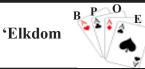




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the Winning Hand'

Thousand Oaks Elks Annual Charity Social

Oktoberfest

Saturday October 21, 2006

Cocktails 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

FOOG - Rolled Beef (Roulade) with Sweet-n-Sour Red Cabbage and wide noodles by Marva & Johnny D

German Beer - Music -

Merrymaking

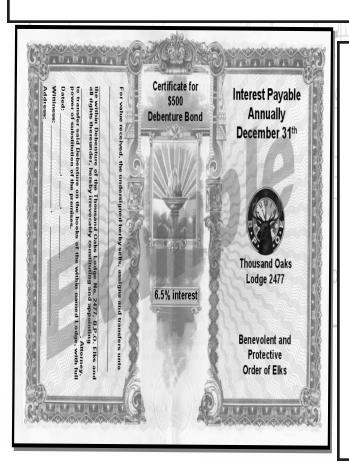
Dress in German Attire! - "Wunderbar"

PRICE: \$25.00 pp

Tickets available at the bar or from the Officers Please call Gayla for table reservations 805-750-8429

Building a New Lodge

Thousand Oaks Elks
Lodge #2477 of the Benevolent and Protective
Order of Elks is proud to
announce the release of
bonds to our membership
to purchase.



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.

- o Information will be forthcoming directly to the membership during LodgeWednesday night meetings and in the Antler Antics
- o Applications for bonds are available at the Office and in the lounge

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



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ANTLER ANTICS: Sally Claunch, PER, Editor,

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BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:
Robert Jones

On the floor in the smoking lounge, I heard a lot of remarks as to why? why? and why?. Why are we painting the floor? Why are we closing the lounge? Why are we spending the money? But now that it's done we are singing a different tune. I want to recognize the people involved with the paint job. It was headed by lodge maintenance chairman Max Maxwell and knowhow from Ed Bianchi and muscle from Gary Erland. The specs were laid out by yours truly and we had a special guest supervisor, Robert Koeritz. All in all, the job came off without a hitch and looks pretty good. We picked a good weekend to do the job, for most were in Laughlin having a good time with fellow Elk members. When you see the crew around the lodge, give them a nod of appreciation.

ON THE PRESIDENT VISITATION:.

We had the state president come by for a Friday night dinner. Tom Ryder and the PERs Association cooked up a fine dinner and we had a good turnout for his visit. We looked good with the participation from our members. He could have gone anywhere, but he chose us for dinner and we didn't disappoint.

ON LODGE PICNIC:.

This event has been our way of saying THANK YOU for your support, your commitment to Elkdom and for your caring which you have so freely offered. Thank you for coming and hope it was a truly enjoyable family day for all that attended.

I MUST REMEMBER!

I must remember that the member is the most important person in our lodge.

The member is not an outsider-he/she is an owner of our lodge.

The member is not an interruption of our programs, he/she is the purpose of them.

The member does me a favor when he/she calls- we are not doing him/her a favor when we serve them.

The member is not a cold statistic-he/she is a human being with feelings and emotions of his/her own.

The member is not someone with whom we argue or match wits with.

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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" Alfred Battles

Born: April 25, 1927 Initiated: March, 1988 Died: September 3, 2006



Bob Cissell

59 year Elk, past trustee, past bar manager of Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477

Memorial Service

October 5, 2006 10 a.m. Calvary Chapel 101 N. Skyline Dr. Reception to follow at Lodge



Government Relations – submitted by Denise Goldstein, District Chairman

Mt Soledad – Will the Cross Have to Go?

Mt. Soledad Park is approximately 170 acres of mountain located in San Diego. The top of this publicly-owned mountain was flattened and a park created, with a cross resting on its top *since 1913*. The Mt. Soledad Memorial Association replaced the cross in 1952 after a wind storm destroyed the original. On Easter Sunday 1954, the 43-foot "Easter Cross" was dedicated to veterans of WW I and II, and the Korean War. From the mountain park, portions of the interstate highway can be seen, and vice-versa.

