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Exalted Ruler




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'Elkdom  the Winning Hand'



## Legends in Concert at T.O. Lodge

### September 16th

\$25 per person  
6 pm  
prime rib dinner/show

Neil Diamond  
Patsy Cline  
Jim Croce  
Bobby Darin  
Dusty Springfield  
Elvis Presley  
Frank Sinatra



NEW FACILITIES FUND RAISER

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LOUNGE IN LATE AUGUST



**District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 2006 - 2007  
Malcolm (Mac) Clark**

Mac Clark is a long time resident of the Orcutt and Santa Maria area. He attended elementary school in Orcutt and is a graduate of Santa Maria Union High School. After graduating from high school he

enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served honorably. After his discharge he worked various jobs until he found employment with Union Oil Company where he worked for over 33 years working his way up through the ranks to the position of District Area Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor.

Mac's involvement in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks began when he was asked to join the Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 in April of 1981. Shortly after joining he became active as a Greeter in the Lodge, meeting and greeting members and guests as they arrived at the Lodge. Later on his services were enlisted to help with other committee jobs, table set up crew, Bar-B-Que Team, Secretary for the Touring Elks Motorcycle Club and others. The first officer position in the

Lodge was his appointment to serve as the Inner Guard. He continued on through the corps of officers until the time he was elected to the office of Exalted Ruler for the lodge year 1993-1994. During this time he held various chairmanships, Americanism, Flag Day, Indoctrination, Friday Night Cook Your Own, Building Committee and others. Following his year as Exalted Ruler he was elected to serve a five-year term on the Board of Trustees, one of which was the Chairman of the Board. Over the past years he served the West Central Coast District as a Ritual Contest Word Judge, Chairman for the Elks National Foundation, Americanism, Indoctrination, Government Relations and Scholarship. In 2003-2004 he served as The Esquire for the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. In 2004-2005 he had the distinct honor to serve as State Vice President for the West Central Coast District. Now in 2006 -2007 Mac has been selected to serve as the "District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler" for the Grand Lodge within West Central Coast District.

Mac has been married to his wife Mary Lou for a little over 29 years. They have resided in the Orcutt area since 1977 and between them have 5 children, 7 grand children and 1 great grandchild, all of which live in different areas across the United States.

**CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT  
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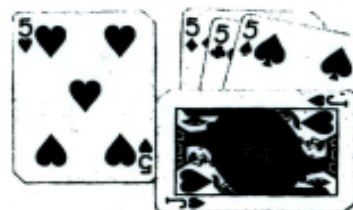
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**September 10, 2006**

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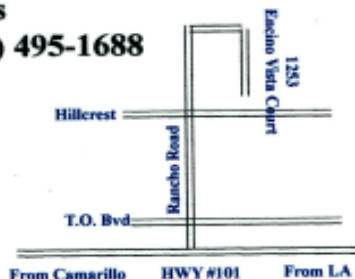
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2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

  
**EXALTED RULER**  
**David Naccarato**

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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**BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:**  
 Robert Jones

September is already here. My year as Exalted Ruler is in full swing and we are still trying to sort things out. Let me talk a bit

**ON RECOGNITION.** Although I was delighted and excited to have my picture with my wife in the Elks National Magazine I would like to come clean and offer an apology. I had nothing to do with the Easter Egg Hunt. P.E.R Don Ansell 1990-1991 and his wife Dee colored two cases of eggs, collected toys all year long and whatever was left over they donate to the Christmas baskets. Two Eggs were hidden that had E.R. and First Lady on them. The children in the picture were the ones who found the eggs, so they took our picture. The article did not mention who was responsible for putting on the event and for that I apologize. Nothing underhanded was intentional. It just got passed over, and I am sorry, Don. You do a great job for this lodge and for that I commend you!!

**ON MORE RECOGNITION.** We had our State Vice President, Tony Markarian, visit out lodge and dinner was spectacular and was prepared by Bobby Williams and the Crazy Krew. I have had to call upon Bobby Williams on more than one occasion and he has always stepped up to the plate. Thank You Mr. Williams, and the Crazy Krew.

**ON CARPET CLEANING.** We can thank Fred Trzcinski and Max Maxwell for the wonderful job they did on cleaning our carpets in the Lodge room. Finger Snaps to you guys!!!

**ON GRAND LODGE.** Grand Lodge was very exciting and I thank the lodge for allowing me to go. Over 8,000 Elks were in attendance. We talked about a lot of things and learned a lot. One thing I found interesting was when a motion was made on the floor and it needed to have a second. Everyone stood, shouting out their name and the name and number of their lodge. It was amazing, and exciting. I asked what was going on. I found out that these people were trying to get their lodge recorded in the minutes of a Grand Lodge session. Later in the week these people brought bull horns, megaphones and any device that was loud enough to be heard above the crowd, so the Grand Exalted Ruler would pick them. But I also found that when it came to reading the minutes from the previous Grand Lodge session, time did not allow for their names to be read. Thus no one hears their name anyway, but it is still in the minutes.

**ON SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER.** September 10th. at 1:00 at Rick Herrera's fabulous home and manicured back yard we will be having the one and only scholarship fund raiser. We will have deep fried turkey and fixings with horse shoes and ping pong. or you can play a hand of Cribbage with Patti Serota. I'll take anyone on in Ping Pong. All this for \$25.00 per person. There will also be a silent auction with a lot of neat stuff to bid on. Plan to attend remember- Elks Care Elks Share.

**ON CHARITY.** Last month we hosted an event to raise money and awareness for the crippling disease of Multiple Sclerosis. We opened our Lodge to a sort of "battle of the bands". Our P. E. R. Association put on a Bar B. Que and donated a portion back to the benefit. It was a win outing for our lodge. We got a lot of press and our name out to the public. Many thanks to Gil Riding PER and Jay Block PER, Tom Hartin and Roy Cooper for cooking up a wonderful meal and might I add a first time duty officer, Cherri Peterson, was here from bell to bell. I hung out to escort non Elks to the bar to purchase drinks. It was a perfect afternoon. Our Bar Manager, Glenn Wellman, acted as host and did the serving. They want to come back next year- maybe in our new lodge.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

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



**THE GOLDEN HOUR OF  
 RECOLLECTION"**  
**Robert S. Cissell**

**Born:** May 8, 1925  
**Initiated:** February 18, 1947  
**Died:** August 4, 2006

**ARTHUR H. FROST III**  
**GRAND EXALTED RULER**  
**2006-2007**

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



ARTHUR H. FROST III, born August 2, 1944, to Arthur H., Jr. and Leona Frost, grew up with his two younger sisters Terry and Mary Ellen in Oak Ridge, Tennessee where he attended school. Graduating from Oak Ridge High School in 1962, he continued his education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering with Majors in Propulsion Systems and Heat Transfer in 1967.

