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'Elkdom



the Winning Hand'



FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday June 18th

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

ADULTS \$10:00

CHILDREN \$6.00

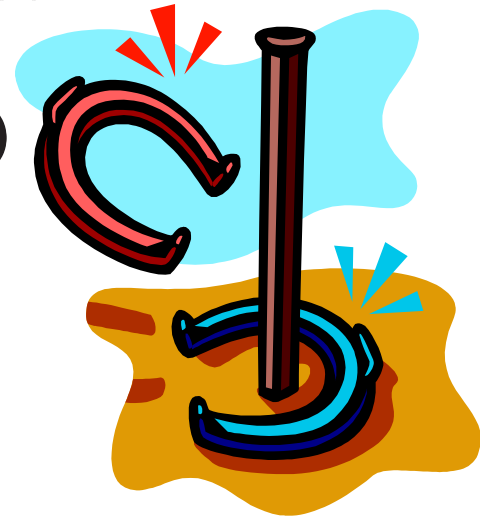
EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, BLINTZES,
FRESH FRUIT, BAGELS AND MORE

By the Elks Ladies

**Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
(Proceeds to go to Major Projects)**

Date: June 17, 2006

Time: 10:00 a.m.



*****Mark your calendar now.**

**More information and sign-up sheet
forthcoming!!!*****

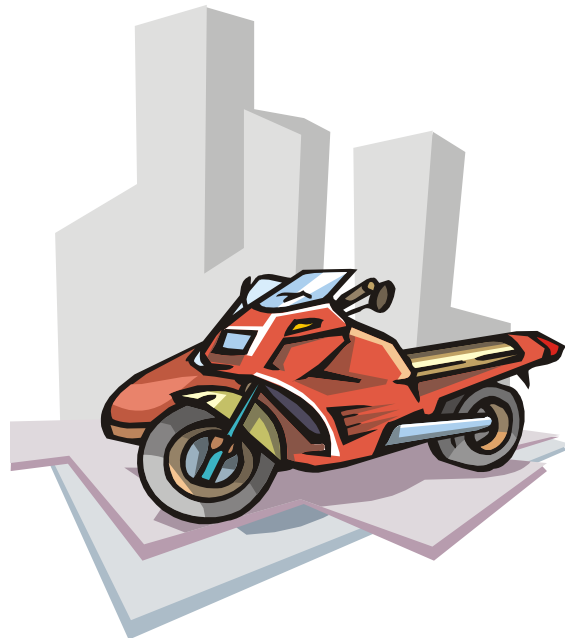
**“EXALTED RULERS”
BIKE RUN**

DATE : JULY 22, 2006

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

WHERE TO:

Santa Paula



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David Naccarato

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Robert Jones

Our Elk year is underway. Our ritual team has come back from competition at the Ventura lodge. Results are as follows- I took 2nd place as Exalted Ruler. Catherine Koeritz 3rd as Leading Knight. New to the ritual team Inner Guard Steve Smith 3rd place And our Chaplain Raven West with a 3rd place finish. We had a good time with our other lodge brothers from other areas in the district. John and Cherri Peterson and their pet "Lady" came up for the weekend to show their support.

Comments from new members such as what was said to our First Lady on Wednesday "boy these guys are serious," makes us all winners. Our initiation is our first chance to impress new candidates and give them their first impression of Elkdom.

As far as our new facilities goes here is what is going on. A steering committee has been formed. I appointed Greg Metzgus, PER as chairman of this committee. The committee meets on Mondays at 7:00. Results are given at every lodge meeting and at special Thursday new facilities which will be posted as to when they are to be held. Thursday meetings will be held on as a needed basis. All are welcome to attend. Its not our intention to leave anyone in the dark on this project. Your input is needed and greatly appreciated. Members or the committee are Greg Metzgus, PER, Rick Eddy, Steve Finnterey, John D'Ambrigio, PER, Jim Mullens. David Pearson, Dean Nash and Bill Lloyd, DL.

