKS HURRICANE RELIEF BPO Elks Emergency Charity Fund**

On your check please put the name of our Lodge and your membership number on the check.

Mail directly to:

The BPO Elks Emergency Charity Fund 2750 North Lakeview Avenue Chicago, IL 60614-188



BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS B.P.O.E. - LODGE NO. 2477 THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER

OFFICE: (805) 496-2477 LOUNGE: (805) 496-4550 (805) 494-6779 FAX: (805) 496-3087

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Nov. 12 Horseshoe Tourna		Trustoes Meeting 6:00 pm Calendar Meeting 7:00 p.m. Officers & House Committee Meeting	New Facilities 6:00 pm 2 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM Dinner \$6.00	Bass Club Meeting	Chicken Alfredo \$8 Carol Neuner	BBQ Wagon at the Lodge Jim Rochford & Crew	
Nov. 12 Gil Riding, DDGER Homecoming Nov. 19 Charity Country Ball		7:30 PM Elks Ladies 7:30 pm	Salisbury Steak Alice & Carol	Mid	Mid Term Convention Sacramento		
					DUTY OFFICER -	Robert Jones	
Veterans Brunch 6 Rochford & Power Dave Breakfast	7	Election Day  PER Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9 Balloting GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	10 Radio Club	Veterans Day Chicken Marsala \$9 & dessert Judy Brayman	BBQ Wagon at the Lodge Eddie Rice & Crew Horseshoe Tourney 10:00 s.m.	
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20 Breakfast \$6.00 9:00 a.m12:00 p.m	Atom Club 7:00 pm	22	Dark Night No Meeting Enjoy your family	Thanksgiving  Dinner 1:00 - 3:00p.m. by Carol Neuner	25 Lodge Open No Dinner	26 BBQ Wagon at the Lodge PERs & Crew	
			1		DUTY OFFICER -	Terry Baker	
AA Meeting 8 a.m. El Konejo Kampers BREAKFAST - 9:00 a.m12:00 p.m. \$6.00	28	29 Candidate & Lady Indoctrination 8:00 pm	Initiation GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM Steak Dinner \$9.00	December 1	Childrens Tree Trimming Party Buffet by Elks Ladies	3	
30.00		N SETTING UP THE AS TREE LOT	Xmas Trees go on sale		DUTY OFFICER -	Tom Klomparens	

#### WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



Jack Thomas and sponsor Sally Claunch, ER



Harry Adams and sponsor Rick Herrera



Janine Jellander and sponsor Rusty Kennedy



Alan Hardie and sponsor Dave Anderson

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

George Meehan, Esquire

This means new members who have been initiated in the past two years. We have not seen many of you and we wonder why. You asked for membership and we voted and accepted you. Now we are looking for you to come in and join us at meetings, at dinners, at breakfasts on Sundays or at any time at your leisure.

Come in and enjoy **YOUR LODGE** and meet your fellow members. Also, bring your neighbors and friends as guests.

#### SHIRTS!!! SHIRTS!!! SHIRTS!!!

Many members have been asking the Officers, "Where can I get a shirt like yours?" They mean shirts that have the Elks Logo and Lodge name and number.

During the month of November, there will be on display, samples of the shirts which can be ordered, in the Lodge, along with order forms. Prices will be available.

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Several years ago we started publishing statistics which reflect the generosity of our members and their spouses who work so hard to keep our pledge to the veterans of our Armed Forces.

It is with a great deal of pride that the Elks National Veterans Service Commission lists the statistics for the 2004-2005 fraternal year.

#### SURVEY OF VOLUNTEER VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2004 – MARCH 31, 2005

Compiled by the Office of the Grand Secretary

Participants in Programs: 1,134,959

Elks Who Worked 104,860

Helpers 44,336

Combined Total 149,196

Hours Donated:

Elks 583.698

Helpers 282,103

Total Combined Hours 865,804

Cash Value of Donated Hours\* \$15,194,860.20

Miles Traveled:

Elks 2,381,892

Helpers 872,425

Total Combined Miles 3,254,317

Cash Value of Miles traveled\*\* \$1,301,726.80

Contributions:

Cash \$2,294,100.00

Non-Cash 3,383,221.00

Hours Worked 15,194,860.20

Miles Traveled 1,301,726.80

Total Contributions \$22,173,908.00

\*The Federal Government has determined that the cost of work done by charitable organizations like the Elks would average out to \$17.55 per hour if performed by social care and government agencies. \*\*Mileage computed at \$.40 per mile.

These statistics don't tell the complete story. A dollar value cannot be attached to the care and love our volunteers put into their work with those who served America in times of peril.

