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Edltor, Sally Claunch, PER

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# Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 DAVID NACCARATO Exalted Ruler, 2006 - 2007



David was born in Tacoma, Washington, Aug 2, 1957, and moved to California with his mother in 1964. They settled in Simi Valley where he went to Simi High School and graduated. He started working at Ladin Lincoln Mercury in the 10th grade on weekends and has been working there ever since.

He joined the Lodge in the year of 2000 during Jacob Panczaks year as Exalted Ruler. Jacob's dad, Norm Panczak was his sponsor and Norm was the Chaplain at that time. He got involved with the kitchen right away and then assumed the position of Esquire. He then joined the officer corp going through the chairs with the support of his wife Karen and is now our incoming Exalted Ruler for the year 2006-2007. He has a daughter Fallon, 23 and Karen has a son Bret 19.

With confidence he will meet the Lodges charitable goals and move forward to a bright future without reinventing the wheel. "Our Lodge has been around for 35 years and what has been put into motion has worked just fine.

We have a good officer corp this year and feel we have the backing of the Lodge membership. When going through the chairs and needing something or some help it was always there. Now with building the new facility we are calling on all the resources of our key people in this great undertaking."

Dear Members,

This letter has dual purposes to request your support in our pursuit for a new facility, either by construction or relocation and to summarize the amendments passed at the March 8, 2006 meeting.

The most important intent of this letter is to solicit and implore the membership to aid the leadership by continuing to be part of the membership team. You elected and entrusted the officers with the responsibility of making decisions that are in the best interest of the Lodge. Maintain your faith in us this coming year by renewing your membership for the coming year. In reality the increase in dues is only \$2.30 more per week. Also please consider buying a bond at 6.5% interest.

After dues are collected in April and more bonds are purchased, the trustees will be able to make realistic projections of monies available for a new facility. A steering committee including representatives with financial, legal, building, fundraising, and real estate expertise along with trustees and officer representation will oversee the total endeavor.

Show your faith in the leadership of the Lodge by giving them your time and knowledge on the steering or on a sub committee. ALL interested members with expertise are urged to serve. The officers and trustees will not be the majority of any committee. Please contact the office or an officer if you are interested. The sub-committees include: reissuing bonds at 6.5% interest, fundraising, searching alternative locations, building, establishing true costs of building on our site.

Next, here is the summary of amendments made and passed on March 8,2006:

- 1. An amendment to our by-laws to raise the dues to \$105 per year plus \$16.50 assessments was made and seconded.
- 2. Then an amendment to amend the \$105 dues increase to \$225 plus \$16.50 assessments was made and seconded.
- 3. The \$225 plus \$16.50 assessment passed, which then became the main motion. It also passed.
- 4. Finally a motion was made and seconded to have the dues collected in excess of \$105 (\$120 per member) and put in the New Facilities fund. It passed.

This is an exciting yet challenging time for our lodge; we invite all members to catch the enthusiasm. Be part of the team—renew your membership, buy a bond, attend the organizational meeting at the beginning of May.

Fraternally,

Sally Claunch, ER Dave Naccarato, ER

2005-2006 2006-2007

John D'Ambrogio, PER

Trustees Chair 2005-2006

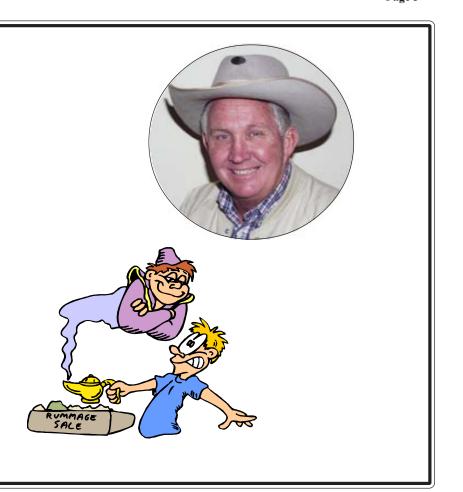
# THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE #2477

CANDIDATE
TUMBLEWEED TOM HARTIN
FOR GRAND MARSHAL
CVD. 2006

FRIDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>
SET UP! NEED "STUFF"
AND HELP!!!