We need your help in building this lodge. We have crunched the numbers and to make this project work we need 500 members paying dues. We had 562 as of April 1st. As of May we have close to 337 paid up members. We always bring in new members. That has never been a problem with this lodge. But I want to keep the members we have. Please contact me so we can sit down and talk about why you have decided not to renew your membership. This is an important time for our lodge. Be a part of it. Help us, don't leave us.

The Exalted Ruler's ride for Disabled Children (Major Project) is slated for July 22nd. We will meet at the lodge sign in and ride out to Santa Paula. Stop at the Santa Paula Oil Museum and take in a very interesting museum which for the month of July will have an exhibit on vintage motorcycles, then we ride over to the airport for lunch. Have a good time and raise some monies and enjoy being an Elk. Look for information and the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the lodge. Pre registration is a must for every thing will be paid before we leave.

Every year at State Convention the Exalted Ruler have

the Exalted Rulers march where each lodge walks across the stage and presents the president with the lodge contributions of the previous year. I will be making that walk this year and I am happy to say that the ladies organization of our lodge has sweeten the pot. At the ladies monthly meeting lady president Carol Neuner presented us with a check for \$1000.00. I want to thank the ladies for their support of this charity of which our lodge is very involved in. The ever increasing need for services is met by the Elks members and friends of the California-Hawaii Elks association. You the members of this lodge are the reason the Major Project "Piggy bank" program succeeds in reaching out and touching over 60,000 children each year. Again thank you for your support.

David Naccarato

Exalted Ruler/Piggy bank chairman

'IMAGINATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN KNOWLEDGE'



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"

Anthony Myszka

Born: April 29, 1917
Initiated: April 22, 1987
Died: April 21, 2006



**A legend in our community- unsung heroes
in our midst
---The Elks Barbeque Teams---**

The wonderful smells and sights of oak wood burning, meat grilling, and bread toasting take place at our lodge every Saturday, as crowds line up to buy our legendary tri-tip sandwiches, succulent ribs and chicken. In addition to the weekly barbeque sales our fame in the community has spread that we are in hot demand for special outside barbeques such as Arbor Day, street fairs, car shows and field hockey tournaments. At these events crowds clamor for our food. In fact one of my former students played in the field hockey tournament last year at Moorpark College. One of her fondest memories was the taste of our barbeque sandwich. What a legend our teams are!!! At a Saturday barbeque my daughter Jodi's college roommate, a vegetarian, took one bite of Jodi's sandwich and bought one for herself. What a legend our teams are!!!

Thanks to Eddie Rice, barbeque chair, Herb Jellander and Jim Rochford, barbeque crew chiefs, in addition to being legends their teams are the main breadwinners- pun intended for our Lodge. The crews enable us to keep our doors open, fund charities and projects by realizing a weekly income of \$1500. What unsung heroes/heroines our teams are!!!!

The paperwork and extra tasks needed for the smooth running of the teams at the weekly barbeques and outside events falls on the shoulders, Eddie Rice, leader of the unsung heroes. When interviewed he stated that he puts in about 20 hours per week ordering product, doing paper work etc., as well as barbequing at least twice monthly. Remember this a volunteer job not a paying gig. Presently Eddie is looking for a co-coordinator to assist at outside events. What an unsung hero our Eddie is!!!!

For Eddie, Herb, Jim, and many an unsung crew member event day starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. There are grills, to light equipment to set up, and product to ready, before the hordes of customers arrive at 10 a.m. For the smooth assembly line to function, each crew needs about 8-10 persons. After the last customers are fed, the unsung heroes/heroines have to tear down and tally the receipts. I never realized the time commitment needed until I started working on a crew. It may sound like all work, but the humor, joking, and fellowship shared among the workers makes the time fly. Also it is through sharing a common mission and goal that life friendships have been made, just ask Ken Keeler and Tom Claunch or Jet Perry and Dee Swanson.