We thank our wonderful volunteers as they continue Serving Our Nation's Veterans.

Fraternally,

Mike F. Manning, Director

Elks National Veterans Service Commission

## DONATE YOUR UNUSED VEHICLE TO THE LODGE



- Get the tax write-off
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  know that you are helping
- **√** Major Projects and ENF charities
- **√** Be living the motto---
- √ Elks Care Elks Share

## 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



#### **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Denise Goldstein

## **Interesting Facts Re: The Rulings on the Ten Commandments Cases**

Van Orden v. Perry - Display Constitutional

Majority Vote - Rehnquist, Scalia, Thomas, Kennedy, Breyer Dissenting - Stevens, O'Connor, Souter, Ginsberg

In 1961, the Fraternal Order of Eagles presented the State of Texas a monument that included the Ten Commandments. The monument was placed with 16 others on the vast grounds of the State Capitol, a national landmark. The US Supreme Court upheld that this monument is constitutional.

The Court opined that while the Lemon test has been used as guideposts, it is not useful in dealing with the analysis of a "passive" act of a monument. The analysis should be driven by the nature of the monument and the secular purpose - in this case, the nation's historical context, using a "reasonable observer" standard. While the Commandments are religious, they have an undeniable historical meaning. Simply having religious content or promoting a message consistent with a religious doctrine does not run afoul of the Establishment Clause.

While the majority Justices considered all the monuments as part of the display in their analysis, the deciding vote came from Justice Breyer who analyzed the monument by itself, like the dissenting Justices. However, Justice Breyer noted his determinative factor was that for the past 40 years, the monument went unchallenged (and unchallenged by the plaintiff who walked by it for 6 years before filing suit), which proved that the message of the monument was viewed as a broader moral and historical one, rather than religious. "The Establishment Clause does not compel the government to purge from the public sphere all that in any way partakes of the religious. Such absolutism is not only inconsistent with our national traditions, but would also tend to promote the kind of social conflict the Establishment Clause seeks to avoid."

The dissenting Justices focused on the display itself, particularly the words-the full text of the Ten Commandments. The monument is not a work of art, nor does it refer to any event in history of the State. While the purpose of combating juvenile delinquency through guidance is unquestionably secular, achieving those goals through biblical teachings injects a religious purpose. Justice Souter noted that the 17 monuments at the State Capitol are scattered, the capitol is not a museum, and that a person strolling around would take each memorial on its own terms without drawing a sense of a common purpose. Of interest is Justice Souter's ding of Breyer's rationale: "I doubt that a slow walk to the courthouse, even one that took 40 years, is much evidentiary help in

applying the Establishment Clause."

McCreary County v. ACLU - Display Unconstitutional

Majority Vote - Stevens, O'Connor, Souter, Ginsberg, Breyer Dissenting - Rehnquist, Scalia, Thomas, Kennedy

Two Kentucky counties posted large copies of the Ten Commandments in their courthouses. The lower court found that the display lacked secular purpose. The counties then modified their exhibit to include eight smaller historical documents, including the Declaration of Independence. This display, too, was found to lack secular purpose because only documents specifically referring to God were chosen. In the third version of their exhibit, called "The Foundations of American Law and Government Display," the counties made all the exhibits of equal size, and professed their intent to educate its citizens in the historical foundations. The US Supreme Court upheld the display as unconstitutional.

When a court analyzes for secular purpose, it may take into account its development of the presentation. The counties' objective was unmistakable in earlier displays. The Justices also thought it odd that in a collection of documents said to be foundational, a patriotic anthem was included, but omitted was the 14th Amendment, the most significant structural provision adopted since the original framing.

In conclusion, the majority Justices who found the display unconstitutional noted that some displays inside courthouses, such as the frieze in the US Supreme Court, are permissible if they are portrayed neutrally in order to honor the Nation's legal history. The Supreme Court frieze portrays Moses and the tablets, but also 17 other "lawgivers," most of them secular figures, including Hammurabi, Menes, Confucius, Napoleon, and John Marshall.

#### Conclusion

Justice Breyer played a pivotal role because he cast the majority vote in both cases. Reading the actual opinions give great insight. For instance, from the opinions written in the Pledge of Allegiance case, which has predictably come before the US Supreme Court again since the last case, Newdow, was dismissed simply for lack of standing, it is evident that Justices Rehnquist and O'Connor would have ruled in favor of keeping "God" in the Pledge. Now that there will be two unprecedented Justices on the bench, and the likely recusal again of Justice Scalia (pro-God vote), the pendulum could swing the other way.