In 1989, Plaintiff Paulson (a Vietnam veteran) filed suit arguing the "Cross" was a violation of the California and US Constitutions (wherein the government cannot show preference of one religion over another). In 1991, the District Court found violation and issued an injunction forbidding the presence of the Cross on the publicly-owned land. In order to get around the injunction, the City of San Diego sectioned off the portion of land directly beneath the Cross and sold it to the private organization maintaining the property, the Mt. Soledad Memorial Association. (Recall that the 1st Amendment Establishment Clause applies to governmental entities- not the actions of private persons or organizations.) In 1993, the Court found that the method of sale was for the primary purpose of remedying a constitutional violation and thus, unconstitutional. The primary purpose was inferred by the small 222 sq. foot size of the plot of land, and the fact that the City picked the buyer for the land already known for their desire to keep the Cross. The City lost in the Court of Appeals and the US Supreme Court denied review. In 1996, with the prior ruling still standing, the City was called to court to see if they remedied the situation. The parties were ordered to a magistrate but the remedy phase delayed due to the judge's illness. In 1998, the City restructures its land sale strategy and publicized an open bidding process for an approximate half acre of the land. Out of five serious bidders, both religious and secular, the highest bidder was the Association, whose stated purpose of buying the land was to "maintain a historic war memorial." In 1999, Paulson filed for an injunction on the land sale. In 2000, the Court upheld the land sale transfer, stating that the method of sale, the amount of land sold and the proposed improvements and private property markings were constitutional. The Association added concrete walls and sold personalized plaques to honor military service personnel. In 2002, the Court of Appeals issued an opinion holding that the constitutional infirmities remained. The US Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

In 2004, the parties engaged in settlement discussions to have the Cross moved to a church, and to erect non-sectarian symbol(s) in its place, in exchange for the dismissal of the lawsuit.

The terms were submitted to the City counsel but they were declined, stating they were going to attempt a third sale to "save the Cross." The attempt to sell was abandoned and in 2005, voters approved the land to be donated to the federal government. The California Superior Court found the land transfer unconstitutional. The City appealed and the District Court judge, 15 years after the initial ruling, stated that it was long overdue for the Court to enforce its initial injunction. An actual Order for the City to take down the Cross within 90 days issued, or face a \$5,000 per day fine. A stay was declined by the Court of Appeals and the case is postured before the highest Court of our land.

On 8/14/06, President George Bush signed into law the transfer of title of the Mt. Soledad Cross to the federal government, to be maintained as a national military war memorial.

Conclusion

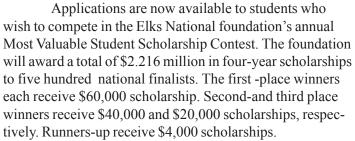
There are number of cases involving monuments with religious overtones. Research did not reveal any of them being donated by Elk lodges, but should there be any with a biblical display, they could be brought to Constitutional challenge.

Each monument is judged on a case-by-case basis. In the prevailing Ten Commandments case of 2005, Van Orden, the US Supreme Court ruled that the nature of the monument and secular purpose are analyzed using the reasonable observer standard. The swing vote came from Justice Breyer who analyzed the monument by itself, not taking into consideration other structures around it. However Justice Breyer's determinative factor in favor of holding the monument constitutional was that for the past 40 years, the monument went unchallenged which proved to him that the message of the monument was viewed as a broader moral and historical one, rather than religious. This is not unlike the Mt. Soledad case, as the Cross as originally erected in 1913 without complaint. In the defeated companion Ten Commandments case, McCreary County, the Court took into account the development of the presentation and found the true objective to be "unmistakable in earlier displays." This too, rings similar to Mt. Soledad with the military plaque add-ons and repetitive land sales. If the Court consisted of the same justices, the outcome of this case would be somewhat predictable, but the Court has two new justices on the bench who will play pivotal roles in the interpretation of our Constitution.

Next Article: A Cross-Case in our Own District

YOUTH CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES

Elks National Foundation to Award \$2.216 Million to Most Valuable Students



Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the BPO Elks. Males and females compete separately. Applicants are judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Applicants for the 2007 contest are available at Elks Lodges, for download at www.Elks.org/scholarship/mvs.cfn, or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614. Applicants must be filed with the applicant's nearest Elks Lodge no later than January 12, 2007.