As we increase our presence at weekly barbeques and community events, our need for new workers has increased. We need more Elks to join a crew. Join the bands of barbequers. No special skills or talents are needed and on the job training is provided. From personal experience, it is a fun

**GRAND MARSHAL COUNTDOWN
Tumbleweed Tom says:
"Thank you, Pardners!!!"**

Grand Marshal Tumbleweed Tom and I would like to thank all of the people for their support through this year's Conejo Valley Days. It was a long six weeks, but was sprinkled with laughter and fun. We raised a little over \$20,000.00 with the help checkbooks from many people. We were also able to present Kelli the Kid and Hospice with a check from the Elks for \$1,000.00. Kelli did a great job representing the Conejo youth within the community and I'm sure I don't have to remind you how many of our now departed Elks and their families Hospice of the Conejo has helped over the years. You should be proud too, because it is only through your support that these actions can be made possible.

Our sincerest appreciation goes out to the following: Elks BBQ Team for the opening kickoff BBQ's and a delicious dinner for all of our golfers. El Konejo Kampers who donated \$1,000.00...you are an amazing group!! The PER Associated who kicked in \$500.00 for Tumbleweed. The Elks Ladies who put on two delicious dinners for Tom. To Jim & Ruth Mullen, Kathy Burns, David Anderson, Richard Goldner, Pete Nolan, Scott & Crystal Dool, Donna Hardy, Gene Ewald and Don & Dee Ansel for donating money, auction and/or raffle items. Donna & Donnie Long from ABC Balloon for keeping our campaign "flashing"! To our very organized Rummage Sale Team...Pat & Bill von Wittenburg, Don & Doris Newcomer, Joel & Bev Erickson, Ed & Donna Collieran, Kay Levesque, Dee Ansel, and Cheryl

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**Tommy and Sally Claunch with campaign manager David Pearson
doing what they do best promoting Elkdom**

filled chance to help the Lodge and build friendships. You may call the office and leave your name and phone number or attach your name to a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Become part of the legend, and become an unsung hero in our midst.

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LEADING KNIGHT
Catherine Koeritz**

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CVAC: Tom Hartin
COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota
CHARITY DINNERS: David Naccarato

Howdy partners!

**Congratulations to our new
Conejo Valley Grand Marshal, Tom Hartin.**

Conejo Valley has ended and all the "Streakers" (hotdogs that is) have been consumed. The weather was disappointing on Saturday but the sun came out on Sunday and quite a few were in their best western costumes.

It is events like Conejo Valley Days that introduce or reinforce what the Elks give to the community. We donate to the Special Kids Day, we take tickets at the gates during the carnival and sell Streaker dogs along with our delicious chicken and ribs. Most of us really enjoy the events during CVD. We volunteer out of the kindness of our hearts, help out our fellow Elks (especially the ones who are constantly working) and don't expect any material reward in return. My reward is being a good Elk and donating to our charities. Not to mention, that it's a great meeting place for people we don't see very often.

Our Ritual team took third place during the contest!