Pat von Wittenburg 523-7758

RUMMAGE SALE 8:30 A.M. SAT. APRIL 22ND SUN. APRIL 23RD



#### **APRIL**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					March 31	INAGURAL BALL
						Thousand Oaks Inn
Sunday April 2nd	PPORT YOUR ELF	S CVD GRAND MARSHAL CANDIDATE			Fish - Baby Back Ribs	
Cribbage					by Elks Ladies	Private Party
Tournament	TUME	LE WEED TOM HARTIN			\$12	BBQ Wagon - Lodge
805 497 1197					TWT Fundraiser	Restliford Crew
		(TWT)		'	Duty Officer -	Raven West
Breakfast 2	3	Heetings 4	5	Meeting 6	7	
PERs Hosting	Candidate Investigation	Trustees 7 p.m.	Membership Meeting	_	Beef - Chicken - Fish	
Goldmen's OMELET BAR	7 p.m.	Calender 7 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Boss Club	Buffel - 80-	
(Reg Broakfast Available)		Officers & House	General .		. Ryder Crew	890 Wagon - Lodge
JR Elks Car Wash		7:30 p.m.	Mexican Night.		Entertainment	Eddle Rice Crew
TWT Fundraisers		Elks Ladies 7:30 p.m.	Barbara Metzgus		El Konejo Kamp	ers at Lake Piru
Ritual Practice			57		Duty Officer	
Palm Sunday 8	10	Meeting 11	12	Meeting 13	Good Friday 13	
Breakfast			Membership Meeting			
Brite Lites		VFW Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Radio Club: ,	Fish Fry	
Dee's Crew			Balleting		\$7.90	
87			Formula Pizza		Cooper & Crew	BBQ Wagon - Lodge
			Sandtrap and Eagle		5:00 p.m. Start	PER Grew - Riding
Ritual Practice	Lan	Lan	\$6.00	Total Control	Duty Officer - 0	
Easter Sunday 18	17	18	19	Meeting 20	21	
No Breakfast	T.O. Golf Tournament	Elks Ladies Board	Membership Meeting	INCHES AND	Roast Chicken 57	88Q Wagen - Conejo Crev
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Kids Easter Egg Hunt 1 p.m. Start	/W/ Patarager		Ceneral		Fred Trzcinski	JV Crew - Jellander
Don Ansell			Dinner		Entertainment	Rawmage Sale - TWT Far
Dan Hingas			55.00			entse Goldstein
luevos Rancheros - 23	24	26	26	27		1
Mexican Breakfast	Spaghetti Dinner		Membership Meeting	1	Stuffed Pork Roast - \$ 9	١ ،
By Joel Erickson - \$ 8	By Elks Ladies		7:30 p.m.	1	Italian Chicken Breast - \$7	× .
(Fing Breakfast Analiable)	\$8	Inductrination	Initation		Ryder Cnew	BBQ Wagon - Lodge
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TWT Fundraisers			Ryder Crew		WCCD Ritual Contr	est at Ventura Lodge
Ritual Practice			\$10		Duty Officer -	Grant Thistie
Breekfast 30						
AA Meeting 8 a.m.		TWT - Tumbleweed Tom Fundraiser Salurday BBQ Wagon at Lodge till Sold out (Approx 2 p.m.)				
El Konejo Kampers						
9 a.m. to 12 noon						
\$7.00						
Chill Cook Off		All Sunday Breakfasts Are From 9 A.M. To 12 NOON				



35th Annual Elks Lodge #2477

# INAUGURAL BALL Welcome Our Exalted Ruler

For the Year 2006-2007

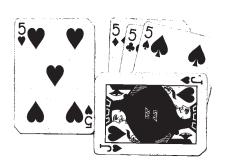
DAVID NACCARATO

and First Lady, Karen

April 1st at the Thousand Oaks Inn 75 W. ThousandOaks Blvd. Thousand Oaks, CA

Ticket on Sale from Catherine Koeritz or the Lounge \$40.00 Per Person Choice of Beef or Chicken

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



### THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE 2477 CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, April 2nd, 2006

Sign Up Time 12:00 Noon

Play starts at 1:00 pm

\$25 Entry Fee

Includes Lunch 3:00 pm

Confirm by March 29th In order to establish the number of players

Call Patti @: (805) 497-1197

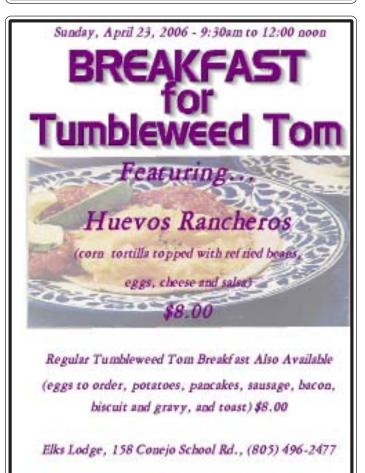
158 Conejo School Rd.

# Island Luau Party to benefit Elks National Foundation (ENF)

Sat. July, 22nd









2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

# EXALTED RULER David Naccarato

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

ANTLER ANTICS: Sally Claunch, PER,

Editor, Jerry Serota, Asst.

NEW FACILITIES: Greg Metzgus,PER HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK: Jerry Serota

GREETERS: Jack Loughran, PER
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Jerry Serota
BUILDING MAINT.: Wayne Flittner



PARLIAMENTARIAN: Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL LODGE VISITATIONS: Jack Loughran, PER

BBQ WAGON: Eddie Rice

**AUDITING: Tom Ryder, PDDGER** 

**ELKS TRAINING:** 

SHOE TOURNAMENTS: Mike Budenski

BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:

David Naccarato

As this is my first article as Exalted Ruler let me set the ground rules:

MY JOB, IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO RUN THE TRAIN.