We ask the Lodges to help us promote this contest and to make every effort to bring it to the attention of qualified students. Applications and promotional posters and brochures were sent to each lodge's Scholarship Committee chairman in August. The application may be photocopied.

Applicants must advance through local, district, and state competitions to reach the national competition. Winners will be announced around May 15, 2007.

Through its Most Valuable Student Scholarship competition and two other scholarship programs, the Elks National Foundation annually offers more than \$3 million in scholarships. More information about ENF scholarship programs is available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

Most Valuable Student Scholarships 2007-2008 through 2010-2001 Academic Years

First Place

Two \$60,000 scholarships (\$15,000 per year)

Second Place

Two \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 per Year)

Third Place

Two \$20,000 scholarships (\$5,000) per year

Fourth Place

494 \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000) per year

Total of 500 scholarships worth \$2,216,000



Americanism Essay Contest "Why I Am Proud To Be An American"

Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of The United States of America RULES:

- 1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade at the time of the contest.
- 2. Essay length is now not to exceed 250 words.
- 3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink.
- 4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
- 5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay. AWARDS:

Prizes awarded by the Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for National winning

essays in Division I and Division II will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in

Charlotte, NC, July 8-12, 2007 as follows:

Division I {5th & 6th Grades} Division II {7th & 8th Grades}

1st Place \$500 US Savings Bond \$500 US Savings Bond 2nd Place \$300 US Savings Bond \$300 US Savings Bond 3rd Place \$200 US Savings Bond \$200 US Savings Bond ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before January 10, 2007.

Sponsoring Elks Lodge-Thoousand Oaks #2477 Address:-P.O. # 2100 Thousand Oaks, CA 91358 Contact Person:-Grant Thistle Phone No.-805-496-2477



EDITOR'S CORNER

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

As Elks are patriotic Americans, we at Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, demonstrate our respect and devotion to our flag by conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony every October, which is open to all Elk members as well as the public. The officer corp in conjuction with the scout troops we sponsor conduct the event by telling the history of our flag, then by respectfully burning worn flags which have been given to the lodge for disposal purposes. Afterwards as usual, Elks have a social featuring food in this case, ice cream sundaes.

On a personal note, before I became an officer and participated in the service, I would read the announcement, and decide that it was something that I did not wish to watch. However, after participating in the ceremony, my mind has been changed. It is moving and powerful to see our youth show love and support for our flag. It is moving and powerful to listen to the words of the Elks ritual. It is moving and powerful to share sundaes with our local youth afterwards. On October 15th be inspired by attending our Flag Retirement Ceremony!!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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

November 2-4-Mid Term Convention

November 5-Veterans Brunch

November 23-Thanksgiving Dinner

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

Good Day All,

There is a beauty and joy that comes over a family when a child is delivered. Our new addition came at a surprise last Monday early in the evening... three and a half weeks early. Though mom and dad were not fully prepared for the immediate arrival, Emery decided that his time spent baking in the oven was long enough and disembarked on his new journey to see the world. Arriving screaming and hollering, he was as healthy as could be.

After a three day stay at the hospital the family arrived home. Tracey and I have had an average of two to three hours of sleep on a daily basis... and that being said, Emery awakens both Mom and Dad with a cry that can peal paint of a wall. Who would have thought that from such a little boy... can produce an octave that was not possible on any scale. Though lack of sleep and diaper changes... we feel blessed with a beautiful healthy baby boy that is loved and cherished.

Thank You for your well wishes... below are all the details.

The Panczak Family(Jack, and Tracy)

Emery Marcus Panczak

Details

· Length: 19.5in

Weight: 6lb. 11.3oz

Born: 20:27am on August /14/2006

· Eves: Blue

· Hair: Blonde

· Fingers: 10

· Toes: 10

· Teeth: None

Looks like dad: 50%

· Looks like mom: 50%

MARVA AND JOHNNY D'
ARE BACK IN THE KITCHEN
OCTOBER 21TH
PREPARING THE OKTOBERFEST
FEAST

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LEADING KNIGHT Catherine Koeritz

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MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:
David Naccarato
SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch
INVESTIGATION: George Meehan
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:
Myrna Block



CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Catherine Koeritz INDOCTRINATION: Jack Loughran, PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.: Herb Jellander CVAC: Tom Hartin COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota CHARITY DINNERS: David Naccarato

ACHTUNG!