Known to his friends and associates as "Jack" he began both his family life and professional career in June of 1967, with marriage to Sharon Beth Anderson on June 11th, and then one week later as a junior engineer in Huntsville, Alabama with a consulting firm to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. While working for NASA, he was recognized for distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the success of the Sky Lab Mission with a NASA Director's Special Commendation, one of only seven given. In 1974, he moved back to Oak Ridge to work for Martin Marietta Corporation where he spent the next 24 years, as Engineer, Principal Engineer, Section Head, and ultimately Department Head. In 1998, he joined Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) as a Project Manager in Information Technology. In 2004, Jack joined Bechtel Jacobs Company LLC as Manager of the company's Information Technology Application Department.

Initiated into Oak Ridge Lodge No. 1684 in November of 1977, he was appointed Chaplain in April of 1978 and six months later, Esquire. He subsequently progressed through the chairs while also serving on most of the Lodge Committees, culminating in being elected

Exalted Ruler for 1982-1983. Jack served as Secretary in his Lodge from 1990 through 1997 and continues to serve as the Chairman of the Budget and Auditing Committees. He was elected to Honorary Life Membership in 1999.

His talents were recognized by the Tennessee Elks Association beginning in 1982, when he served with distinction as a member of the Public Relations Committee. A member of the State Ritual Committee for 20 years and Chairman for four, he was also Chairman of the Elks Training Committee for two years, Chairman of the MVSS Committee for four years, Editor of the state bulletin for six years, and Chairman of the Elks "Soccer Shoot" for two years. He founded and was Chairman for five years of the state Technology Committee and is a member of the Leadership Committee and the "Thirsty Thespians." In 1992, he was inducted into the Tennessee Elks Hall of Fame. He served as Vice-President of the East District in 1984, co-founded the Exalted Ruler/Secretary Seminar in 1999 and was State President in 1998-1999.

His abilities earned him the respect of Grand Lodge in 1988 with his appointment as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the East District of Tennessee, then as a Special Representative from 1998 through 1999, and in 2000, he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Membership Committee. In 2002, Jack was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees, and served as Building Applications-West, Pension Member, Approving Member and Chairman of the Board in 2005-2006.

Jack and Sharon have two daughters, Michelle Diane and Jennifer Ann, and one grandchild, Johnny, 2. Jack and Sharon are members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Oak Ridge where he has served as usher and they both have taught Sunday school. Jack enjoys golf, restoring cars, and furniture making while Sharon enjoys gardening, cross stitch, and reading. Jack is active in his community, building parade floats, helping with community fund-raisers, and as a benefactor and sponsor of the high school band.

Sharon, raised as the daughter of a 53-year Member- PER - Past State President - Past Grand Lodge Committeeman, also believes in Elksdom's values and has always supported and been a part of Jack's efforts. They both look forward to many years of continued service in demonstrating that Elks are an Enduring Legacy Kindling Service, and that *"Elks Care - Elks Share."*

**ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING**  
**SEPTEMBER 16TH**



**NEW FACILITIES**

Greg Metzgus, PER

For those of you that have not heard, the City of Thousand Oaks initiated the zone change on the lots we own that are zoned R1. This should put to rest all of the concerns that the city doesn't really want us to build a new lodge. This action by the city saved us about \$6,000 in filing fees and who knows how much time. All of our property (4 lots) will now be zoned as PL1 and will be combined into one property. This has a large impact on the project. We will be credited for 3 water hook ups and 3 sewer hook ups. There will now be only one electrical service to our property. All of these changes help us and the city.

We also saved some money in our survey fees. The neighbor building the condo project south of us was required to submit a survey showing the property lines of the parcels adjacent to his property. It was found that the property lines on record were off by a considerable amount. When all of the corrections were made, the work became public record and we were able to use his submittals.

The plot plan has been adjusted to allow for proper drainage of our parking lot. When the new parking lot is complete, there will no longer be an access by vehicle from Conejo School Road. Where our entrance is now (near the BBQ wagon) there will be a drainage sump. The access to the parking lot will be from Los Feliz. There will be two driveways with an entrance and exit at both.

One of our generous members, Richard Iberra, has donated his time and expertise to complete the tree survey required by the city. This is one of the many requirements to secure a final building permit. There are 3 oak trees that our project will have an impact on. One is on our property and two are on the parcel to the east of us. Our new project will be in the drip line of those two trees so an impact report is required. Thank you Richard for your support and help in this project.

Our bonds will be ready to issue soon. The financing of this project can be very costly if we use a commercial lender. So much so that it may prevent us from completing everything we want to complete. The

interest rate on our bonds is very attractive for a small investment, 6½%. The best way you as a member can help start and complete this project is to purchase as many bonds as your financial condition will allow. It is better for us to spend money on our new lodge rather than pay points and closing costs for a commercial loan.

Next month we will have our bid set of plans. The plans will go out for bid to at least 3 general contractors and when the numbers come back, we will select a builder. Shortly thereafter, the land clearing and building will start. Please be assured, the final decision to build rests with the Trustees. No one can sign a contract for our lodge except them. This project will not be started until it is certain that it can be completed without causing any financial hardship to our lodge. We have all worked hard to get this far and as much as we all want a new lodge, it has to work financially. The cost projections we have made are affordable. If the final price comes back too high, we will have to make adjustments. If adjustments are required and they are of a major nature, the membership will be informed and if necessary be called upon to make a decision. This lodge belongs to all of us and we want everyone to be a part of the process.

Thank you all for your support. You can keep up to date weekly by attending the Wednesday meetings or by attending the New Facilities meetings scheduled by the Exalted Ruler.

**A BELATED THANKS**

We would like to give a big note of thanks to all who sent cards, flowers, the many phone calls, and especially the prayers during our times of sickness and needs. They were all appreciated so very much, especially for 2 members who helped Bill with his hospital needs. To Bob Saynay who gave so much of his time and energy by taking him back and forth to the hospital, and to Gil Riding who closed his shop 2 hours early to bring him home from the hospital. The sacrifices are many, and the rewards are few. But the help given to a brother Elk and his family during their times of need will forever be remembered and appreciated.

Bill and Flo Lloyd

**EDITOR'S CORNER**

Sally Claunch, PER  
*sclaunch@adelphia.net*  
 articles due 5th of month  
 send as Word attachment



People can wear many hats in their life—worker, husband, father, neighbor, Elk, Kamper, and friend. But it is the rare person who can wear all the hats well. Bob Cissell was one of those rare ones. As a worker he was appreciated and acknowledged as a skilled and gifted craftsman carpenter who completed tasks in a competent manner. As a husband of over 30 years, he was loving and devoted to Marilyn. He appreciated her unique qualities and talents. As a father his children loved him for his caring ways. As a neighbor he was quiet and minded his own business. As an Elk for 59 years he serviced our Lodge as both trustee and bar manager. Being rewarded for his service, he was named Elk of the Year. As a Kamper he always lent a hand be it at poker or assisting a fellow camper. As a friend he had a gruff exterior by the marshmallow caring interior shown through to many. I knew him most wearing the friend, and Kamper hat. He and I shared many a laugh or game of poker. I loved him and I will miss his smile and voice.