THE WHISTLE I CAN'T BLOW.

IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY HOW FAR THE TRAIN IS ALLOWED TO GO.

ITS NOT MY PLACE TO SHOOT OFF STEAM OR EVEN CLANG THE BELL.

BUT LET THE DAMN THING JUMP THE TRACK AND SEE WHO CATCHES HELL.

Sally Claunch will be a tough act to follow. Her experience in running meetings was superb. If you needed an answer she gave it to you with no gray area. Thank you, Sally for making my year as Leading Knight one of my easiest year as an officer. I'm just going to follow your lead as Exalted Ruler.

I hope to give you (the lodge) a year you will remember. I will always have a pen and note pad with me; and I will stop by the lodge everyday on my way home from work. Anything you want to get off your chest or have me bring before the house committee, I will be happy to. If the particular subject matter needs to be debated at the officer meeting, I want whoever asked me to address the particular subject matter to be in attendance at the meeting. Any Lodge member is invited to the monthly meetings and your input is greatly appreciated.

Plans for the year include more horseshoe tournaments, monthly E.R. motorcycle rides, and pool tournaments. This year the lodge picnic will be here at the lodge with bingo, jolly jump for the kids (maybe one for the parents), horseshoe tournament, baseball and tailgate party.



### 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"

William E. Dierker

Born: July 26, 1927 Initiated: November 7, 1973 Died: February 24, 2006

Speaking of tailgate party- opening day of football we'll have a tailgate party right out by the picnic tables. The way I see it, if you have a pickup truck with a tailgate you get preferred parking. Put your hibachi on the tailgate and let's party.

I am open to any ideas that you want to see happen this coming year. Let me know. Remember I will have my pad and pencil.

Dates to remember;
March 29 your new officer installation
April 1st Inaugural Ball
April 2nd Cribbage tournament
April 9th Palm Sunday
April 16th Easter egg hunt
April 28th-29th Ritural contest



# EDITOR'S CORNER Sally Claunch

**Roxanne**By Marilyn Cissell

Today we want to celebrate Roxanne's real love for living With family, friends and Jim of course Her life was based on giving.

She was a friend to everyone So positive in times of stress A warm and happy person With strength and gentleness

She really loved garage sales
And shopping for those bargain finds
Such treasures she discovered
By searching through others discarded kinds.

A long time friend was Lady Luck And Roxanne knew her well So strong was their connection It bordered on a spell

She's with God and the angels now We all will miss her here Her energy again is boundless Freed from illness, all pain and fear

No cars in heaven, God? No garages there? Perhaps a yearly meadow sale Roxanne could organize the affair

Forever blonde and beautiful Roxanne will always be To each of us who knew her An effervescent memory



The theme of this year's Americanism Essay contest was "What I Feel When I Look Up At The American Flag". This

year our Lodge received 126 entries from 10 schools in the Conejo Valley. The 7th grade entries in Division II came from Los Cerritos and La Reina, while the 5th and 6th grade entries in Division I came from Acacia, Lang Ranch, Maple, Manzanita, Trinity Pacific Christian, St Paschal Baylon and Mann Elementary.

I am pleased to report the winners of this year's contest are as follows:

Division I, 5th and 6th grades are Amanda Zhoe, First Place, Grade 5, Lang Ranch Elementary, Second place Jason Blank, Grade 6, Los Cerritos, and Third place Ashley Pelaez, Grade 5 from Manzanita Elementary.

In Division II, First Place Rikesh Patel, Grade 7, Chaminda Middle School, Second Place Jeffrey Zia, Grade 7 Media Creek and Third place, Juyea Hoo, Grade 7 La Reina High School.

The first place winners in each Division will receive a \$300 United States Savings Bond, second place winners will receive a \$200 United States Savings Bond and the third place winners will receive a \$100 United States Savings Bond in a special awards dinner during Elks Youth Week in May. Here is the Grade 7 Winning Entry by Rikesh Patel: "What I Feel When I Look Up At The American Flag"

As I look at the American flag, I feel honored to be an American. I feel honored for the strong, courageous soldiers that have fought for this nation and the dedication and commitment that they have put toward this country. I belong to a diverse nation, with people with different types of ethnicity and backgrounds. I am proud to live in a country in which I get to make my own decisions and have my own rights. I am proud to be free and living in a democratic government where officials are elected and we are governed justly. I also feel very secure from other rebellious nations because our nation has a strong military. The American Flag represents how America was unified into thirteen colonies. With its thirteen stripes and fifty stars, the American flag represents loyalty, justice, sacrifice, devotion, honor, duty, patriotism, unity and strength. It is also an inspiration and a source of pride and dignity to others and freedom from racism. As American citizens, we are free to express our own religious beliefs and concerns.

Looking at the American Flag also reminds me of how great our nation is and how lucky we, as fellow American citizens are to have our civil right and a unique and wonderful nation. Hence, the American Flag is a symbol of pride and dignity and should always be honored as an inspiration to the American people.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Raven West Americanism Chair 2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

# LEADING KNIGHT Catherine Koeritz

2006-07 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** 

Under the Leading Knight's station is the responsibility of charity projects within the lodge. Charity is the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed. It should ever rule us in our hearts and in our lives.