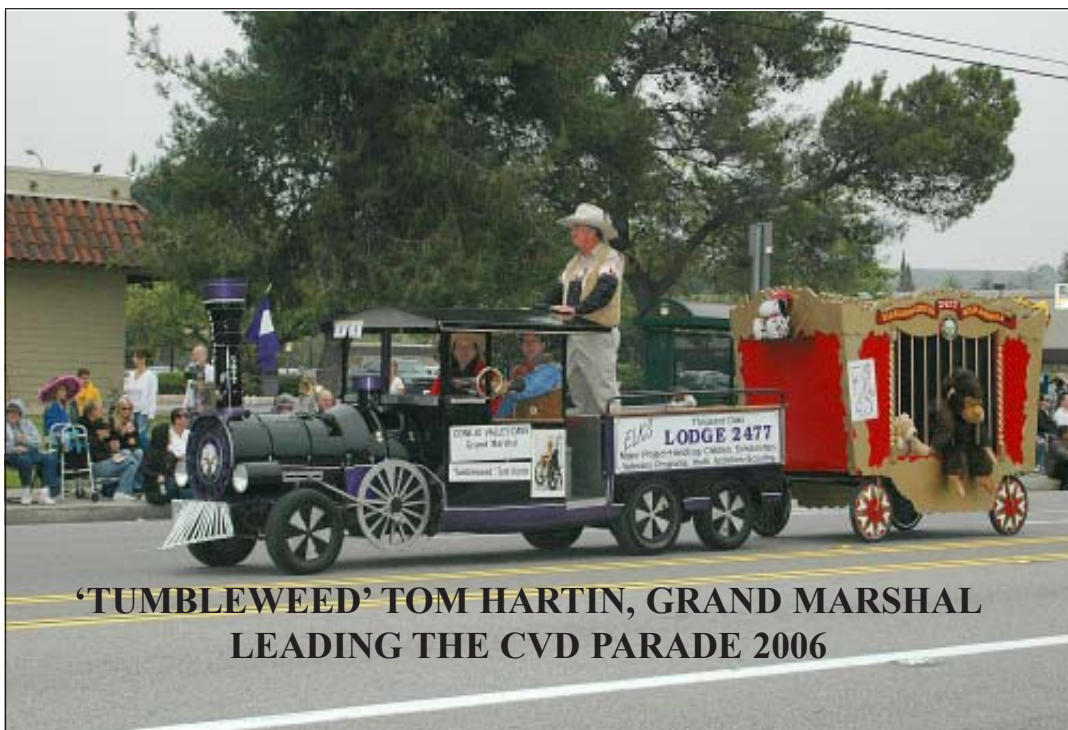
That is nothing to baulk about considering the competition we had. I think Santa Maria and Lompoc had it in for us. (Well, since we beat them out last year). Look out next year! - Bring it on...

The Leading Knight is responsible for Good of the Order. If you do not know what that is, please ask me. If you would like to donate an item and have the proceeds go to one of our committees, then by all means, see me. Good of the Order is conducted during every Wednesday meeting and we have three standard raffle prizes that we give away that night. One of the prizes can be a donation from a member. If this is something you would like to consider, again, please see or call me (805-492-8339).

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone, that Sickness and Distress is always in order. If you know of anyone who is down (or someone who recovered), please tell one of the Officers, so we can notify the members during the Wednesday night meetings.

Stay healthy and happy,

Your Leading Knight, Catherine



**'TUMBLEWEED' TOM HARTIN, GRAND MARSHAL
LEADING THE CVD PARADE 2006**



THIS IS A BRAND NEW EXPERIENCE!!!

Our May campout hasn't happened yet - but because of the Antics publishing deadline - I've been requested to "construct" an article - YUP that's right. So following the suggestions of our esteemed Editor, Former Editor (not quite sure how this is working now) Jerry Serota - I'm gonna give it a go. So bear with me - - -

The Ericksons who have given up the Thanksgiving Fest (for real this time) are planning a Chili Cookoff for our May campout (yet to happen). It is to be an "anything goes" chili, which should be a lot of fun. What I'm finding amusing is the reluctance of people to participate IF Joel cooks, cause he competes in various ICS (International Chili Society) sanctioned cookoffs and/or because their recipe is a copy of someone else's (Doris won't cook cause she'd be using Frank's recipe). Well folks, let me tell you - Joel has given his recipe to several of us (Bill included when we were still cooking regularly). It doesn't make a diddly darn - three or four or more people can be cooking from the EXACT same recipe, the same day - and none will taste the same. Heck, some (a lot of) cooks have a difficult time creating the "same pot" time after time. It is absolutely fascinating - understanding that timing, ambient temperature, (the phase of the moon, who knows) etc. WILL affect the results. At any rate, this oughta be an interesting experience.