My hat is off to you—Bob—enjoy your stay in heaven with Lee Hewitt and Vince Bailie—eating breakfast on a local cloud.

**RELAY FOR LIFE SURVIVORS LAP  
 SEPTEMBER 30TH  
 10 A.M.  
 NEWBURY PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

I would like us cancer survivors from the Lodge to be part of the opening ceremony for the Relay for Life this year. The walk is one lap around a track, barely 200 yards. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me (Sally Claunch) at 495-0577 and I will show you how to apply on-line or in person. The cost is \$15 which includes a T-shirt and medallion. It is a very powerful and moving experience. I participated last year. Hoping to hear from you SURVIVORS.

**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.

**Doug Routh - Member #552**

This member will be nominated at a regular meeting of the lodge to be held on September 5, 2006 and will be balloted on the meeting held on September 19, 2006.

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY**

Bro. Earl please accept our sincere apologies for the oversight of your birthday,

**Happy Birthday**

**Dr. Earl Pittman, PDDGER, August 1st.**

In switching files to our new editor's computer your birthday got lost in cyberspace.

Yours in Elkdome,  
 Jerry Serota

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

September 10-Scholarship Fund Raiser  
 September 16-New Facilities -Legends in Concert  
 September 22-Jr. PER Roast

October 15-Flag Retirement Ceremony  
 October 21-Charity Ball (Octoberfest)

November 2-4-Mid Term Convention  
 November 5-Veterans Brunch

December 1-Tree Trimming Party  
 December 3-Elk Memorial Service  
 December 5-Elk Ladies Christmas Party  
 December 8-ER Christmas Party  
 December 9-Kid's Christmas Party  
 December 10-Kampers Brunch  
 December 12-15-Holiday Baskets Preparation  
 December 16-Delivery of Baskets  
 December 31-New Year's Eve Party

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>LEADING KNIGHT</b> <b>Catherine Koeritz</b>	2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
<b>MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:</b> <b>David Naccarato</b> <b>SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:</b> Sally Claunch <b>INVESTIGATION:</b> George Meehan <b>ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:</b> <b>Myrna Block</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS BASKETS:</b> Catherine Koeritz <b>INDOCTRINATION:</b> Jack Loughran, PER <b>MEM. CONTROL. COM.:</b> Herb Jellander <b>CVAC:</b> Tom Hartin <b>COMMUNITY RELATIONS:</b> Jerry Serota <b>CHARITY DINNERS:</b> David Naccarato

It takes a village to raise a child. Familiar saying? In our case it takes a group to raise an event. We are always in need of help. Our events throughout the year add success to our lodge and charities.

It's a difficult task to raise money for events that members don't see directly. A good example of this is the Elks National Foundation otherwise known as ENF. The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities. If you would like to learn more about ENF, visit the website at: <http://www.elks.org/enf/>

Last month Myrna Block coordinated a Luau for the ENF. I had a great evening. The band was great but the dancers were a little scary (if you know what I mean). I think Jay likes to parade in his grass skirt and coconuts. I felt sorry for their son they somehow coerced into dancing with them. It was all in good fun and they are good sports. Thank you Myrna for undertaking this event. You did a great job!

**OKTOBERFEST! (CHARITY BALL) OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

Speaking of great jobs, we are approaching another fundraising event, usually called The Charity Ball. This time it will be in October and guess what the name is? Oktoberfest! With Marva and Johnny D cooking up a mouth-watering dinner of Rolled Beef (Roulade) with sweet-n-sour red cabbage and wide noodles, how could you miss this? Of course we will have to serve the German chocolate cake!

Historians say that Oktoberfest originated in 1810 as a wedding feast over in Bavaria. It seems to me to be the celebration of the arrival of hearty-eating-season. By the way, despite the name, Oktoberfest is held during the last two weeks of September with plenty of food, beer,

music and merrymaking. It sounds better to hold it in October.

I will be selling raffle tickets for some great prizes that I will give away that night. My idea of having this fundraiser a little earlier in the year is so we can enjoy this before the holiday season is upon us.

This event is the fundraiser for the charity baskets and other charitable works throughout the year. One week in December we close the lodge room and put together baskets (or boxes) of food items and toys for the children and distribute them to families in our community.

Our ER Dave will have to follow the tradition of Munich with it's mayor's exclamation "Ozapft is", or as it sounds in High German "Angezapft ist es" which means, "It's been tapped". The mayor taps the first keg of beer and Oktoberfest thus gets started.

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

Sally Claunch  
495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** Marilyn Cissell and family on the passing of Bro. Bob Cissell.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS :** Bugsy Ansell, PER from a heart attack and stint placement.

**ON THE MEND:** Irv Koeritz from by-pass surgery; PER, Jim Wallace's sister from a stroke; Raven West's dad from effects of dialysis; Norm Panczak from surgery and Bill Lloyd, DL, is on the road of recovery.

**REMEBER CARDS AND CALLS  
ARE APPRECIATED!!!**

## CHILI/ BARBECUE COOKOFF COMING SOON TO T.O



### Hello to all fellow BPOE 2477 Lodge members;

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Lee Westenhiser and I have lived here in T.O. since May of 1965. During the time I have lived here, I have been involved in many fund raising activities in the community and you may or may not know that I am the person that started the Thousand Oaks Chili Cookoff 29 years ago. I had a vision then about that event and when I was asked after the second year by the CVD committee to consider bringing it in as a CVD event. I told the committee that soon it would become the largest single event of CVD. Well you should have seen them laugh at me and point their fingers while rolling on the floor as if I had just told the funniest joke they had ever heard. You only get 1 guess, but guess what I do now every year of the Chili Cookoff?.

For the last couple of years I have been thinking of starting something new here for another community fundraiser and 4 months ago I decided to proceed with a new event. As many of you have already heard, I have decided to do a combination Chili and Barbecue competition here in T.O. Because I have been associated with the lodge here (member # 790) for a little while and the recent increase in dues for the NEW construction, I felt that this was the perfect thing for the lodge as a on going fund raiser for the lodge that would really help in a big way for the new construction and also be able to reduce the dues to a more reasonable amount. I am not sure, but this may be YOUR only opportunity to do something about it. This being said, we have this project but we need the help and support of some of the lodge members. By the way, we are not the only Elks Lodge that has decided on getting into Barbecue Cookoffs as fundraisers.

With my 30 plus years in fund raising I know how to put things together and I also have many contacts that help, but I cannot do this alone and I am asking lodge members to help with this worthwhile endeavor for the lodge.