This month is the kickoff of the first of our charity events, Conejo Valley Days. Usually every other year we run a candidate for CVD. So how does Conejo Valley Days relate to our charity work in the Elks Lodge, you ask? In fact CVD is run by a parent company called Conejo Valley Activities Corporation that owns and operates Conejo Valley Days. Twenty-five local organizations make up the corporation, which we are one. All profits from the event are divided among the various organizations. These monies enable us to perform our various charitable works. Tom Hartin is our representative on the committee and this year he is the Grand Marshal candidate for the CVD 50th year.

Tom has been involved for 27 years, acting as general chairperson '95-'96. Many lodge members are long-time activist at CVD. Our Elk Ladies treasury also benefits from CVD. Marilyn Cissell and Dee Swanson volunteer their time to head up the ticket takers at the gates during the CVD carnival. For this service, our Elks Ladies' treasury gets approx \$1800 richer! They in turn give monies to the Lodge for our Christmas basket charity, ENF and other fundraisers.

At the kickoff picnic for CVD, our BBQ wagon quenches the pallets of picnicers with our famous tri tip sandwiches. Monies from the BBQ wagon then enable us to perform charitable works in the community, such as sponsoring Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and dictionaries for 3rd graders.

During the carnival, our Streaker Wagon, serving our famous streaker dogs (polish sausage with or without sauerkraut), is poised in the same place year after year so patrons can enjoy the good food the Elks are known for. The revenue received from these events are what helps enable us to sponsor hoop shoots and soccer shoot outs for the youth in our community. Proving Elks Care Elks Share for Special Kids Day at CVD, we cook and service hamburgers. Afterwards we act as escorts for the challenged

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS Sally Claunch, PER 495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** The family of Richard Dierker on his passing; Patty Schultz on the passing of Eldon.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Dave Perry from a hip replacement; Dave Naccarato from back surgery; Barbara Metzgus Rotator Surgery, Joe Smith, Kidney Stone

**ON THE MEND**: Marva D'Ambrogio from a car accident; Dick Rogge; Bill McIntyre; Jim Wagner is on a walker but still can not drive. He would appreciate a ride to a meeting.

REMEMBER PHONE CALLS AND CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!



# TO THOSE WHO DONATED

Patti Serota

To those who recently donated to the Memorial Fund, **WE THANK YOU!** 

Our deepest appreciation also goes to those who answered our call to bring what was needed on those occasions.

youngsters. As you can see, CVD is a win- win for our Lodge. It allows us to maintain a positive public image within our community and enriches us, as Elks, by being active community members working together for a good cause.

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

#### EL KONEJO KAMPERS





We could see very well why we couldn't use Oak Park last year - WOW! Big



piles of dirt moved to the side, etc. Bob told us it was \$7,000 in equip-

ment rental alone, not including labor, etc. to clean up the area. I must be dense (no remarks please), but I really don't understand the hesitancy of the group to participate in campouts at Oak Park. By and large the staff is wonderful, and the cabana area with great tables, serving area, electric, stainless counter top and the bar-b-que is really nice, at least I think so. Several people find this location easily accessible to a number of great places to eat. A particular favorite of a lot of us is the "HAT" - pastrami sandwiches by the pound and fries or onion rings by the bag FULL. Truly great stuff. Oh well, I had a terrific time.

Ya know, I guess EVERY group has its whiners. The calf ropers at the rodeo are pretty bad, but you should have heard FOUR Poker players on Thursday, with their knickers in a bunch cause they didn't have a fifth. (about 5 years old - giggle). They truly are an interesting bunch let's see - if I recall correctly Gene Ewald was NOT doing well on Friday, but seemed to recover a bit on Saturday, and then Sunday was telling us that Joel Erickson had to put sideboards on his "poker money container" to hold all his winnings. See what you missed Tommy! Deb Drake was the woman of the hour (or several as the case may be) on Friday. SHE WAS THE FIFTH POKER PLAYER! Well that may have come in second - not quite sure. She drove their rig in, parked and leveled (with very little advice) and set up their entire campsite - UNASSISTED. Advised but all on her own. Poor thing - said she was very tired after this major accomplishment - probably the stress of it all.

Ed Colleran reported experiencing a slow down on the freeway coming in and having heard about an accident on the 118 about Kuehner Drive. Got on his CB to make sure a Flair wasn't involved - not to worry Deb took the surface streets to get to Oak Park. The Newcomers did an excellent job as wagonmasters - especially considering Doris is only two weeks out of surgery. Those of you who have never had HER tacos haven't a clue what you're missing. I mean we even had Valentine decorations, including balloons Don had to crawl under the tables to tie. (dang it woman - I gotta follow your act NEXT month) Speaking of Valentine "stuff". I haven't a clue where Marva comes up with some of her "crafting" things (and I got fined for crafting?). She had us making these little "heart angels" - ya right - including halos. WHAT A PAIN!