OCTOBER 21st OKTOBERFEST! (CHARITY BALL)

The Annual Charity fundraiser is coming up. 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 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!

I discussed the origin of Oktoberfest in the August Antlers so I'll spare you the lecture.

Please buy your tickets for this "wunderbar" event ASAP. It makes our planning a lot easier if we know how many are attending.

CHARITY BASKETS:

Each year our lodge provides holiday baskets for needy families in the community. Last year we provided about 92 baskets. This takes a lot of effort (volunteers) and money, of course! Once again, we will be mailing out raffle tickets to each Elk household for chances to win prizes and booze baskets. In each letter, you will find 12 tickets for \$20. Please send back in the self-addressed envelope your \$20.00 and half of each ticket. The lucky winners will be pulled and announced at the Oktoberfest Charity fundraiser.

Please be generous with your donations and your time. If you have any questions, you can contact me via email at talktoc@hotmail.com.

Catherine's Quips:

"Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege" – John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Thanks!

To all of the helpers (the Peterson and Skoczek gang) at the wine-tasting event held on August 25. We sold 50 tickets and raised \$515 for new facilities. Everyone had a great time and tasted some interesting wines. A special thanks to Alan Hardie and Steve and Pam Smith for their donations of wine for the door prizes. The wines we tasted were graciously donated by Classic Wines (and poured by their very own Joe Arce), Southern Wine and Spirits and Young's Market (our current wine and liquor suppliers). After tasting about 30 or so different wines with limited sniffing and even less spitting, we all had a lot of fun cooking our own steaks and dancing to the all-female version of Blue Diamond. Look for the new wines in the lounge soon!

SICKENESS AND DISTRESS 495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Joan Hansen, widow of Neil Hansen, on her passing and the family of Muriel Ingolia on her passing.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jim Kellogg's friend Jackie who is home from the hospital under 24 hour care and George Estok to have knee surgery.

ON THE MEND: Kay Levenque from pneumonia, Bugsy Ansell, PER from hospitalization for heart problems, Bob Abertman had a stent put in his heart.

REMEMBER CALLS AND CARDS ARE APPRECIATED !!!



NEW FACILITIES

GregMetzgus, PER

As I write this article, the Electrical Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Kitchen design engineer, Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer and two architects are working full time on our new building plans. I have been receiving updates almost daily of the plans as they evolve. All of the plans are in AutoCAD format and I have shared them with those of you that have been attending our regular Wednesday night meetings and our new facilities meetings scheduled by the ER. The best way to be advised of the progress is to attend either or both of these scheduled meetings.

By the time you read this there will be a set of the almost final drawings on display in the lounge. There have been several changes along the way thanks to the input of our interested members. We have added some outside storage for garden tools and the bread BBQ, added reach in access to the walk in cooler via the kitchen, added a cooler in the bar area and did some remodeling on the cooler/ freezer wall configuration. The outside appearance has been changed slightly and Len Cardoni is creating another rendering (hand drawn picture) of the outside elevations. This picture will be completed as soon as he finishes with the bid set of plans.

I know that it is hard to see progress at this point but if you listen to the financial report every meeting, you will hear that we are spending New Facilities money to pay the architects and engineers. This project is moving as fast as it possibly can at this point. It is all behind the scenes progress but it is necessary and must be completed before we can put a shovel in the ground.

Members have been pitching in to raise funds at an accelerating pace. There have been events such as the wine tasting that brought funds to the new facility and the Wednesday night poker players have donated \$500. There have been Texas Hold 'em tournaments and our general store is generating income also. These are only a few of the fund raisers taking place currently and more are to follow. The money we raise though these efforts is money we do not need to borrow or pay back. Please support these activities to the maximum of your ability.

Remember, bonds are for sale now in the office. Fill out an application and start drawing $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest for as little as a \$500 investment. Call or stop in the office for details.

Thank you for your support. The project has taken 20 years of so to get this point but now we are getting real close to groundbreaking.

JOIN THE BUNNY



INVEST IN TOMORROW BUY A BOND TODAY

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The member is one who brings his/her wants and it is our duty to fulfill those wants.