For the last 4 months I have traveled to some of the Barbecue competitions to learn as much as I can as to see what works and things that just do not work. On Memorial weekend Joel Erickson and I flew up to Boulder City Nevada to get involved in Barbecue. On Thursday evening we attended a class certified by the Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) and became certified Barbecue Judges. On Friday evening we judged what is called "anything butt". This category is for things that are not belonging to official competition items. Saturday we judged the official 4 categories of competition Barbecue. We spent as much time as we could meeting competitors, event officials (Rotary Club) and talked with spectators.

We did this to start learning as much as we can about all phases of these events. It is more different than Chili cookoffs in many ways. Barbecue is VERY SOFISTICATED in comparison. Joel is on the road and if he can find any Barbecue

events while on the road he plans on attending. I just returned from Memphis TN. and attended a Judge's class (with about 80 other people) and I am now Memphis Style Judge and will be judging the Memphis In May event in May of 2007. This is one of the 3 most prestigious Barbecue competitions in the US. I plan on traveling to more of these to gather as much information as I can. With any event, the first time will be judged by both the public and the competitors and that will determine the success or failure of an event, and I am here to tell you that this **WILL BE A SUCCESS.**

I do want to let you in a little of what I have been able to put together so far. All 4 of the major market chains here in the Conejo Valley will help Co-Sponsor, Wells Fargo bank is bringing 1 of their Stage Coaches for us. I am going after most of the markets too not only to supply us with products but also going for \$2500 each also including Wells Fargo. I do have others in talks for cash contributions. I am talking with the Cattle Woman's association to donate 10-11 cases of Tri-Tips to the lodge, I also will have the bread donated, pure profit for the Tri-Tip sandwiches. We have the Budweiser concessions and contributions. We have an unlimited supply of Avocados from Mission Produce if we want to do a Guacamole booth also pure profit. We have the gate receipts; we can have a Margarita booth also. I have a lot of other things I am working on also. This is really just the beginning.


Some of the people Joel and I have both met in Boulder City have said that they will come to our event and also help in areas where needed. In addition people I met in Memphis (the organizers) said they would also like to help if needed, some of that good old Southern Hospitality I guess. Why don't we show them that we can do it and they can have a good time enjoying the people of the Conejo Valley and the event? I bet that they will see some of the innovative things we will be doing that they have not thought of. This is where we can get the best publicity back to the Barbecue community.

Joel and I cannot do everything; we need help with a few things now and more later. I need about 10 people now that each will head up a committee with help under you. Both Joel and I will also help and guide you with this. As time goes on I will be at the lodge more and more, so if anyone wants updates or information, just come and ask. Please believe me time is of the essence. For those of you that have seen the movie the Shaw Shank Redemption, my favorite line in the movie was "Get busy Dying or Get busy Living". I know what I'm going to do; can you say the same thing?

By the way, Joel and I will both be spear heading this event together.

Thanking all of you in advance,  
Lee Westenhiser



<p>2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS</p>	<p><b>LOYAL KNIGHT</b> <b>George Meehan</b></p>	<p>2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS</p>
<p><b>CONEJO VALLEY DAYS:</b> Ed Rice  <b>LODGE ACTIVITIES:</b> Glenn Wellman  <b>SCOUTING:</b> Bill Miller  <b>HOOPSHOOT:</b> Tom Hartin  <b>WED. NIGHT DINNERS:</b> Tom Ryder, PER  <b>DRUG AWARENESS:</b> Karen Naccarato  <b>STRAY ELKS:</b> Herb Jellander</p>		<p><b>MOTHER'S DAY:</b> Raven West  <b>ENTERTAINMENT:</b> Tom Ryder, PER  <b>WED. NIGHT TICKETS:</b> Steve Smith  <b>LAW ENFORCEMENT &amp; FIRE FIGHTER</b>  <b>APPRECIATION:</b> Scott Dool  <b>PRESIDING JUSTICE:</b> Dick McCann  <b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES:</b> Bill Miller</p>

On Friday, August 11, CHEA President, Jim Mason visited our lodge. He and his Lady were feted to a fine dinner of chicken and ribs, prepared by PER's Tom Ryder, Gil Riding, Chet Kozlowski and crew. Many lodges from the West Central Coast District were represented by their officers as well as other lodges from throughout the state. August has been a busy month with many activities taking place. I hope our NEW MEMBERS are taking part in these activities in Elkdom.

September looks as though it will also be busy with lots to do. A New Facilities Fund Raiser (dinner and a show) will be held on Saturday, September 23 and of course will need to be supported by all of our members. Don't forget, a majority of our members voted for a new lodge. It will never happen if we all don't support the fund raisers toward that goal. So, I hope to see you all there. Active members are happy members and happy members make the lodge a great place to be.

Your Loyal Knight, George Meehan



**PUBLIC RELATIONS**  
Jerry Serota, Com. Chair.

**Article from public relations chair which appeared in the Star Your Hub newspaper**

On Saturday July 22nd the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 donated \$1,700 from a successful Luau party benefiting the Elks National Foundation which is the Scholarship arm of Elkdom, and Chaired by Committee member, Myrna Block.

There were seventy members and guests who enjoyed traditional Hawaiian fare of pork, beef, chicken, rice, Polynesian salad and dessert by master chefs Tom Ryder, PDDGER, Chet Kozlowski, PER and their hard working crew.

Entertainment was provided by the Renegades and PERs, Jay Block, Bill Sternburg and Mark Block complete with illuminated head dress, coconuts and grass skirts. A magnum of Chevas Regal donated by PDDGER, Tom Ryder was one of the premier prizes raffled off. Tom Hartin did a great job of decorating the lodge for the occasion.

Patti Serota was honored with a certificate of appreciation for her volunteering as the Go to Lady by Exalted Ruler, Dave Naccarato for her cashier duty on Friday Night dinners and for handling telephone committee assignments.



ER, Dave Naccarato and Myrna Block presenting Patti Serota with her certificate of appreciation.

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER**

September 15th

**Russian Beef Stroganoff  
on Buttery Noodles**

with salad & Fancy bread

by: *Crystal Wildflower Dool  
and Buds*

\$10

*Come Early & Stay Late*



## BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Max Maxwell/Tom Hartin

### Notes from the Maintenance Guys.....

In the last two months we have accomplished a lot to make our Lodge a little better looking and more comfortable. New bulletin boards in the patio, (my apologies to the ladies who had to listen to the noise while I hung them) and another designed to use with an easel for special occasions. Plaques and pictures have been moved, moved again, hung and re-hung. New steps were made for the entrance in the back of the office building. We found a very interesting collection under the old steps which included 7 bases for the orange and white towers we occasionally use to rope off areas, a half dozen soda pop cans, a gin bottle with 2 shots left in it, 56 cents in change and a couple of pounds of assorted nails, bolts and screws and about four bushels of other debris. Two new doors were made for the South side of the Lodge building and Tom Hartin cleaned the CO2 and water heater lockers. We had a water leak near the stalker dog wagon fixed by your Lecturing Knight, Mr. Terry Baker. Terry has also put in hours of weed whacking around the Lodge. Under the guidance and direction of Mr. Fred Trzcinski we managed to clean the carpets. Brother Dick Flitner has been repairing and installing new 'lazy susan's' on our lounge bar stools and footing the bill for the hardware. The ones he has finished are better than new. Brother Dick Churik has been redoing the upholstery on the stools where needed. Brother John Peterson, who donates the filters for the air conditioning/heaters units which are changed ever few months at no cost to our Lodge, donated and put up the new moving marquee.