Actually they were pretty cute - after you got all the glue off your fingers and that bloody halo stuck in place. Johnny D was our sheriff - and to everyones amazement did an absolutely incredible

job - even though he was gone most of the day on Saturday - working the BBQ wagon. He is one funny guy. Beverly Erickson is busily working on the final blocks of her hand sewn Cathedral Windows quilt. If you haven't seen this creation, ask her next time - that is if she hasn't finished and left it at home. I'm talking like a Dutch uncle, trying to get her to enter it into Road to California next year. It is truly a work of art.

I'm not sure I want to get into a description of the trials and tribulations Peggy and Gary went through with me - they were really troopers. I was trying to copy pattern pieces - outside - in the wind, cause I don't have access to a table large enough at home. After the first piece or two - I was ready to throw in the towel and just order a new pattern. OH NO - Peggy was determined I WOULD stick to it until it was finshed - course it ended up both she and Gary got involved, couldn't have done it without them, and I was reminded that rocks can be very helpful.

April 7 - 8 Lake Piru - Steve tells us the location this year is very different from where we camped a coupla years ago. I'm game - what the heck.

The Ericksons have some REALLY cool plans for the May 19 - 20 campout at Kenney Grove. If you miss this one - you will surely be VERY SORRY!



2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

# LOYAL KNIGHT George Meehan

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Ed Rice LODGE ACTIVITIES: Glenn Wellman

SCOUTING: Bill Miller HOOPSHOOT: Tom Hartin

WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Tom Ryder, PER

**DRUG AWARENESS:** 

STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander MOTHER'S DAY: Raven West



ENTERTAINMENT: Tom Ryder, PER
WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Grant Thistle
LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER
APPRECIATION: Scott Dool
DISTRICT PICNIC: Tom Ryder, PDDGER
PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox

A new year is about to begin. Most officers who served in 2005-2006 are staying on to serve you again in new positions. Yours truly is coming in as Loyal Knight after being Esquire. This is new to me because now I must write a monthly communication to you. Many new responsibilities come under this station.

The kitchen is one of these and I know it is always a challenge for the New Loyal Knight. I must appeal to members to step forward and show off their culinary talents. On Sunday, March 19, Tom Ryder and I are holding a meeting to ask the veteran cooks to volunteer again (some have already done this and I thank them) and new cooks to step up and present their specialties. Hopefully, this will happen and this year will have some wonderful new gormet delights as we have had in the past. By the time you receive this article, March 19 will have passed. If you didn't make that meeting maybe you will call me and help out. It is a lot of fun. Cornelia and I did our first meal a month ago and we were happy with the results.

Well, for my first communication to you, I have touched on only one part of my new responsibilities. There will be more to come in the future. If you have any new ideas for me, please let me hear from you. I am open to all suggestions. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.



#### LIVING THE MOTTO—ELKS CARE— ELKS SHARE

- Dale Smith---donating a printer for the bar manager's use
- · Leo Rodriquiz---donating chairs for lodge meetings
- · John Peterson---fronting the money for new tables
- · Rick Herrera--- trimming the oleanders
- · Greg--- formatting the computer in the bar manager's office

THANK YOU!!!!





# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Robert Saynay

This is in appreciation for my nomination and election as Lodge Secretary for 2006-

07.

I'm reminded of a similar experience years ago. That was when I received a letter from President Harry Truman. It said "your friends and neighbors invite you to be a member of the U.S. Army within 30 days". Fifty years later lightning strikes again!!!

The answer then and is now the same I'll do my best to be the best. I'm honored to be of service.

I've had a lot of exposure and training in the "life experience" these past several decades. Several times during my first year as a #2477 Elk I've been asked why I'm so quiet and say so little. My answer has been "I'm observing and recording".

One well learned management lesson is that when you have a new responsible position - you move slowly if the organization is performing well. You move quickly and decisively if the organization needs updating. But always, the members must decide their destiny.

My best to all the new officers and the lodge membership, as we all move forward together, toward a very successful 2006-2007 year. Of course, our gratitude to all those dedicated Elks before us whose efforts made this lodge a success.

I will respect your direct questions and problems etc. You can rely on me to dismiss unsubstantiated or uninformed opinions, hearsay and gossip. Let us reason together and follow the tenants of good citizenship and Elkdom.

R.E. Saynay, Lodge Secretary

#### Broccoli Casserole

Serving for 4 (8 x 8 pan) or close to it

8 oz. frozen Broccoli Cuts Simmer for 5 mins drain (you can use more Broccoli)

Mix together in a bowl: 1 Can Mushroom soup with 1/2 can of mayo 1 egg, 1/2 cup diced onion

Place the Broccoli in the pan layer with the mixture above

Top lightly with cheddar cheese 16 oz. pkg. or less according to taste

Take 1/4 bag to 1/2 bag of Pepperide Farm Stuffing Mix (Blue Bag) melt 1/2 cup butter and mix together spread over cheese and bake at 325 degrees for 30 mins.