The member is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give.

The member is not dependent on us, we are dependent on them.

The member is the life blood of every lodge and let us not forget it!

ON OUR LIGHTED SIGN:

John Peterson has donated and is the programmer of our revolving sign in the lounge room, to keep us all abreast of upcoming events. Take a look at it and give finger snaps to John Peterson. Thanks John!

MORE ON THE PICNIC:

Many thanks go out to Jay Block PER for running the bingo game and to Terry Baker for cooking up the fine hamburgers that we all dined on.

ON THE BAR STOOLS:

Kudos and finger snaps to Dick Flitner and Dick Churik for repairing the bar stools in the lounge. A lot of talk was going to buy new ones,, but now the money can go to other items. When there is a need in this Lodge one of our members always steps forward and handles it. Thanks guys for your effort and donation to our Lodge.

ON HORSESHOE PITS:

No one, has come forward with information as to who ran over our pits as of this printing. I hate to think what the 1 inch rod did to the underside of the car that ran over it. All can be repaired except to straighten that 1 inch rod.

Polish your beer stein for OKTOBERFEST OCTOBER 21ST

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LOYAL KNIGHT George Meehan

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SCOUTING: Bill Miller HOOPSHOOT: Tom Hartin

WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Tom Ryder, PER

DRUG AWARENESS: Karen Naccarato STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander



MOTHER'S DAY: Raven West
ENTERTAINMENT: TomRyder, PER
WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Steve Smith
LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER
APPRECIATION: Scott Dool
PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann

YOUTHACTIVITIES: Bill Miller

As you know, or might not know, the kitchen is one of my responsibilities. That means I must find people to cook on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and Friday evenings so that all of you can come and enjoy a fine meal at a reasonable price.

I have had it pretty easy this year since PER, Tom Ryder, has been doing this job for me and doing it very well. Tom and Kathy are presently on a wonderful motor trip throughout the USA and I need help. I need members to step forward and cook some meals for us during the month of November. Will you be a good ELK and step forward to help me? I sure would appreciate it. My number is 805-241-7179. I look forward to your call.

How many of you have been to the new facilities updates that are held on Thursday nights? You know, it is a big job to build a new lodge and help from ALL members is needed. I would suggest that you come to one of these meetings, find out where progress had been made and what you can contribute to help the cause. This new lodge, just like the present one, is for all ELK members. It is ours to enjoy and do whatever we can to make it continue to be a lodge we are proud of. Come to a meeting and see what you can do. Think ahead to when that lodge is a reality when you can say "WE DID A GREAT JOB IN BUILDING THIS WONDERFUL PLACE

Your Loyal Knight, George Meehan



FRIDAY NIGHT MENUS

October 6th-

Jerry Serota's tender, juicy baked chicken with all the fixings

October 13th

Back by popular demand Boyd Lindquist's succelent prime rib with dessert Karaoke Night following dinner

October 20th

Lancaster Lodge chef Robert Arbetman's famous pork chops Blue Diamond band following dinner

October 27th

Beef and Salmon Prepared by Salmon King Chet Kozlowski & Family

REHEARSE YOUR FAVORITE SONG FOR KARAOKE NIGHT

OCTOBER 13TH

PLEASE READ LODGE BULLETIN
BOARD
FOR ADDED ENTERTAINMENT
OR MENUS



ELKS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT – 2006 Herb Jellander

Once again, it's time to start spooling up for the Bob Hardy Memorial Christmas Tree Lot. As always, it will be a lot of hard work but provides a significant return for our charities and building fund. We had a very good year in 2005, despite increased competition, in large part due to a record participation by our membership. At least 80 members helped out – some a lot, some a little – but everyone was needed and appreciated.

CARLSONS BUILDING MATERIALS has again made a part of their street front property available to us on Thousand Oaks Boulevard. Please be sure to patronize this valued sponsor whenever possible.

Please mark your calendars with these dates:

November 27 & 28 (Mon/Tues)

Set up lot & trailer at Carlsons November 29 (Wed)

First Tree Delivery

November 29-December 17 Tree Sales

December 6 (Wed)

Second Tree Delivery

December 17 (Sun)

Last Day of Sales

December 18 (Mon)

Tear Down Lot

The lot will be open from approximately 8 am to 8 pm every day. Food, drink, campfire and camaraderie always included. Thanks in advance for everyone's help!