Speaking of Joel, if you missed his Huevos Rancheros breakfast in support of "Tumbleweed Tom", you missed an epicurean delight! I don't have the "figures" but from where I sat - it appeared the sales were rolling right along.

The rummage sale was an experience - more about that elsewhere, but we learned something very valuable as an aside. While packing up the left overs, Ed Colleran, in his rush to assist in removing the electrical from the storage bin - leapt up onto one of the Lodge's "old tables". Ooops - didn't hold him - Crash Colleran strikes again. OH YA - right through the top - and off to the Emergency Room - fifteen stitches under his eye and out over his cheek bone. Now the object of these comments! The Colleran's motorhome needed to be relocated in order for our motorhome to be moved. The scene that ensued was nearly unbelievable - no one could figure out how to start their rig. One would think starting the engine would be a relatively simple task. Not so - after Bill vW and Joel Erickson's fiddling around for some time - as a last resort - we had to contact Donna on her cell phone at the hospital (where cell phones are supposed to be turned off) to get the "starting

instructions". This lead to the conclusion - PERHAPS we all should be familiar with minimal information regarding each others' rigs. Our idea is - create an outline of, at least, starting instructions, release of jacks, etc. Put printout in a sheet protector and place in an OBVIOUS location. In the alternative, we could all put it - let's see - where would a good place be that would not be apparent to those who do NOT need to know. How 'bout in the refrigerator or freezer? ? Works for me!

As in the past, the Kampers also pitched in "financially" to Tumbleweed Tom's campaign. You probably won't remember (some purposely forget) when I get on my soapbox regarding the Kampers' donations to various Lodge projects. The figures have been provided in the past - and it's usually in the 6 to 7 figures per year, yet the Kampers schedule is often ignored when the Lodge calendar is prepared. As my daddy usta say "Remember which side your bread's buttered on!"

Found this information in a recent issue of Motorhome magazine, thought it worthy of mention. "Dingy Tires Revisited - - - Turning the motorhome steering wheel when the motorhome is stopped is commonly done without thinking about the towed vehicle. Often done to get in/out of tight spots and go around corners from a dead stop.

While the M/H will turn fine - it drags the dinghy sideways. This is extremely hard on the dinghy tires and ALL of its front-end components."

How'd I do folks?



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LOYAL KNIGHT George Meehan

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



ENTERTAINMENT: Tom Ryder, PER
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PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Bill Miller

Today is Saturday May 6 and I am writing my article for the June issue of the Antler Antics. Now you say why are you telling this and I say that last night at the Lodge we celebrated Cinco de Mayo and the four newest members of our Lodge and their wives came and had a great time. Also today I went to the BBQ and here was Mike (Bud) Budenski a new member, cooking up a storm and really enjoying himself. At the past two regular meetings and a new facilities meeting here is new member Kevin Porter getting involved. That's what I like to see NEW MEMBERS coming and enjoying their Lodge and getting involved.

Last weekend was a busy one with Conejo Valley Days going strong and rummage sale at the Lodge and Ritual Contest going on at Ventura. All were successful, well pretty successful.

Now June is shaping up to be busy too. So, check the calendar enclosed and come on down and enjoy and support your Lodge.



FROM THE KITCHEN

Once again let's look into that dark hole where all of those good smells and food are coming from, the Elks kitchen!

More about our cooking crews and their specialties.

Sand Trap - Eagle - Divot

Sound like golf terms? You guess who is who and why! These three, Glenn Wellman, Mark Kennedy and Myrna Block, prepare some of the best pizza in town available for our Wednesday night dining. Some times Boyd Lindquist adds his expertise to this group but they have not given him a moniker as of yet. (Maybe Short Shot)

El Konejo Kampers

This happy group has been practicing for many years to give you some very good Kamptown Special breakfasts. Their support of our lodge and it activities has been outstanding. This is one of the ways they obtain funds to help the lodge. Some times it is entertaining just to watch them move about the kitchen especially when they misplace an order!