#### **HOOPSHOOT SHOOT OFF WINNERS AREA 7**

Richard Goldner, Grand Lodge Public Relations Committeeman, Area 7



Elk Dignitaries and the Hoop Shoot Winners resulting from a 5-State Basketball "Free Throw" Shoot-Off by 8 - 13 Year Olds from Arizona-California-Hawaii-Nevada-Utah recently conducted at the Hyde Park Middle School in Las Vegas.

#### REAR:

Richard Goldner, Grand Lodge Public Relations Committeeman, Area 7 Jerry Grimes, President, Arizona Elks Association Gene Presnell, President, Nevada State Elks Association Meryl Arns, President, Utah Elks Association

#### FRONT

Kaden King, Boys Champion - 10 & 11 years, Central Valley, Utah:

Richfield Elks #2420

Dean Ferrari, Boys Champion - 12 & 13 years, Burlingame,

California San Mateo Elks #1112

Natalie Delgado, Girls Champion - 8 & 9 years, Stockton,

California Stockton Elks #218

Karlie Samuelson, Girls Champion - 10 & 11 years, Brea, California Fullerton Elks #1993

Bonnie Samuelson, Girls Champion - 12 & 13 years, Brea, California Fullerton Elks #1993

Tristan Adams, Boys Champion - 8 & 9 years, Parowan, Utah; Cedar City Elks #1556

These winning contestants will now proceed to Springfield, Massachusstes (the birthplace of basketball) for the National Hoop Shoot Contest conducted by the Benevolent & Protactive Order of Elks on April 20-23.

#### 2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

# LECTURING KNIGHT Terry Baker

#### 2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

AMERICANISM:
FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:
Robert Jones
SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera

GOVT. RELATIONS: Denise Goldstein MEMORIAL SERVICE: Raven West NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg



KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson TommyClaunch

LODGE PICNIC: Robert Jones
MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member

**CHRISTMAS TREES:** 

Herb Jellander/Terry Baker EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Ed Colleran

#### WE MOURN HIS PASSING

Eldon Schultz's remains will be transported to the Alexander Gubson Funeral Home in Jerseyville, Illinois where a viewing will be held from 4PM to 8PM on Friday, March 10th, 2005.

The funeral will take place on Saturday March 11th, at 10AM at the Grimes – Neely Cemetery, also in Jerseyville.

While we don't have a specific address for either location, I'm assured that, given the size of Jerseyville, there should be no problem locating either facility.

A reminder that it was Eldon's wish that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to the following:

Grimes - Neely Memorial Association c/o Janice Brangenberg 22143 Powers Hill Road Jerseyville, IL 62052

Let me know if you have any questions concerning any of the above, and please join me in extending our sympathy and condolences to Eldon's family.

God bless and rest this unique and caring gentleman. We will surely miss him.

Dan Snyder, PER

#### NEED A RIDE?

Here's some southerly advice that may come in handy down the road a piece: Next time you are too drunk to drive, walk to the nearest pizza shop and place an order. When they go to deliver it, catch a ride home with them.



Notice the addition of illumination installed by the Grunts to enhance our outdoor patio on warm summer nights.



#### **ELKS NATIONAL HOME**

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#### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY 2005-'06 Bill Lloyd, PDD, DL

#### VOTE ON VISITATION RULE

It has long been the policy of Thousand Oaks lodge, and of lodges throughout the nation that when a visitor comes into our lodge (lounge) he/she is allowed 3 visits. Thereafter they must either join or desist in coming. In order to enforce this rule, it is necessary to make a by-law and house rule change. Therefore, at a regular session of the lodge to be held on May 17th the following change to our by-laws and house rules will be changed to read:

#### ARTICLE IX: HOME, CLUB, OR OTHER FACILITY

Add new Section 4. "Visiting non-members to the Club or Lounge shall be allowed 3 visitations. After 3 visitations, those visitors must fill out an application with applicable fees and submit it to the office for processing in order to join the lodge. If the visitor declines the opportunity to join the lodge, then he/she must abstain from visitation rights and no longer be admitted. This rule does not apply to "significant others" who are not married, but have a long-lasting and continuing relationship with the sponsoring Elk."

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO VOTE

Due to the dues increase voted by a majority of the membership present at the meeting held on March 8, in order to ease the pain of paying the entire dues in one payment, a motion will be made on the lodge floor at the meeting to be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> to revert to semi-annual dues payments. The motion will be made as follows:

#### **BY-LAWS - ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES**

SECTION 2. – Paragraph 2. All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable annually, in advance on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Payments may be made in full at one time, or paid semi-annually on April 1<sup>ST</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> in equal payments of \$120.75. Partial payments will not be accepted.