Fraternally,

Herb Jellander 805-497-2624 Cell 805-905-8146

Terry Baker 805-495-6127 Bill Sternberg, PER 805-933-9020 **BAR MANAGER** Glenn Wellman



At the end of August we had our first bowling tournament, not at Harley's, but on your new bowling machines. To no one's surprise, as in real bowling, the top pscorer was Dave Pearson. Come on down to test and hone your skills for the next tournament. There is now a machine in the lounge for your enjoyment.

On your way home from work or running errands, stop by the Lounge every Tuesday or Thursday for 2/1 drinks and appetizers from 3-6 p.m.

Are you looking for a new place for lunch? Are you tired of fast food for your lunchtime meal? Come to our Lounge every Monday-Thursday to enjoy a wonderful lunch prepared by Marc Kennedy. As always the price is reasonable and the food is delicious. Use your Lunch Bunch Card and receive a free 11th lunch entree.

Speaking of food--during the football season member chefs will be preparing dinner during the Monday night games. Come down and watch the game with friends and bring your neighbors. We are in need of a few more chefs. Please sign up in the Lounge or call me and I will put you on the schedule.

1 2 3 4 5

Your Name

Lunch Bunch Card

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

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PUBLIC RELATIONSJerry Serota, Com. Chair.

AWWII LOVE STORY

Jim Wallace was nineteen years old and it being the tail end of the depression had to drop out of college in 1941. He joined the navy February 17, 1941 in Houston, Texas 10 months before the attack at Pearl Harbor.

He was then stationed in San Diego and took training as a Pharmacist Mate at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego. As a Pharmacist Mate he served on the newly commissioned aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kalinin Bay. He was later transfered to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. which was a Naval Air Station.

The Kalinin Bay went on to serve heroicly in the longest single naval engagement of the war at Leyte Gulf, 1944. During that engaement we lost two of her sister carriers, two destroyers, and a destroyer escort and the Kalinin Bay came through with 25 gaping holes in her skin as witness to the terrific pounding she took. Five of her brave crew men lost their lives.

While on duty in Astoria, Oregon he met and fell in love with a beautiful 19 year old young lady named Grace Moe. In 1944 they were married at the Navy Chapel in Long Beach CA. The Chaplain who officiated was E.E. Bosserman who was just one year older than Jim. He later became Admiral, Chief of Chaplains for the U. S. Navy. Attending the ceremony was Captain C.R. Brown who would later become the Commander of NATO. They had 3 girls and a boy and after 62 years they are still together residing in Thousand Oaks. He retired as Chief Petty Officer (HMC7Ret) after 20 years of service.

Jim is a Past Exalted Ruler, 1993-94 of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 and current California-Hawaii Elks Association, Elks National Foundation Chairman for the West Central Coast District. ENF is the scholarship arm of Elkdom making it the 2nd largest sponsor of scholarships next to the federal government.



Pharmacist Mate, Jim Wallace



The Chaplain who officiated was E.E. Bosserman and he was just one year older than Jim. He later became Admiral, Chief of Chaplains for the U. S. Navy.



CHEA President, Jim Mason and wife, enjoying one of our Friday night dinners.



Karen and ER, Dave Naccarato, hosting the CHEA president for dinner.



PDDGER, Richard Goldner and Elaine all smiles for the camera at the CHEA President's visit to our Lodge.



The Good Guys and Girl donate \$500 to the New Facility Fund. (L-R) Joe Smith, Bob Saynay, Jay Block, PER, Dick McCann, Catherine Koeritz, ER, Dave Naccarato, Greg Metzgus, PER and Terry Baker.



Public Relations Chair, Jerry Serota, accepting the Grand Lodge citation for placing second nationally in the Public Image contest.



ER, Dave wearing the conductor hat giving kids rides at our Lodge picnic.

ANTLER ANTICS WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS





Cary Joes with sponsor Ed Jones



Ken Young with sponsor Jim Horning



June Leadam with sponsor Jim Wallace, PER



William Goff with sponsor Chris Prince



Mary Woodlief and sponsor Myrna Block



Steve Woodlief and John Leadam cheering at their wives' initiation.