About Wednesday nights dinners. Dinners are available to all members and their spouses not only those that are going to attend the meeting! The only thing is that if you are not going to attend the meeting you have to leave the lodge at meeting time. Am going to try and get the start time for Wednesday dinners to 6 p.m. so as to give you more time to eat and not be rushed. So if you don't want to cook on Wednesday nights and see something good on the calendar COME ON DOWN! You can also buy your lotto ticket then.

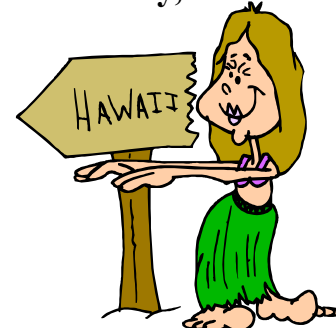
Need cooks, kitchen help and more food ideas. You do not have to be a cook or have a specialty to help in the kitchen. We need people to serve and prepare the food that is being served. That's where you can help, meet other Elks and support our lodge. Call me. Tom Walsh volunteered last month to join a crew. Happy to have him.

Fraternally

Tom Ryder, PDD - 805-497-1853

Island Luau Party to benefit Elks National Foundation (ENF)

Sat. July, 22nd



SCOUTING

Bill Miller. Com. Chair.



Pictured, from left to right, are Barry Sandefur (Cubmaster); Bill Miller (Lodge 2477 Scouting Com. Chair.); Mark Resnick (Pack Committee Chairman); Bill Sternberg (PER and Western Region Scouting Chairman); David Naccarato (Exalted Ruler Lodge 2477); Howard Seligman (Assistant Cub Master); and Greg Metzgus (PER).

(Front Row L-R) Ryan Sandefur, Tyler Resnick, Max Seligman

On 4-26-2006 a Unit Flag was presented to Cub Scout Pack 3763, one of the Scouting Units sponsored by Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477. Pack 3763 was formed less than 3 years ago in the Dos Vientos area of Newbury Park/Thousand Oaks with the help of then ER, Greg Metzgus. Although it began with a mere handful of boys, the Pack has quickly grown into an award winning Unit of over 40 boys and more than 40 registered parents. Two months ago they "bridged" a dozen of their Webelos into BSA Troop 754, also sponsored by Lodge 2477. Pack 3763 has been very supportive of Lodge events, including Flag Retirement ceremonies, marching in local parades with the Lodge "train" and presenting the Colors at special functions.



Dave, Karen and Tumbleweed Tom first in line waiting to start the CVD parade and our train just hummed all the way



Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN.

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

Comments: Theodore Roosevelt indeed wrote these words, not in 1907 while he was still president, the passages were culled from a letter he wrote to the president of the American Defense Society on January 3, 1919, three days before Roosevelt died.

"Americanization" was a favorite theme of Roosevelt's during his later years, when he railed repeatedly against "hyphenated Americans" and the prospect of a nation "brought to ruins" by a "tangle of squabbling nationalities."

He advocated the compulsory learning of English by every naturalized citizen. "Every immigrant who comes here should be required within five years to learn English or to leave the country," he said in a statement to the Kansas City Star in 1918. "English should be the only language taught or used in the public schools."

He also insisted, on more than one occasion, that America has no room for what he called "fifty-fifty allegiance." In a speech made in 1917 he said, "It is our boast that we admit the immigrant to full fellowship and equality with the native-born. In return we demand that he shall share our undivided allegiance to the one flag which floats over all of us."

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**LECTURING KNIGHT
Terry Baker**

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KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER



GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson
 TommyClaunch
LODGE PICNIC:
 David Naccarato/Tom Hartin
MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member
CHRISTMAS TREES:
 Herb Jellander/Terry Baker
EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Ed Colleran

Well ritual contest is over and back to normal. We did O.K., We were the team to beat and we wound up in 3rd Place. Lompoc was excellent and Santa Maria darn good. We had two repeats which put us two points behind at the start. "Maybe next Year."