On top of all that, smooth talkin' Brother Tom Ryder, PDDGER, shanghai'd us into the end of the month cook-ur-own Steak dinner gig. Tom Hartin took a hard look at all the things we had done and all the things on our honey do list and promptly took off parts unknown. Terry and I grumbled a little about the way we were nudged into the cook-ur-own thing, but decided to give it a try. If you remember last year we quit doing that dinner because of lack of interest, but the last two dinners have been fun and we managed to put a few bucks into the Lodge coffers. Many thanks to Dean and Kathie Reichle, who have done yeoman work in the kitchen and who are a pleasure to be around. I took a little poll at the last dinner to seek suggestions for side dishes and desserts. Baked potatoes and ice cream won hands down – caviar came in dead last, and we had some other good ideas. By the way, if you would like one of our staff to cook your steak we will be happy to do so. Remember that on August 20<sup>th</sup> (the jump off day for the Laughlin trip) the patio will be closed until Tuesday afternoon while we clean and paint the floor. Hopefully it will look better and be easier to clean.

Brother Jim Allen trimmed the branches off the big eucalyptus on the Southeast corner of our property. The branches were actually leaning on the newly constructed town homes and I have been worried for sometime about our liability.

By the way, your maintenance crew has been dubbed into knighthood and we now have our own mail box in the office so if anyone wishes to make comments or suggestions, or just say hi you can drop a note there.

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### BBQ NOTES

The big news is that we replaced the log splitter. Wow what a hassle. When we originally tried to purchase the splitter, they were back ordered. To make matters worse, because of a misunderstanding of how the store operated we were way down on the list. We begged, pleaded, prodded and bribed, and thanks mainly to the efforts of Jim Mullan we finally we got the machine - of course we broke it in a month. In the mean time as luck would have it we managed to get about eight more cords of wood - wood that needed to be split. Our wood yard had so many rounds in it that were having a hard time getting to the piles of split wood for the barbeque. Brother Joe Clancy with his talent to operate a back hoe solved that problem. During the time we were waiting for another log splitter Brother Mullan stayed in contact with the store manager, begging, pleading, prodding and bribing once again. Hurray! We have the new splitter and its up and operating.

During our recent heat spell working around the barbeque pit made me wonder where my old turnout coat and boots were. It has been on the warm side. To help alleviate the problem Richard Goldner donated a mist system and hung it around the cover over the tables we use for food preparation. It makes a big difference. Thank you Brother Richard. BBQ chairman, Ed Rice found us a few more 'off campus' gigs. We barbequed for a special sale at Hollywood Storage in Newbury Park, a benefit for Many Mansions. It was a great success and the furniture sale had deals that even the best of us couldn't turn down. We also did a barbeque for the Canine Adoption and Rescue League in Ventura.

On Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> we are doing the car show sponsored by the Red Line Corvette Club and on October 1<sup>st</sup> the Westlake car show. Outside events give us the opportunity to meet many interesting and dedicated people. Hopefully we can get some of them to join the ranks of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Ed Rice has been contacted to do a special event sometime in October for a child with some very severe medical problems. Come join us. This is what Elkdom is all about.

**SEE SALLY GET TOASTED  
SEPTEMBER 22TH  
JOIN THE ROASTING OR WATCH**

# Building a New Lodge

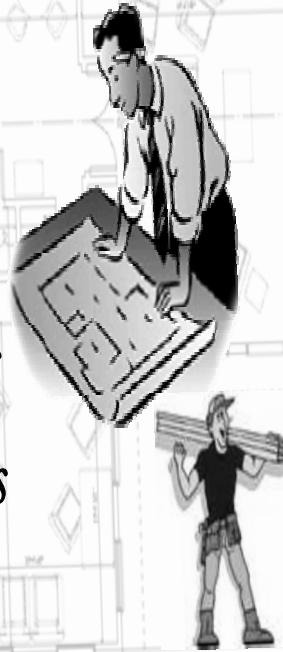
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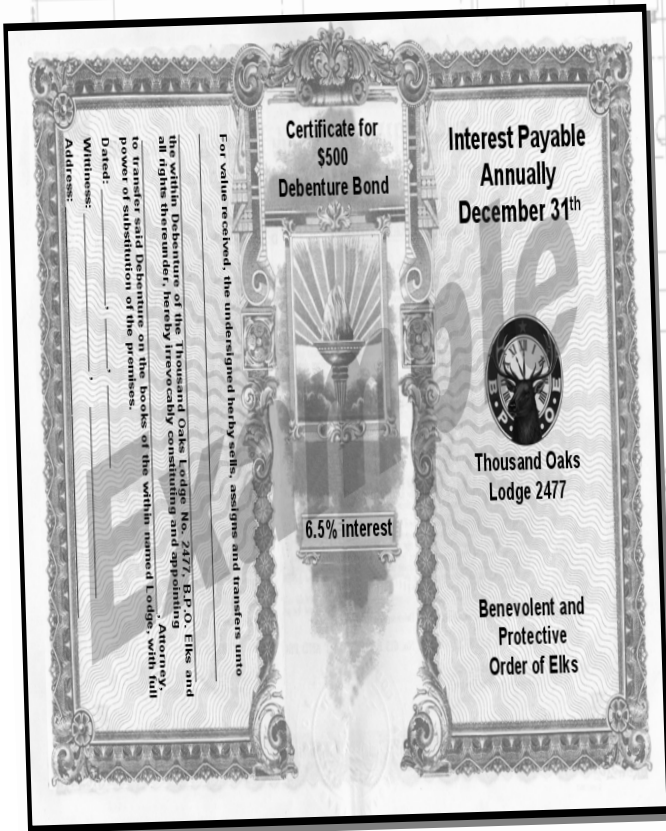
*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*

*is proud to announce the release of bonds*

*to our membership for purchase.*



ARCHITECTS  
A NEW LODGE



*We are finally doing it!!!*

*We are offering the sale of bonds to build our new lodge. These will be available in \$500 or \$1,000 denominations and will pay 6.5% simple interest annually.*

- Information will be forthcoming directly to the membership during lodge Wednesday night meetings and in the Antler Antics.*
- Applications for bonds will be available at the lodge office and in the Antler Antics.*

TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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DDGER

VISITATION TO OUR LODGE



ER, Dave Naccarato and Karen hosting the DDGER dinner during his visitation to our Lodge.