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg

BACK AT THE OCEANO LODGE ONCE AGAIN – AUGUST

First of all, it was really nice to have the Ericksons back with us. They have some marvelous tales to tell of their travels as well as pictures to go along. It seems that Joel really got into the "site-seeing" routine (kinda unusual for him) and can even remember details at great length. See, Joel, not all is lost. (giggle). WELCOME BACK!

It always seems when Frank and Jackie are wagonmasters, we really have a great turn-out – in more ways than one. Notice the term "turn-out" yeh – a lot of smoke-eaters (firemen) in the group, not only ours – but adjoining also.

Since the Kampers didn't have a meeting at this campout – several reasons, lack of a quorum of officers and I'm sad to say – we lost our beloved "Bonni Blue" Saturday morning and I was in NO shape to play secretary. But on to happier topics.

We had three couples as guests and unfortunately I only got the first names of two. Dan and Charlie (female) and Kurt and Rosie, along with their Sharpae(which I'm sure is misspelled) "Beethoven". I apologize for not getting the names of the other couple – all were a great addition to the weekend. You should see the magnificent embelishments that Rosie adds to various clothing items, plus knitting. She's an extremely talented gal with a terrific personality – lots of fun!

Seems Mary Flannery had been in to "making" a concoction of phony "Bailey's Irish Crème". And between Jackie and a coupla others – it went down real good. I missed out on that action, but from the looks of the group the next morning (afternoon) I think I'm glad I did!

Also, we were blessed (or cursed as the case may be) with Jack Henry out – haven't had him around for a lo-o-o-ong time. Good to have you back, also.

My poor little Chihuahua, Clyde! Steve and Molly arrived late Friday afternoon, along with Alfie. Now mind you, we were sitting around the fire pit – on gravel – when Clyde had to empty his bladder. Alfie took a sniff and missed pee-ing right on Clyde by a fraction of an inch – HEY GUYS – when you gonna teach that big guy some manners. (Not you, Steve.)

Cheryl was out with that chocolate fountain again – enlisting the aid of Doris Newcomer in the caper. You have never seen such a coupla messed up women. There was chocolate EVERYWHERE, but it was really good, once things began operating correctly.

Cheryl was ready to leave all the pieces out for the raccoons (we had nightly visits from them) to clean up the parts – absolutely amazing (Very Big Grin)!

Occasionally, people will balk at acting as sheriff for the campout. Tain't no big thing – Jimmy Miller pulled it off VERY well, having only arrived Friday afternoon. Seems he had his "spies" out long before his arrival. Highly suspect were Mike and Mary Flannery and I believe Frank had a hand in this also! Good job – Jimmy, and it appeared Patty was really expecting some huge fines since as Deputy, she chose a helmet as her collection tool.

Quite a few Kampers have expressed a BIG interest in having a "book" exchange in the near future. In the past, we're sold our paperbacks for a quarter a piece, 5 for a dollar, \$1 for hardbacks; and *I THINK* books on tape or CD's at \$2. We, then, donated the proceeds to the Purple Pig. Since John and Marva will be wagonmasters at our November campout – AND they're "on the road", I haven't cleared the book exchange with them – a couple of us have made a "command decision" to carry on with the tradition in November. So ya'll start getting your books, etc. together. Hope you don't mind, John and Marva.

Hope everyone is getting their decorating ideas together for the October campout also. This Halloween gig is truly a "kick" and the Drakes do an awesome job as wagonmasters.

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Barbecue & Chili Cookoff Lee Westenhiser

Here is an update on the Elks Barbecue & Chili Cookoff. It looks like we can say that

we have both a date and a proposed site for this event. When I say proposed site, we have been given a first blessing by the city with their initial review of a proposal to close off a street where we will have the event. From this initial investigation of the site and what has been proposed to them, they have issued a set of documents and requirements for us to follow up and also comply with some other agencies.

What this really means is that just like the street fairs here in Thousand Oaks and Westlake we will get the blessings of various departments and permits necessary to have this event move forward. This is just another reason that because of many years involvement in projects it takes cooperation with many areas and people.