For those members who are planning on demiting to another lodge in order to get out of paying higher dues in Thousand Oaks, be aware that no lodge in the Order has to accept members from another lodge as guests, nor do they have to accept associate memberships. If you de/mit and plan on taking advantage of our new facility after the members that stayed and paid for it, you stand the chance of not being admitted to the facility under any circumstances.

#### **NEW LIFE MEMBER**

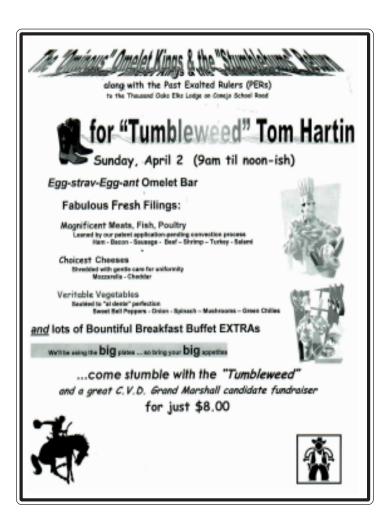
Congratulations are in order for our new life member. Russell Garrison, member #302 was voted upon during the meeting held March 1, 2006 and was accepted as another of our life members. It takes a lot of staying power and devotion to accomplish this task, and Russell is to be congratulated. Thirty years at anything is a lot of years. Congratulations Russell!

#### NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following member, having met the requirements outlined in Grand Lodge Statutes Section 14.260 by having been a member of the Order for at least 30 consecutive years, a member of Thousand Oaks Lodge for at least 10 years, and 65 years of age or older has requested nomination for Life Membership in the Order.

#### Marshall Knowlton Member #1692

This member will be nominated at a regular meeting of the lodge to be held on April 8, 2006 and will be balloted on at the meeting held on April 15, 2006.



#### WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBER



(L-R Front Row) Jack Loughran, Frank Murphy initiated by the Past Exalted Rulers and sponsored by Tom Ryder, PDDGER, Jay Block, Don Skinner, (BackRow) Gil Riding, DDGER, Jacob Panczak, John D'Ambrogio, and Greg Metzgus

#### **PIN NIGHT**





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#### 2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

# THE ELKS LADIES

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#### 2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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CVD: Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell

**HISTORIAN:** 

**SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski** 



#### LOVE ABOUNDS FOR YOLIE

A wonderful friend and an active member of the Elk Ladies, Yolie Loughran was taken from us last December. Things were very hectic at the time, I

remember, so it isn't surprising that writing a tribute to this elegant lady slipped right by me. I knew Yolie, and what a kind and fun person she was. Yes, I said fun. I remember the month before she passed, she and I worked serving at the Lodge Veteran's breakfast. She was a kick as she showed me all her patriotic clothing - she was dressed from head to toe in red, white and blue. She was so proud of this county despite the fact that she was not even born here. She even had pins and bracelets to match. She loved those old Veterans and went out of her way to make sure their needs were met. She was in charge of French toast and made it seem like she had Eggs Benedict in a silver chaffing dish - she could make anything fun. Unfortunately, I had grits and pudding and could not think of anyway to make that sound elegant! But there she stood making me laugh and carry on like a school kid. We had a wonderful morning. I thought if I had this much fun with Yolie, there must be others in the Ladies group who would like to contribute to this article, so I cornered a few and got these delightful comments. My hope is that by reading this, you'll also reminisce about how she touched your life.

Sharon remembers Yolie had a lot of shoes. Sharon recalled an incident at the Lodge when during an ice breaker where everyone was finding out little known facts about everyone else, Sharon needed to find someone with more than 30 pairs of shoes. Yolie shocked Sharon by saying she had way more than 30 pairs. Sharon couldn't wait to go home and do her own inventory and was surprised to find she had 29 pairs herself! Sharon loved the way Yolie spoke to her - it was like there was no one else in the world. Yolie focused on what you were saying and gave you her undivided attention. Sharon recalls Yolie's love of jewelry and how she always wore at least 3-4 pieces and was quick to spot any new jewelry on Sharon.

Phyllis extols Yolie's caring ways. She recalls when her husband was the ER and Jack was the Leading Knight just how supportive and helpful Yolie was. She introduced bringing fresh flowers to the indoctrination function which totally reflected her personality - Yolie loved flowers. Phyllis is quick to add how much Yolie loved her family and always inquired about Phyllis' family. Yolie was just so friendly and welcoming, she was beautiful inside and out, Phyllis says. Some of Phyllis' fondest memories is working on the barbecue with Yolie and how she loved to speak Spanish with non-English speaking customers, she recalls Yolie's, love of Angels (she generally wore one on her clothing), and how much Yolie liked to help around the Lodge, in sickness and health, Yolie was there.

I grabbed Carol as she rushed off to an appointment and asked her about Yolie. Carol responded that one of her favorite memories is how much Yolie adored the Junior Elks. There is a warm spot in Carol's heart for her.



AN ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE Marilyn Cissell

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Amen



APRIL

8. Madeleine Brockwell 14. Elvira McNaboe

Mertice Nichols

21. Theresa Kingsland

Jenny remembers Yolie just buzzing around the Lodge, so sweet and so wonderful helping everyone. One of the things that impressed Jenny most was how Yolie always asked about ill or sick friends and family members. Jenny says we all miss her.