Next Article: Eminent Domain and Elks Lodges

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#### LEADING KNIGHT David Naccarato

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MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:

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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** 

#### **CHARITY BALL**

It's the season. Same time every year we gear up for our annual Christmas Basket program. We just try to shake it up a bit, so it's something different for our members to enjoy. This year we tried a few new fund raising programs. Early on we had a motorcycle poker run to the coast and back. Thanks to the efforts of Terry Baker cooking up lunch for when we returned it went off pretty well.

Now we'll have a horseshoe tournament the morning of our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Gil Riding home coming (Nov 12th) fun filled day

Our annual Charity Ball and dance will be held on November.19th. Dress is NICE COUNTRY. Come on down to the lodge at 5:30 for cocktails. Dinner is at 6:30 dance lessons at 7:30 by our own Carol Fredricks. Dancing will start at 8:00. Dinner is being prepared by Bobby Williams and his crew of sensational chefs, featuring his world famous "Killer Pork Chops". Music of the night is by the **Original Renegades.** Tickets are available behind the bar or from myself. Ticket prices are \$20.00 per person. Thank you for your support.

It's November and I have a few slots to fill for our 2006-2007 officer corp. If you have thought about joining our lodge officer corps, please feel free to give me a call and we'll sit and talk about it. This lodge cannot function without people in key positions to meet and make key decision that affect the lodge as a whole. The positions that still need to be filled are: Inner Guard, Chaplain, Esquire and Lecturing Knight. Ritual practice starts in January. Ritual is very interesting to watch and perform. The Ritual is our new members first look at Elkdom. The impressions produced on the mind of the new member are likely to be lasting; we strive to do a good job at performing the ritual. So for a rewarding experience contact me or come by and see me at the lodge. I'll be happy to give you more information on the duties and what is expected of you in these positions.



#### MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. has been serving our Children since 1950-Through the guidance of L.A. "Fay" Lewis, PGER the first proposal is made in late 1949. The first mobile therapy

unit begins operation in Eureka. In 1964 Hospital and clinic grants were established. In1965 the program expands to Hawaii with speech-language pathology services

Also in 1965 the Preschool Vision Screening program begins in Orange County. Finally in 1981 Disabled Student scholarships were initiated.

Elks Care Elks Share.

# HELP NEEDED IN SETTING UP THE CHRISTMAS TREE LOT Monday Nov. 28, Tuesday 29

Trees go on sale November 30th to help the Christmas Basket Program

# TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Tickets for the Castaway Island Party on Saturday, October 22, 2005 at 6 pm are on sale now behind the bar or from any of the Ladies. Don't be left out. \$20

per person buys you a very memorable evening and promises to be lots of fun.



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS Pat von Wittenburg

## WHAT AN EXPERIENCE - September at Cachuma

I've resorted to whining, sniveling and all other manners of pleading for campers to come to a campout - but I've never resorted to bribery. Can you believe that's what I had to do to get the Collerans to come? Donna made me promise to have a "pot of something" because they would be late in arriving - then they show up in late afternoon. I think there should be retribution

Pete Padilla showed up with a "new to him" rig and neglected to bring the customary champaign - our illustrious sheriff forgot to fine him for that. Our sheriff being Tom Ryder - you guys are in for it now!

of some sort. I'll have to think on that for a while.

Speaking of Tom Ryder - what can I say (giggle). I tried a new recipe for the Saturday morning brunch. When he asked for the recipe for the PERS breakfast, I willingly handed it over. Actually I was quite flattered. However, I had forgotten that my spouse has asked him for the information regarding the cover over the picnic tables at the Lodge more than once. We still don't have that information. Should I have held my recipe for ransom?

Unfortunately the Newcomers weren't able to come because their motorhome was still undergoing repair. Don, you would have loved the recipe - GRITS are the main ingredient. Several people commented they had never eaten grits before, but found them quite good. Phew, when I try a new recipe - I'm always a bit anxious, guess if it got the Ryder seal of approval, it must be pretty darn good!

The Robichaus brought their boat up. Several of the guys where out on the lake fishing early each morning. Kevin caught fish for Saturday night's dinner. It was damned good.

There was another "never before" occurrence at this campout. The Neuners, as noted on our flyer, had touted the penny slots at the Chumash Casino. I'd never been there and Carol and Robert assured me they would be at the campout. As you may remember, another conflict with happenings at the Lodge. You could have knocked me over with a feather when they came roaring into the campground Friday night to keep their promise to take me to the casino.