Our own Bill Lloyd, DL and Flo smiling for the camera at the DDGER dinner.



Herb and Pat Jellander and Judi Palmquist and Gary Erland showing their dancing skills at the luau.

The "special" hula dancers at the luau-Jay Block, Bill Sternberg and Mark Block.



Myrna Block, ENF, and luau chairperson posing with the family during the festivities.

Lloyd Carter checking the inventory at the Wapiti store.

**WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBER**



**Tom Walsh, Jr. sponsor of new member Dale Iddings and Mac Clark, DDGER**



**Officers and members receiving their certificates of completion for Elk Training.**



**ER, Dave and Karen getting in the mood for their trip to Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando, Florida.**



**District ERs partaking in a Night at the Races during the Going Away Party.**



**Jack Panczak, PER and wife Tracy awaiting the arrival of their own Mouseteer.**



**Wild Women on Wine-Denise Goldstein, Raven West, Toni Hartin, Catherine Koeritz and Sally Claunch entertaining at their dinner.**



## JULY AT FLYING FLAGS

Pat von Wittenburg

First let me say, Gene Ewald was a master, wagonmaster. Now I understand Cheryl did the shopping – at which she excels – and it was a very nice campout. All our sites were very close to the Clubhouse and Gene had a key. The staff at Flying Flags is and always has been absolutely charming – it seems they are really happy to have us there.



I've heard those that say – Oh it's TOO HOT in Buellton in July. Well, Friday morning I woke up to a fog bank hanging around. The Ennis and Ogden group was off for a pleasant round of golf, we had friends arrive from the San Jose area and it was just barely warm enough for Mary Flannery (giggle)! I recall Mary asked if we know people everywhere we camp – not realizing these people (Al and Barb Knox) had driven all the way down from Campbell, CA – just outside San Jose.

Saturday it was a bit on the warm side, however, since Gene had the key to the air conditioned Clubhouse a very few steps away, and all its equipment – I sincerely doubt anyone suffered greatly.

Cheryl arrived with her new rig – as happy as a kid in a candy store, but I swear she is so awe-struck with her automatic awning – she must have demonstrated it a dozen times Friday evening (it does have a motor Cheryl, and they can wear out!) It's a pretty cool awning – black and white checkered – and she requires NO assistance – Gene is very grateful for that! !!

Then there are those who say – there's nothing to DO around there. This is absolutely amazing – swimming pool, spa, etc. on site, Ostrich Farms, Solvang, Santa Ynez Lodge, Lompoc, several golf courses, floral & fauna and wildlife in all directions – that's all I can think of right off the top of my head. So if ya can't find something interesting - - - what can I say?

Debi Drake was in rare form Friday night, climbing up on a picnic table to peer in Ewald's window. Haven't a clue what she may have been hoping to see – and Donna Colleran right behind her egging her on. Can't remember if Donna got up on the table too. It was quite a site to see!

It seems Cheryl has taken over Barbara Kumas' role as the “gadget queen. Oh by the way, Barbara sends her best to all. Anyway back to Cheryl's gadget. She was fountain – only one small problem – she left an essential part at home. Nice goin' Cheryl – but we do look forward to your having a functioning fountain next time. Ya know now Newcomer is about chocolate!

The catered Italian dinner on Saturday night was incredible. I believe everyone REALLY enjoyed it – and whatever wasn't consumed at dinner was left to be divvied up among any who wanted it.

It's very interesting - - seems some of the Kampers are unknown entities. I often wonder exactly WHO are these people outside the camping and the Lodge. Poor Jimmy Miller – I believe him to be a very nice man – but I know very little about him. I felt like an interrogator around the fire Saturday night – asking him all kinds of questions. Bless his heart, he was very gracious through my questioning – but I learned a bit more about him.

I'm considering - - doing a profile on each couple in the coming months and with their permission of course, including it in my article! Whadda think about this – let me know!

Sunday morning a VERY LARGE contingent learned for a few more bucks – they could stay until 5 or 6 p.m. They were off like a swarm of locust to Solvang for breakfast. I was bummed – Bill and I had just returned from a very nice meal – but it would have been a lot of fun to go with “the gang”!

GIGGLE for the poker players:  
“When I'm finally holding all the right cards, why does everyone decide to play Mexican Train?”

### UPCOMING CAMPOUTS:

September 9 – 10	Santa Barbara Lodge
I forgot – think it's the Ryders	
October 13-14	Far West Resorts
The Drakes -	(barring unforeseen events
– woundn't miss this Halloween	
function for ANYTHING)	
November 10 – 11	Kenney Grove
The D'Ambrogio's	

### Junior PER Roast Sally Claunch Friday, September 22

Come join the roasting or watch Sally toasting  
Contact Gil Riding, MC if you want to speak

### Bar Manager

Glenn Wellman

I am happy to report that brought back by popular demand are lunches served Monday through Thursday. Delicious sandwiches, burgers and a weekly special served on Wednesday are the highlights. You may wonder who is cooking these tasty meals. It is none other than Marc Kennedy (Judy Brayman's son). He tells me that he learned his culinary skill from his mom. You should try his potato salad or lasagna!!! Please make your next luncheon date at the Lodge. As an incentive, check out the lunch coupon below. Buy 10 lunches and the 11th one is free.

Another highlight happening at our bar is- HAPPY HOUR Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 pm to 6pm - the first two drinks are 1/2 price. including FREE appetizers. See the flyer on this page.

The Friday night entertainment series continues with an appearance by the Blue Diamond Band on September 8th.

Their music rocks the house and gets the dancers feet a movin'.

The monthly revenue from the bowling machine is keeping our doors open and the lights on. Look for another machine appearing soon in the Lounge for your enjoyment.

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Your Name				
<b>Lunch Bunch Card</b>				
Please present when ordering food				
It will be initialed by server				
One free entree when card is completed				
Good Monday-Thursday				
Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477				
6	7	8	9	10



**COME JOIN US  
AT THE ELK'S LODGE  
FOR HAPPY HOUR**

**EVERY TUESDAY  
AND  
THURSDAY**

**3:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**1ST TWO DRINKS  
AT 1/2 PRICE**

**FREE APPETIZERS**



**FROM THE OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY**

**Bob Saynay**

On July 19, 2006 the Lodge Voted on the following motions & issues:

1. Edward Louy #1202 request and nomination for Life Membership- accepted.
2. Motion to change By-Laws Article IX and Section 4 "visiting non-members" was not passed.
3. Motion to have T.O. Elks sponsor Chili/Barbecue Cook-Off next year was endorsed to the extent that the Board of Trustees would have to sign a contract to oblige the Lodge as a sponsor of the event.

**Reminder:**

During August, 2006 those members who paid one half dues for 2006-2007 were sent notices that full dues must be paid by October 1, 2006. Likewise those members who have not paid any dues for 2006-2007 were sent two invoices and phone reminders. As previously published in the Antler Antics, G.L. Statutes 14.160 and 14.300 covers arrears dues clarification.