Ella, who lives in the same park where the Loughran's live, states she knew Jack long before she met Yolie and knows how Yolie devoted her life to Jack. She describes this lovely lady as having a lot of friends and believes Yolie might have been a nurse. She suspects this is where she may have developed her caring ways.

Patti giggles as she describes her husband's love of Yolie's perfume. She describes Yolie as the sweetest smelling, loveable, always-willing-to-help lady.

Barbara M excitedly describes Yolie and herself as jewelry

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	Lucl	ky 13	No Winner			

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Jerry Serota, Com. Chair

At the Grand Lodge Elks convention held in Reno, Nevada it was voted upon that each Elks Lodge adopt the Dictionary Project and

give every third grade student a dictionary of their very own in order to help them on their road to literacy and success.

Catherine Koeritz, Dictionary Project Chairperson of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 is proud to announce that third grade students of the following schools in Thousand Oaks have received a total of 1174 free dictionaries at a cost of over \$1,400: Aspen, Ladera, University, Weathersfield, Westlake, West Hills, Wildwood, Madrona, Cypress, Meadows and Las Virgenes, Willow School. Dictionaries in Thousand Oaks were distributed by members Heather Maddox, Bill Miller and Janine Jellander.

The teachers overwhelmingly endorsed the project and the children showed an eagerness to own them as their very own. It is our hope that this project will help some student to some day be an achiever and we can be proud when they win a Nobel or Pulitzer prize. It is better to have a third grade student value a dictionary rather than a remote control for the TV.

In December, the schools in the Camarillo, Pleasant Valley School District received their 880 deliveries by members Robert Thornton and Richard Goldner. We received over 400 thank you letters from the students in appreciation.

On Wednesday March 1st it was announced that



the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 won first Place for it's newsletter the Antler Antics under the editor of Jerry Serota, Division 3 in the California Hawaii Elks Association. Division 3 encompasses all Elks Lodges in CHEA with 500 to 700 members. It will now be judged at the

#### **ELKS LADIES CONTINUED**

freaks. Whenever Yolie got a new bauble she made sure Barbara got a good look. She recalls Yolie working at the Rummage Sale and how she was the main translator for Spanish speakers. She would encourage them to "...shop 'til you drop." She was so good at it, Barbara shakes her head and whispers that she was a beautiful lady, and so very proud of her family.

Diane remembers the Lodge Halloween party when Jack and Yolie were dressed as the King and the Court Jester. It so inspired her, she wished she had put on a costume. Yolie really put her in the spirit. Yolie could really do that to you.

Jeri remembers the little red dress pins Yolie gave us all. She remembers Yolie always helping out whether it was wrapping toys and selecting gifts for need kids or acting as translator, you could always count on Yolie.

Marilyn describes Yolie as a big Angel person - no, not the ball team, the real thing. She just loved Angels. Marilyn fondly remembers Yolie disco dancing to "Pretty Woman," one of Yolie's favorite songs.

Barbara B recalls the evening of a big "Visitation" when Yolie polished spots off silverware and ironed tablecloths so the Lodge could put its best foot forward. She did all this despite the fact she was very ill.

Myrna says they were such good friend and constantly talked about weight - how much Yolie lost and how much Myrna gained. It was their running joke. Myrna remembers constantly asking Yolie to slow down as she had a very quick paced way of speaking. Some of her words were difficult to understand, but Myrna felt it was most humorous when Jack had a really important meeting to attend and as he left, Yolie would shout "Broke-a leg." This always tickled Myrna.

Alice says "I told her she was the most beautiful woman in the Lodge." She always helped with decorating participated in everything. She was the nicest woman.

Dee loved the way Yolie asked about "Sister De-lotis" (Sister Delores). She never failed to ask Dee about her grandson Taylor and often spoke of her love for her own grandchildren. Dee remembers the many phone calls when Yolie would say "Tell Taylor Yolie and Yack said all-o." Dee loved her darling accent.

This outpouring comes from the hearts of just a few of us who loved you, Yolie. Your spirituality touched us too and we know you are at peace with One who loves us all.

national level at the Grand Lodge convention to held in Orlando, Florida. Also Richard Goldner, Grand Lodge, Public Relations Chairman, Area 7 comprising 137, 033 Elks from States/Territories of: Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, Philipines and Utah presented Jerry Serota, First Place trophy for the best picture "Focus on the Community".

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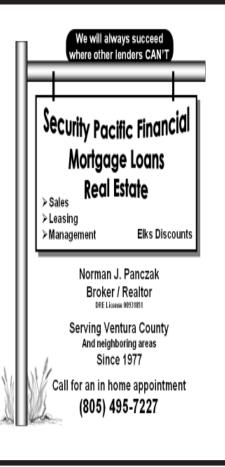


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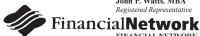
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