Cheryl Templeton and brother, Robert, had JUST pulled in. Have NO idea how they learned of our eminent departure for the casino as quickly as they did, but Cheryl's rig has never been parked that quickly. Both of them piled in and off we went. As it turns out, I was more than DONE by midnight, but Carol was on a roll. She was kind enough

to have her Robert watch her machine (Cheryl can't drive a stick-shift) while she took the OTHER Robert and me back to the campground. Lo and behold - Cheryl didn't return till Saturday morning.

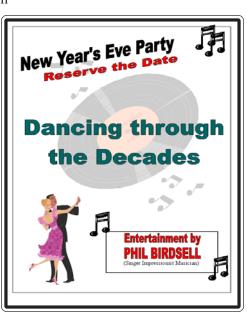
Apparently everyone back at the campground had a "roaring" good time on Friday night. Saturday night the "group" around the fire was very small. Guess everyone had such a good time Friday night they wore themselves out and went to bed early Saturday night.

Although there is something to be said for small campouts, being that you get a chance to visit with everyone, they aren't doing much for our Kampers' treasury. If ya'll want to continue the generous donations to the various "causes" at the Lodge, you're going to have to support the campouts.

I hear so much, actually way too much, about "don't like this site or that site". What was P.T. Barnum's saying about pleasing all of the people all the time (or was that fooling), anyway, point being not everyone absolutely "LOVES" every camp site. The members have been ASKED for suggestions and ways to make the campouts more enticing - to which we've heard NOTHING. If you don't LIKE IT help CHANGE IT. Don't think we've ever returned from a campout, thinking well that was a terrible experience. Supporting the group IS the obligation of each and every member, just as taking a turn as wagonmaster is a requirement of membership as stated in the BY-LAWS. (And that ain't brain surgery). I really like spending other's money shopping for raffle prizes. I know that sometime during the year, we WILL be wagonmasters so I pick up things I find appealing all year long - ain't no burden at all!

Okay, enough soapbox stuff.

Pat Halfhill



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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
LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER
APPRECIATION: Scott Dool
DISTRICT PICNIC: Tom Ryder, PDDGER
PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox

#### **Catherine's Communication:**

Ever hear of the Krazy Krew? It's my wild and crazy friends (and Sister Toni); Paula & Bobby Williams, Toni & Pat Hartin, Catherine & Robert Koeritz and a soon-to-be member, Bob Souza. Put up your calendars, highlight the fantastic dinners that all of our great chefs will be cooking and come on down and enjoy!

The Lodge will be open on November 25 but no dinner is planned.

New members are always welcome. Don't be shy. We'd loved to see you again.

#### New Year's Eve Party is coming!!!

It is hard to believe that we are so close to the end of the year! This year's theme will be "Dancing through the Decades". I have the greatest entertainer in T.O. booked for the night. Many of you have seen him perform at our Lodge several times. The great Phil Birdsell will entertain us. And we have a show for you. So plan on coming to this fun filled last hurrah for the year 2005. Look for the flyers at the Lodge for more details. The final information (dinner menu, cost and times) will be in the next monthly newsletter. For now, get out your dancing shoes and reserve your New Year's evening at the Lodge!

#### FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS



#### **SOBERING THOUGHTS**

Bob Saynay, WCCD Insurance Chair.

#### **DRINKS**

The Holidays are coming. All Lodges must review serving practices. There is, however, one short rule that should be memorized and repeated and repeated over and over.

Never serve anyone who is even approaching intoxication (no excuses such as "I am not driving" or if others say that they will take the drivers' keys or drive them home. Believe no one, just don't serve).

The server must first cut off the drinker and then notify the manager or an officer under any established notice procedure.

Any employee who violates this rule must be fired and any volunteer who violated the rule should be relieved from their bar tending duties. If appropriate they should be brought up on charge under the statutes of the Order.





#### FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Its been a while since my last article, so thought I had better get busy and drum up something to talk about. The first thing that comes to mind is the vote that, by the time you read this, will be history. October 12th a vote was taken on the lodge floor to amend our permit from Grand Lodge to allow us to not only sell bonds to build our new facility, but to use outside financing as well. If we had a favorable vote we can go forth and really get serious about building. Otherwise, who knows? Hope to have nothing but good news in the November issue.

Because of the increased load on my office staff, I plan to extend the working hours of the office in order to better facilitate our customers. Also, since a lot of work requested over the phone, at the bar, or sometimes in the office is occasionally lost in the confusion a new system is to be implemented. A work request form will be on the counter in the office that must be filled out for any work whatsoever to be done. We like to treat every request to be just as important as the next, whether a big or small job. Soooo - if you call the office for some work to be done, please don't be insulted if the person on the other end of the line informs you that you must come in and fill out a work request. No more "special requests" verbally. If we have good cooperation the office will be run much more efficiently.