Thanks to all who helped on the CVD BBQ, Streaker Dog W,agon and gate people too. We had a very successful event thanks to all of you.

The old train made it through the parade O.K. ER Dave had fun driving it. Going to Santa Maria in June for their parade and Rodeo.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS
 Sally Claunch, PER
 805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Tony Myszka on his passing; the family of Paul and Janet DiNubio on the passing of her mother.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Joan Hansen, widow of Neal has lung cancer; Steve Smith's cousin baby had brain swelling from a high fever; Tom Hardin's father-in-law has Hospice.

ON THE MEND: Vern Jossey is feeling fit.
REMEMBER CARDS AND PHONE CALLS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



Photo By Pete Padilla

**Tumbleweed Tom Hartin,
 Grand Marshal, CVD '06
 and his posse**

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Tumbleweed Tom

Templeton....great job!! (Hope I didn't forget anyone.) To Richard Goldner and Crew for some fabulous omelets. To Joel & Bev Erickson and Crew for a wonderful Mexican Breakfast.

You really can't run a campaign without people volunteering their time to make things happen. We were blessed to be helped by the following people: my wife, Annie, for a fun bowling night (couldn't forget that one!), Debi Fitzpatrick, Tommy & Sally Claunch, Jeanne Sandt, Debbie Hawthorne, Pete Padilla, Glenn Wellman, David & Karen Naccarato, Robert & Catherine Koeritz, Mary Ann Keeler, Dee Swanson, Max Maxwell, Pat & Toni Hartin, Jack Loughran, and Al Lanahan. And finally, a big, big, big load of thanks goes to everyone who participated in our events.....bowling, golf, hold 'em, raffles, dinners, breakfasts, etc.

If I forgot to mention someone, please know that you have a special place in our hearts. Take care and thank you again for all of your support.



NEW FACILITIES

Greg Metzgas, PER

For those of you that have been attending our Exalted Rulers New Facilities Progress Meetings, you are pretty much up to date on what has been going on. You all deserve a gold star. For those of you that haven't been able to attend, please read on.

The contract to develop the final plans for the facility has been awarded to Cardoni Group Architects. The bidding process was done per Grand Lodge instructions; 3 competitive bids. Cardoni Group's price was considerably lower than the other two bids and more work was included. Len has also agreed to waive some of his normal fees. Len has been and will continue to work with several knowledgeable members concerning the final floor plan. The members he is working with spend a lot of time at other lodges and have seen mistakes in their layouts. We will benefit by their oversights. I will display preliminary floor plan drawing in the lounge as they are developed. Anyone else that has input, please contact me. This lodge belongs to all of us.

The final bid set of plans will be completed in about 3 months. For reference, this article is being written on the 4th of May. At that point the plans will go out to at least 3 general contractors that have experience in projects like ours. They will

gather sub bids and submit a proposal to us. The proposal will be evaluated by the Trustees, the Exalted Ruler and by the Steering Committee. The bids will be public so anyone else that would like to review them is welcome to do so in the lodge office. A builder will be selected and work will commence. That puts us somewhere in August or September to start actual construction. Construction will take 12 to 15 months depending on the city and the weather.

In the mean time, other preliminary work can begin. There are permits to obtain, land to be cleared, an office to be relocated and provisions made for temporary wood storage among other tasks.

While all of this is going on the members have to remember that fund-raising for our new building cannot stop now. We have experienced increases in our building costs due to inflation and that is still occurring every day. Money that we raise for our new facility is money that we don't have to go out and borrow and then pay back. When fund raising events are announced I am sure that our membership will support them to the best of their ability.

For updates in between Antler Antic articles you can either attend a Wednesday night meeting or one of the Exalted Ruler's building update meetings. You can also e mail me at coppersmith@sprintmail.com.

BOND'S (DEBENTURE)

There are three ways the Thousand Oaks Elks lodge is attempting to raise the monies needed to build a new building and to get the grounds redone to a position where the city will approve our complete project.