Whether you are delinquent or lapsed in dues payments your Lodge priveleges are affected. Please pay up--we need you!!!



**Johnny D' Ambrogio  
entertaining  
at the Going Away Party,  
playing both parts.**

**ER report continued from page 2**

**SPEAKING OF THE NEW LODGE.** How we are going to pay for it? is on everyone's mind. As I mentioned before We have a member, Lee Westenhiser, who is the one responsible for bringing the chili cook off to the Conejo Valley. He wants to bring a Bar B Que and chili cook off combo to the Conejo Valley and bill it as the-  
**THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE 2477 BAR B. QUE AND CHILI COOKOFF.**

It could be a large fund raiser of "new money" that could service a loan, if it comes down to us needing to go outside for funding. BUT Lee needs help. What does he need? At the New Facilities meetings in September, Lee will lay out his proposal for the lodge to see and learn what is going to happen. Rest assured this is not going to happen with one person doing it. This undertaking will take the whole lodge backing it up. If Lee feels we don't have the backing of the Lodge he will not waste his time with us. There are other organizations that want this opportunity, but Lee has been a member of this lodge for a long time. He is number 790 and wants this for our lodge so come out and support and see what's its all about. **SEPTEMBER 7TH 7:00 p.m.**

**ON ROOKIE BREAKFAST;** I had heard that this Lodge at one time held "rookie" breakfast for our new members to get involved in. We have not had one, since I have been a member, but we had one August 6th. It went off without a hitch. New members involved were Kevin Porter and his wife Pam. The way they handled themselves you'd think they had done it before. We had new member Joni Melickian and her friend Mike Morris. Now Mike is a professional chef and would like to get involved in our organization. So Joni and I had him fill out an application. We need help in the kitchen, so this is good. Also Bob Arbetman who calls Lancaster lodge his home has moved to T. O. to be close to his mother and has joined us as an associate member. Bob is on the catering crew at Lancaster Lodge and knows his way around the kitchen. He wants to bring us a special Friday night dinner. I'll get with Tom Ryder, PDDGER and George Meehan. The day went good and we'll do it again with another class of new members.

**MANY THANKS;** To Jay and Myrna Block for opening up their home for the DDGER visitation. We have entertainment for these visitation but we do not have the space at the lodge for the entertainment. We need to go off site. Jay and Myrna graciously allowed us to use their home and One Man Band, Bob Phillips, did a marvelous job in playing his instruments.

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**ON HURRICANE KATRINA;** The Elks Donated 950,221.90 \$150 per person for hygiene, \$200 per adult, and 150 per child for personal items All monies not distributed will be put in a disaster relief fund

**ELK MAN HOURS;** . Through the course of a year charity hours performed by the Elks were 9,195.883.00 Grand Lodge figures our labor cost are \$18.04 per hour totaling \$165,893.929.00 Miles driven were 121,614.45 at 45 cents per mile Total dollars in driving expense \$9,720.550.00  
What we do for ourselves dies within. What we do for others lives on forever.

**ON WAPITI STORE;** Do you know what that means?? New member Lloyd Carter has done a good job with the Elks store and it has been received by the members very well I thank you for that. Proceeds are going to the new facility. Our Lodge pins are in Please check it out and wear it proudly. Visiting members are always asking for a lodge pin. They don't want a E.R. pin.. They want a lodge pin and now we have them.

**ON THE ER MOTORCYCLE RIDE;** We had a small turnout but it was still fun to hang out with brothers with the same interest. What we will do next time is meet on a Sunday. If you want to ride you show up donate \$5.00 to Major Projects and we go. No poker, no 50/50, no prize drawing-just ride. We will stop for lunch and every one feeds for themselves. We'll try that and see what happens. Til next month David Naccarato

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## WAPITI STORE NOW OPEN

Lodge 2477's Wapiti Store is now open for business. Our new display case has a few new items; some now sold out, with more on order, or reordered.

For those of you who are wondering, what in the heck is a "Wapiti". Wapiti is the Shawnee name for Elk. The North American Elk was almost hunted into extinction in the 1900's. They have now recovered to approximately 800,000 mostly in the Western US. The Indians used this magnificent animal for food, clothing, and some believe for fertility. I'm told that the antlers are now ground into a powder as an aphrodisiac. No, we do not plan to stock this powder without overwhelming requests. I'll leave overwhelming up to you.

Thanks are in order for all the people who have donated products for us to sell at "0" cost to the Lodge; always equals 1000% to the New Facilities Fund. They are Max Maxwell, Bill Sternberg, Dave Anderson, Dave Pearson, and, ER Dave Naccarato. Hand of an Elk for these people; they helped fund our initial ability to fund our store.

Thanks are also in order for our committee; Dave Pearson, Joan Roper, Mike Budinski, Gayla Lindquist, and as I write our new members, Michael Ross, and Robert Jones (our Esquire). These members (volunteers) have and will make sure the products you want will be available, or with your order will shortly appear. They may even surprise you with some pretty nice and different things you may find you absolutely must have for a special occasion or holiday. Be sure you contact one of them with your ideas and suggestions for what you want to see in your "Wapiti Store".

You need to know, we have limited space to store products you may wish to purchase. We are working to make an order book that will allow you to place an order with our store. Hopefully we will create a variety of items based on your desires that can be ordered. I promise, we who serve your store will confirm: size, color, style, and price with you prior to ordering.

A final thanks to Glenn Wellman, our Bar Manager (Super Salesman, but his strong-arm technique is suspect) for selling our new hats and candy for our store.

Oh, I almost forgot, LODGE PINS, LODGE PINS, LODGE PINS, everyone was asking for a Thousand Oaks Lodge Pin. Our ER, Dave Naccarato has worked to get these and finally they have arrived. Our NEW pins are similar to the 92-93 pin without the date. You may think of these as our FOREVER PIN. The date don't matter, dang it!!

Speaking of pins, I have displayed for you to review "Pins of the Past" in our display case. I'm told some may be RARE, so PIN Collectors... Check them out. Some are very limited in quantity so, make us an offer.

Your Store exists to support our New Facilities Fund. I hope you support it and all of the people dedicated to making it happen for you.

P.S.: Don't expect an article this long next month. I only talk when needed. I hope I don't have to say this much in the future. Also, a final submission: you have purchased \$560.00 since we started and give the Trustees a BIG thanks for increasing our budget to \$1200.00 from \$150.00. You know how many shirts & hats we could provide for \$150.00??????? NOT MANY.... As Brian Seacrest says.... I'm out.

**Submitted by Lloyd Carter**

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## LECTURING KNIGHT Terry Baker

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**AMERICANISM:** Grant Thistle  
**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:**  
 David Naccarato/Tom Hartin  
**MEMBERSHIP:** Every Lodge Member  
**CHRISTMASTREES:** HerbJellander  
 Bill Sternberg, PER/Terry Baker  
**EL KONEJO KAMPERS:** Ed Colleran

Sad News to Report-  
 Brother, Bob Cissell left us August 4th as most of you all know by now.