Last month our Loyal Knight Catherine Koeritz wrote an article about sticky fingered members raiding our store room and refrigerators. By the time you read this article (if you read it) the refrigerators, along with the kitchen will be padlocked to prevent entry. A clipboard will be available for those needing access to the kitchen for signing out of the keys. The keys must be checked back in when the party needing it is through. It's a pity that this kind of action must be taken in our lodge. For the indiscretions of a few, the rest of the lodge suffers. You might say that is mass punishment, and you're probably right. But let me give you an example of some thefts in the past. Whole uncooked roasts (prime rib yet), entire aluminum pans of beans (to be served that night), polish sausage, bacon, eggs, salad dressing (who needs a whole gallon of salad dressing?), literally pounds of butter, bread, #10 cans of beans and other products from the store room to include frozen goods, and anything else that is loose in the refrigerator or kitchen. It is hoped that you can now see our dilemma. All this thievery costs money, and guess who's paying for it. You are of course. We have tried very hard to keep the price of dinners down, but occurrences such as this takes it's toll.

A word on our lapsation. At this point in time the lodge is suffering from 44 members on the lapse list, which

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WE HAVE RESPONDED WON'T YOU PLEASE JOIN US!
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David Naccarato
Richard Goldner, PDDGER
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Barbara & Greg Metzgus, PER
Shirley & Chet Kozlowski, PER
Cherri & John Peterson
Judi Palmquist
Sally Claunch, ER
Cheryl Templeton
BPO Elks Lodge #2477

is approximately 9%. This represents over \$3000 in lost revenue to the lodge. Right now we should be approaching 2% of our members being unpaid. I have said it before, and I'll say it again. Every member who joins our Order has a reason for doing it. We hope that is because that person wants to help in some way. They may be want to do what they can to better serve mankind, or they may truly be people who want to get active and help us with our benevolent objectives. Whatever, they had a reason. The only way we are going to keep these members is to put them to work. There are untold things to do at the lodge, and numerous committees that they can get involved in. Whatever, we need to keep them as members. I will be dropping all of those members who are lapse the first part of January 2006. What a pity to lose those members who could help us, but aren't. Probably because they haven't been asked by a committee chairman to help them. Let's try to keep these members and do away with this plague they call a lapsation list.

Well, guess enough space has been taken this month with my ranting. Jerry will be pulling out his hair for the article being too long. See you next month.

And that's 30.

Bill

#### 2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

#### LECTURING KNIGHT Robert Jones

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MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member

**CHRISTMAS TREES:** 

Herb Jellander/Terry Baker EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Gene Ewald

## CHRISTMAS TREE LOT Herb Jellander, Com. Chair.

by the time this Antler Antics is distributed, the holiday season will be imminent and, as usual, your Lodge will be selling trees again.

Carlsons Building Materials has once again generously offered us the use of part of their property on Thousand Oaks Boulevard between Erbes and Rancho. Tree sales have been a major source of funds for our Lodge for many years. Our anticipated net profit will be between ten and fifteen thousand dollars. This is the major source of funds for our Christmas baskets for the needy, as well as giving a boost to our new facilities fund.



Terry Baker, Bill Sternberg and I will be overseeing the operation, but we will sorely miss Bob Hardy who chaired the program for the last several years. We all owe Bob a great deal of gratitude for all his service to us for many years and I can think of no more fitting tribute to his

memory than for each of us to put in a few shifts at the lot. If he's watching, I'm sure he'll be pleased.

We will be setting up the lot on Monday and Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Trees will be delivered on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and we start selling immediately. I anticipate closing down on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, giving us three weekends of sales.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan on helping out. We usually open at 8:30 am and close around 7 pm. We will appreciate any kind of help you can provide, including cashiers, sales people and tree handlers. I plan on having outside labor unload the trucks and if you can't work the lot, any contributions toward that expense will be welcomed. You can also help by dropping off a pot of stew or chili or baked goods.

#### **ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Myrna Block, Com. Chair.

A successful and fun filled Murder Mystery Night, Casino Royal and Charity Dinner at its Lodge on Saturday the 17th, with all of the proceeds of over \$900 from the evenings festivities going to the Elks National Foundation (ENF), one of its favorite causes.

Myrna went on to explain that the ENF was known as the "Great Heart of Elkdom", providing millions of dollars in scholarships to the youth of our country, along with crucial support to many national and state programs. The ENF was started with a grant of \$100,000 from the Elk Trustees in 1928, and has grown to over \$300,000,000 at present. She was quick to point out that only the interest from this fund are used and Elks are the second largest donor of scholarships next to the federal government. The the principal from this fund is never touched.