New Facilities Fund #1 - This Donations Only Fund was established in 1991 by the then Leading Knight, Tom Ryder, and supported by many of the Exalted Rulers that followed. The monies raised in this fund are not costing the Lodge any interest; no interest is paid out to anyone. This is the preferred method of obtaining the funds needed to build our New Facility! Since its inception monies collected have been deposited in an interest bearing account thereby collecting interest. Most of the New Facilities costs to date have been paid out of this account.

New Facilities Fund #2 - This fund was established with the recent dues increase whereby an amount of monies collected as dues are to be set-aside for the New Facilities. These funds are interest free to the Lodge and are residing in an interest bearing account.

Debenture Bonds Fund - Currently the funds raised this way are paying the bondholders four percent interest. The Trustees and Bond committee are currently preparing a six and one half percent interest-paying bond for issuance. Current plans are for issuing a letter to the holders of these four percent bonds raising the interest paid from four percent to six and one half percent. Monies collected from the sale of these bonds are invested in an interest bearing

account. The new six and one half percent interest bonds should be available for purchase within the next month.

Monies collected for the New Facilities is as of May 3rd

New Facilities Fund #1 -	\$322,485
New Facilities Fund #2 -	\$24,987
4% Bonds sold to date plus interest -	\$150,450
New Facilities funding to date -	\$497,922

These three Funds are restricted funds whereby monies from these funds are to be spent for New Facilities projects only.

New Facilities fund # 1 is still open for those wishing to donate. Fundraisers will continue to raise money for this fund. Debenture Bonds are also available for persons desiring to support the project with income as an objective.

Fraternally -
 David Naccarito - Exalted Ruler - Bond Committee
 Sally Claunch - PER - Bond Committee
 Tom Ryder - PDDGER - Bond Committee

EASTER EGG PARTY

RITUAL CONTEST, VENTURA 2006



Don Ansell, PER Com. Chair, announced the winners of the Easter Eggs that said Exalted Ruler and First Lady for special prizes

Bill Lloyd, DL, Exalted Ruler, David Naccarato, 3rd Place and Richard Owen, DL



Lucky winners of the Easter eggs marked Boy and Girl

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The July meeting for the Ladies has been changed to the 11th of July because of the holiday (4th of July). The time of the meeting is 7:30.

June, Family, Friends, Children, Grandchildren, what do these things all have in common? They are all part of

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Pay tribute to that favorite man or men in your life the easy way. Let the Lodge do the work for you. Bring your family and friends to the Lodge on June 18th to partake in the fine food that the Ladies will prepare for you. Brunch will be served from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

I have been hearing this question around the Lodge. Is it summer yet? After such a long, cold rainy season I am ready for some nice sunny days. Time for picnics in the park, families getting together, a dip in the ocean or just a nice walk. What ever your pleasure in life is, now is the time to get out and do it. Just make sure that you make and take time to love and to laugh.

Congratulations to our ritual team on their third place win.

God Bless

Alice Kennedy



THANK YOU, GOD, FOR NEVER LEAVING US
Marilyn Cissell

With fears and sadness in our world,
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The good things you have planned for us,
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Yet when sad happenings occur,
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Amen

June

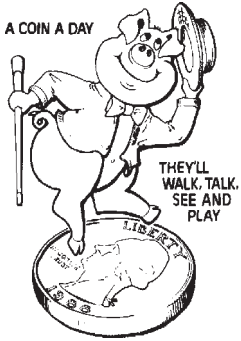
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| 6. | Donald Murdock | | Ronald Hull | 27. | Todd Turnham |
| | Gene Iannotti | 17. | John Mikowski | 28. | Dean Nash |
| 8. | Woody Hammer | 18. | David Ortiz | 29. | Mark Fonvergne |
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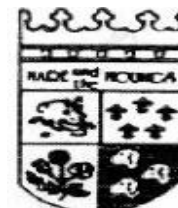
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