Bob was one of the old timers in our Lodge. He did much work around the Lodge and kept our club side going. Also he was Elk of the Year and had a great lady in Marilyn.

I remember when Bob owned a tavern down the street. It was a great place to have a cold one and visit with the neighbors-not too many places left like that around here.

He has pased into the light which is beyond the valley of death. The places that have known him shall know him no more, but his virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

SEE YA BRO


## RESOLUTIONS OF THE 142ND GRAND LODGE SESSION.

Let me give you a quick overview of what was decided. See me if you want to read the resolution..-ER Dave

- #1** the purpose of this resolution is to change the quorum requirement of the association from 5 to 3 —Passed  
**#2** To allow a new candidates immediate family to witness the initiation—Failed  
**#3** To allow only items made in the U.S.A to be used by Elks Lodges—Failed  
**#4** To Allow the District Deputy More choices of months to hold his Clinics—Passed  
**#5** Any monies received from a defunct lodge to be used to start a new lodge in the same State or territory—Passed  
**#6** To have A Vocalist as an Officer of the Lodge—Passed  
**#7** same as 6

- #8** To remove the requirement to reward members for securing applications be established by By-law—Passed  
**#9** A Board of Grand Trustees Will have to approve before a lodge may sell, exchange, or gift personal property valued at more than \$25,000,00—Passed  
**#10** The house rules and then by- laws must change simultaneously—Passed  
**#11** To allow service of an Executive Order removing a lodge Officer to be made by regular mail supported by a certificate of mailing—Passed  
**#12** The purpose of this resolution is to allow the filing of a motion to dismiss at any time after the filing of a complaint in the subordinate Forum—Passed  
**#13** To have a Ritual Team. Not The officers performing The opening and closing of a Lodge Meeting—Failed  
**#14** To have a Ritual Team perform the initiation Ritual not the officers—Failed (very close)  
**#15** To remove the requirement that a lodge provide information concerning an applicant for admission to the national home—Passed  
**#16** To remove the requirement that a Lodge approve an applicant to the National Home—Passed  
**#18** To require approval by the Grand Trustees for construction of new facilities whose total cost is \$25,000.00 or more—Passed  
**#19** To lower age of joining the Elks from 21 to 18—Failed  
**#20** same as 19  
**#21** same as 19

**NEIL DIAMOND ROCKS**  
**September 16th**

20006-2007 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>THE ELKS LADIES</b> Carol Neuner	20006-2007 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
<b>1ST VICE PRESIDENT:</b> June Leadam <b>2ND VICE PRESIDENT:</b> Jessica Stull <b>3RD VICE PRESIDENT:</b> Jeri Miller <b>SECRETARY:</b> Pat Peterson <b>TREASURER:</b> Myrna Block <b>AUDITOR:</b> Kathy Ryder <b>TELEPHONE:</b> Patti Serota		<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN:</b> <b>CHAPLAIN:</b> Marilyn Cissell <b>MAJOR PROJECTS:</b> <b>CVD:</b> Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell <b>HISTORIAN:</b> <b>SUNSHINE:</b> Shirley Kozlowski



**ITS GOOD TO BE HOME**

**Jessica Stull**

The three months we were gone on our Alaskan adventure just flew by and we've come home armed with a treasure trove of memories of the places we've not only seen, but experienced in the fullest sense of the word; the people we have met and the kindness they extended us; and finally, four albums of photographs to keep those memories alive. All the above notwithstanding, it is wonderful to be home. As we drove up to our home and experienced the ending of "your" heat wave, I got a lump in my throat as I realized how beautiful Thousand Oaks and my home are. I feel so lucky to be part of this world.

One of the first things I came home to was the Elk Ladies Sandals luncheon. If you attended you know what I mean when I say it was a hoot. First, let me give credit where credit is due. Alice Kennedy made the cutest table decorations of a variety of brightly colored sandals all decorated with flowers, beads, feathers and anything else she could think of, set atop a colored background with bowels of bright pink flowers and seashell necklaces. Each place setting had a colored napkin that had little sandals on it. I'm not sure who all was involved with finding all the cute things, and if I forget to mention you, chalk it up to brain on vacation too long. Friday night several ladies including June, Alice, Myrna, Jeri, Sharon and me set up for the next day after the Friday night dinner. Carol Neuner and Alice Kennedy did all the preparation of the food and I saw others pitching in too. Myrna Block did a great job of emceeding the fashion show, as did Jay Block taking the photos.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped make the third annual Ladies Appreciation luncheon such a success. Another big thank you to all the ladies and their guests who attended - you were all such good sports, most sporting cute, crazy or otherwise unique sandals. Now for the fashion show coverage. Though not your typical fashion show we did have entries such as an Evening Gown; a Tea Length dress; Bell Bottoms; a Sear-Sucker dress; a Buttons and Bows entry; a Ball Gown; a TEE-Shirt, knee socks and Jim Shoe ensemble; with the final entry of Bloomers. If you



**WHEN FAITH IS  
BEING STRONGLY TESTED**  
**Marilyn Cissell**

**How do we go about it Lord,  
If pride gets in the way,  
When we know much is needed  
And there's little left for us to say.**

**With life and drastic changes,  
So many more face this fear too,  
Both time and money running out,  
Can they expect more help from you?**

**Amen**



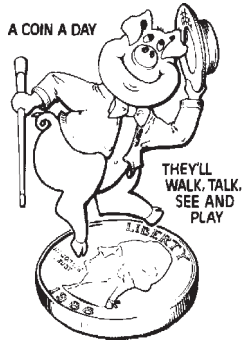
**SEPTEMBER**

- 5. Cornelia Meehan**
- 6. Teri Rochford**
- 12. Annie Pearson**
- 17. Annie McIntyre**
- 17. Dee Swanson**
- 20. Donna Hardy**
- 21. Doris Dellinger**
- 22. Becky Krabel**

think there is nothing special about that, let's just say that the Officers modeled the garments and they were not what you think. For instance, the Sear-Sucker dress was covered with lollipops and the Ball Gown was festooned with baseballs. Use your imagination about the others. A big thank you to the models - Carol N. Jeri M., June L., Pat P. and me, whose dignity was compromised, but nevertheless were all such good sports about it. Needless to say, the howls of laughter began bringing in people from the lounge and the outside.

Until next month, keep cool and say a little prayer for our troops and their families.

**HONOR ROLL**



**July**

Bob Saynay  
 Dave Naccarato, ER  
 Rubye Metzgas  
 Lloyd Carter

**August**

Sally Claunch, PER  
 Gary Erland  
 Denise Goldstein  
 Robert Jones  
 Jack Loughran, PER  
 Max Maxwell  
 Greg Metzgas, PER  
 Judy Palmquist



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