This is also a great opportunity for your teenagers to participate in the holiday spirit. They always seem to enjoy it.

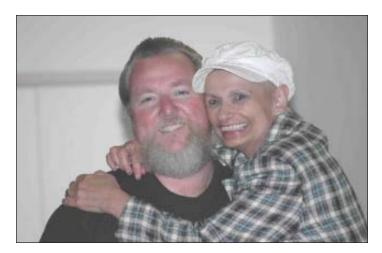
So make a point of participating this year, even if you only stop in to socialize awhile and keep us company. As usual, we'll have a campfire at night and refreshments are available in the streaker dog wagon.

We all owe it to Bob to help make this a great holiday season for everyone. Thanks in advance.



Bob Hardy, PER, Night designated as an honorary Elk of the Year posthumously

#### THE ROASTING OF Jr. PER, JAY & MYRNA BLOCK



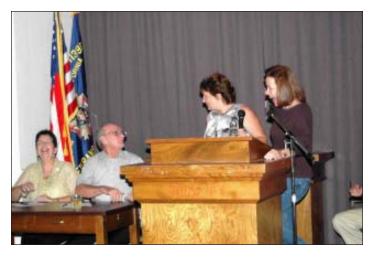
ER, Sally Claunch jumped up on a chair to give Boyd Lindquist a huge hug for mounting a first class dinner that could rival any restaurant in town



M.C.,Gil Riding, DDGER, set the tone for the roasting with a few barbs of his own



Sally shot a few missles at Myrna & Jay



Catherine Koeritz & Cherri Peterson waxed poetic that got them laughing



On this night the Lindquists really shined for their first effort, a sit down dinner and the food was great



Our young waitresses graced us with their service and earned tips for their church charity, children with Aids in Africa, a job well done

#### **ENF MYSTERY NIGHT**



(Seated L-R) The Cast, Catherine Koeritz, Judy Brayman Sally Claunch, Alice Kennedy, Carol Neuner.. Standing, Bob Neuner, David Naccarato, Mike Miller, Ed Radcliff and Jay Block



Who Done It?



**Inspector Judy** 



Who Killed Senator Ratcliffe?



Mike Miller looked very suspicious



Let the gaming begin

#### **ENF MYSTERY NIGHT**



Henry & Betty Vega had a good time



Grace & Jim Wallace looked like young lovers



Jeff Enger and his lady love Cindy supported ENF



Anne & Walter Ogden lent their support for ENF



Bro John Ennis a welcome sight at our Wednesday night meeting after a years absence



Dick Mc Neal was there

#### 2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## THE ELKS LADIES Alice Kennedy

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**HISTORIAN:** 

**SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski** 



#### REMEMBERING ANNE HEDL

Some of the first people I met at a social gathering at the Elks Lodge were Dean, Carol and Carol's mother, Anne Hedl. We shared a table on St.

Patrick's Day while we all enjoyed the festivities. I recall Anne's smile and the pleasure she experienced watching the Irish dancers whirl around, jump high into the air and land with such agility and grace. Her eyes sparkled with merriment at thoughts all her own. A gracious woman, she quietly let others lead the conversation, adding small comments as appropriate. I continued seeing Anne and her family at a variety of functions and though she had her own health battles to contend with, that smile never seemed to falter. She never complained and always seemed pleased with her surroundings - no matter what was going on. Anne Hedl loved life.

Anne's husband, Joe joined the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge in 1981, around the same time as their good friends Art and Jeannie Sandt. Anne joined the Elk Ladies sometime after that and loved being where the action was. She was born in Chicago and came to California in 1975. During her years in Chicago Anne sang along with many of her family members in Sweet Adelines and was part of a championship chorus in Illinois. In fact, in 2003, Anne and family participated in an International Sweet Adelines competition traveling to Phoenix, Arizona. The City was bursting with Sweet Adelines singers, seven or eight thousand in all. The notes floated in the air, on stage, in people's minds - everywhere. One of Anne's fondest memories, which she spoke of often, was a segment where families sang together - over 200 family members in all. For Anne, the chance to sing with her daughter Carol, her daughter-in-law Sandy, her granddaughters Laurie and Amy was the highlight of the trip. She could recall the details as though it were yesterday.

A full and rich life describes Anne time with us. An avid dancer, Joe and Anne spent many happy hours on the dance floor, whether at the Elks Lodge or some of their other favorite haunts. Anne was a great cook and German food was her specialty. Joe loved eating and Anne aimed to please. She was famous for her Sauerbraten. Mentioning the word, her family's mouths would begin watering. She is legendary for her Christmas cookies with at least twenty varieties each holiday season. Never letting her hands get idle, Anne was a member of "Crafty Ladies" at the Methodist Church in Westlake. She loved creating and over the years managed to crochet an afghan for almost every family member!

Her family remembers her with warmth and love. Her grandson Mike recalls that if it hadn't been for his grandmother Anne suggesting they "go for sushi," he might have missed out on one of his now greatest pleasures. Mike's children always talked about their



#### WE PRAY FOR THEM

Marilyn Cissell

Don't let us take for granted, God, those forces trained protecting us. In wars, from violence, through floods or fires, you chose each person all had your trust.

We thank you, God, for selfless ones, who, on call, risk their lives each day. Well trained for all disasters, Lord, such dedication, for them we pray.

Amen



#### **NOVEMBER**

- 1. Marva D'Ambrogio Eula McKee
- 5. Flo Lloyd
- 9. Jeri Miller
- 11. Vickey Eagen
- 16. Gail Corts
- 18. Barbara Ryder
- 30. Vera Bailie

"G.G.," a nickname short for Great Grandmother (the emphasis on GREAT). Her granddaughter Laurie loved coming to visit grandma and the two of them hit the streets toward all things social, be it a play, dinner or a night on the town. Carol, her daughter, says Anne was her Best Friend for her whole life, always ready for adventure and fun.

Anne lived with Dean and Carol for the last five years of her life as she battled diabetes and other health issues and never succumbed to feeling sorry for herself or complaining. Carol states she never heard Anne utter an unkind word. Since Carol was at work all day, Anne playfully dubbed Dean, "Nurse Nash."

Her love and contributions to the Lodge such as assisting with the children with disabilities at Conejo Valley Days gave her joy. Anne, we will miss you.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Stull

#### HONOR ROLL



**Chris Metzgus** Gene Ewald **Fiday Night Tips** Greg Metzgus, PER **Robert Jones** Jay Block, PER Myrna Block **Candy Machine** Gene Letourneau **Bar Purple Pig** Wayne LaFarr El Konejo Kampers Neils Glickman

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Larry Zarybnicky 22.

Nick Dema

#### **NOVEMBER**

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		11.	John Harness	2
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B	ill Allinson		Joyce Mendesohn	
K	evin French	13.	Jacob Panczak, PER	2
G	lenn Miller		Ralph Vestor, PER	
Ji	m Collins	14.	Felix Negron	
A	ndy Matsunaga	15.	George Thompson	
A	lex Sahagian	17.	John Kelly, PER	
B	ill Wagner, PER		Wally Johnson	2
N	eil Smith		David Ely	
A	ngela Reynolds	18.	Robert Williams	
Jo	ohn Vana		Roy Ratcliffe	
K	athleen Pavek	20.	Jack Dolan	
$\mathbf{C}$	. Wayne Sebera	21.	Wayne Flittner	

Lee Ingram

**Elmer Johnson** 

23. Frederick Anderson **Ken Hewitt** 24. Don Allen 26. Carlos Carbajal **Patrick Hartin Louis Wolff** 27. Harold Rasmussen **Larry Morris** Tim McCann Bill McIntyre Wendell Oxford 28. **Dave Burrows** 

#### FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTED ON Date: nOVEMBER 9, 2005

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#### **CRYING TOWEL**

September	7	\$125.00	#1340	Andrew Matsunaga	
Lucky 13		No Winner			
September	14	\$150.00	#2093	Fred Sitterley	
Lucky 13		No Winner			
September	21	\$175.00	#919	Walt Eagan	
Lucky 13		No Winner			
September	28	\$200.00	#2116	Dan Brown	
Luck	y 13	No Winner			

#### **IMPORTANT!!**

(Attach this sheet to the Lodge copy of the 2004 Annotated Statutes to use until the 2005 edition of the Annotated Statutes is received at the Lodge.

THESE STATUTES WERE AMENDED WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005, BY LODGE REPRESENTATIVES AND GRAND LODGE MEMBERS ASSEMBLED AT THE GRAND LODGE SESSION IN RENO, NV, AND AUTOMATICALLY TOOK EFFECT AS WORDED HERE AT 12:01 A.M. ON AUGUST 13, 2005, IN ALL LODGES.

(Lined-out words are deleted, and underlined words are added) Section 3.080 (Only first sentence added to where indicated):

'Nominations for offices to be filled at the annual election in Lodges shall be made in the order in which they appear in Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Order at any regular meeting of the Lodge on or after 1st of January if meetings are held only monthly . or on or after the 1st day of February if multiple meetings are held monthly and prior to the date of the annual election,.."

#### Section 3.090 (Only first sentence added to where indicated,):

"The annual election shall be held at the monthly regular meeting in February if held monthly and at the second regular meeting in February by each Lodge holding regular semi-monthly meetings.."

#### Section 8.020 (Second Sentence, added)

"When a complaint is filed with the Secretary. he shall serve a copy thereof upon the Accused, notify the Exalted Ruler and the Presiding Justice. The Accuser may, at any time up to the start of a trial, withdraw the complaint by filing a written motion to withdraw complaint with the Secretary or Presiding Justice. Only a Member in good standing may file a complaint..."

#### Section 9.170 (Paragraphs c. and d. - changed where indicated).

- c. **(second paragraph):** "If the net assets total 5,000.00 \$10,000 or less, said amount shall immediately be transferred to one or more tax-exempt charitable organizations of the State Association..."
- "d. At any time after ten (10) (five 5) years from the date of the creation of the trust, when it appears to the Grand Exalted Ruler and the State Sponsor that the Lodge in question is not going to be reinstated..

"If prior to the expiration of the ten five (5) year period, a new Lodge has been instituted in the same jurisdiction as the former Lodge, and...

#### Section 13.040.d (First sentence expanded):

"d. Send one copy of the Annual Financial Report, prior to June 30, to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and the Area Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Auditing & Accounting. Failure to timely submit the report may subject the Lodge to an immediate fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a subsequent fine of an

additional one hundred dollars (\$100) each thirty (30) days thereafter, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500). Payment of a fine does not relieve the Lodge of the duty to file the report and continued refusal will be considered Contumacy."

#### Section 14.010 (Change of third paragraph):

"No Lodge shall publicly offer or give, directly or indirectly, any prize, premium or anything of value to any member for securing applications for membership. A Lodge may. by appropriate amendment to its By-Laws. give a small reward to any Member securing applications for membership and reinstatement."

#### Section 14.020 (Change of third sentence):

"Membership applications shall not may be included in Lodge Bulletin mailings and, when mailed, shall be transmitted only in a First Class Mail or in a sealed envelope going only to Elks."

#### Section 14.260 (New paragraph "f." added):

"f. For purposes of calculating years of membership under this section. the first year of membership or any part thereof shall be deemed a full year."

#### Section 14.3 10 (New second paragraph added):

"A Lodge may. in its By-Laws. provide for the waiver of the initiation fee and dues of any applicant who is a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria stated in the preceding paragraph. and the Lodge may thereafter remit dues for those who continue to qualify under the preceding paragraph."

#### Section 15.070 (First 2 sentences changed as indicated):

"Lodges shall meet at least semi-monthy monthly but may meet semi-monthly, tri-monthly or weekly as provided in the Lodge By-Laws. In the months of July, and August and December at least one meeting must be held."

#### Section 16.050 (First paragraph dollar amounts increased where indicated):

"A Lodge, whether incorporated or not, or any corporation, Club, social parlor or other facility under the control of the Lodge, must obtain a permit from the Board of Grand Trustees before it may:

- a. Purchase real estate at a cost in excess of \$15,000 \$25.000.00;
- b. Acquire property by lease for a period of more than one year;
- c. Construct a new facility, whether a building or otherwise;
- d. Make additions to or alterations in its present facilities, if the cost is in excess of \$15,000 \$25.000.00;
- e. Contract for services, purchase furnishings, fixtures and equipment, other than equipment required for normal maintenance, at a total cost in excess of \$15,000 \\$25.000.00; provided, however, ..."

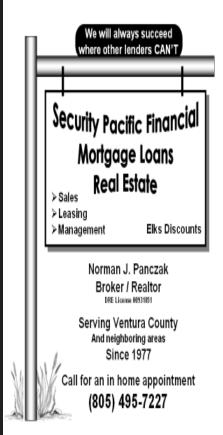
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My Most Beautiful Day Ken Muellerleile

Which way to the zoo? I asked as my daughter sat next to me, the stranger said, just a block away the zoo! Hurry was my daughter's plea.

I want to see all the animals boy, it's the chimpanzee I want to see, those are really my favorites also, I said because of their antics, you have to agree.

So cage after cage we did adventure there were Emus, exotic birds and Ostrich, we enjoyed all God's creatures that were there we strolled by all the cages without a hitch.

But now it's really time to go, I said then we headed towards the parking lot, in the car, my daughter fell asleep it was a beautiful day, and I'll never forgot.

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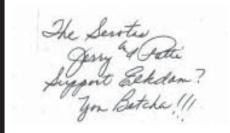
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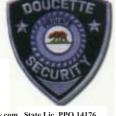
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