We are very fortunate to have in the lodge Tom Hartin that has volunteered to be the Chairman of the Site Committee. This is a very important area of involvement and because of Tom's background and involvement with CVD and other events has the needed experience to make sure that ALL facets needed to satisfy the requirements with all of the agencies requirements have been met and satisfied.

Tom has already spent some time looking over the site we want to use, has the documents in hand and started assembling a team to help him. Some of the people that Tom will be working with are ones that have also been involved with CVD doing these same requirements. This position that Tom is heading up may be one of the largest segments as far as the many different things involved, but I believe we have the best there is (Tom) to head this up for us. The next time you see him, please thank him for his help.

I also want to recognize some of the other Committee Chairman that have volunteered for this event and what will be their very important involvement and contributions to help us.

Lloyd Carter will head up the Awards, Entertainment is being taken care of by Catherine Koeritz, Sally Claunch has stepped up to take on the Barbecue Judges segment, and Jerry Serota will do Publicity. We still need to fill some areas with Committee Chairman, these being Ancillary Events (if we do this), Contestants, Facilities, Memberships, Sponsorship, Tabulation Area, and Volunteers.

I will feature and bring you up to date on all of the other Committees as we go along.

WANTED-DVDS/VIDEOS

Thanks to the generiosity of member and bartender, Erin, and Gayla Lindquist the Lodge now has a TV and DVD/video player for the entertainment of children who accompany their parents to functions at the Lodge. However we still need family and kid appropriate videos for their veiwing pleasure. If you have hiding in your closet any treasures, please donate them to the Lodge. Just drop them at the office or lounge.

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We encourage and need your help with this overall involvement. Remember this event is for the Members, the Lodge and the Community. If anyone has questions with regards to a specific area, please try and contact the individual heading up that part or you can always ask Joel Erickson or me. If we do not have the latest information, we will get it and get back to you. If you want to just help in some way and not be a Committee Chairman you can again ask the individuals heading up those areas we have shown here.

This is a big event but it is not that hard to do because we have people involved that know just what to do and it is also fun knowing that this is going to be a success and just like the first Chili Cookoff here in the Conejo Valley, other groups and areas will use this event as a model for their own in some other area, but we are the FIRST here and setting the bench mark.

Did you think I forgot to give you the date and Site info, August 4, 2007 and La Tienda is the street? See the aerial views that Lloyd Carter has put up around the Lodge.

If you want to reach me for any reason, try my new email address BossHawg1BBQ@verizon.net or catch me at the Lodge on most Wednesday and Friday nights and thank you for helping.



Origin of the 11 O'Clock Toast by Mike Kelly, Grand Lodge Historian

In regard to the Elks' 11 o'clock toast and its origin, we have to go back to long before the BPOE came into existence. One of the main contributions of Charles Richardson, in the stage name of Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks, was to deliver in the hands of newborn Elks the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010 A.D., the Royal and Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

The RAOB, or Buffaloes as we shall henceforth refer to them, also practiced an 11 o'clock toast in remembrance of the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. Following his victory, William of Normandy imported a set of rules, both martial and civil in nature, to keep control of a seething Norman-Saxon population always on the edge of a revolution.

Among those rules was a curfew law requiring all watch fires, bonfires to be extinguished at 11 each night. From strategically placed watchtowers, that also served as early fire alarm posts, the call would go out to douse or shutter all lights and bank all fires. This also served to discourage secret and treasonous meetings, as chimney sparks stood out against the black sky. A person away from his home and out on the darkened streets, when all doors were barred for the night, risked great peril from either evildoers or patrolling militia.

The hour of 11 quickly acquired a somber meaning, and in the centuries that followed, became the synonym throughout Europe for someone on his deathbed or about to go into battle: "his family gathered about his bed at the 11th hour, or, the troops in the trenches hastily wrote notes to their families as the 11th hour approached when they must charge over the top."

Thus, when the 15 Jolly Corks voted on February 16, 1868, to start a more formal and official organization, they were already aware of an almost universally prevalent sentiment about the mystic aura connected with the nightly hour of 11.

The great variety of 11 o'clock toast, makes it clear that there was no fixed and official version until 1906-10.



BPO ELKS #2477 BBQ & CHILI CONTEST

Jerry Serota

A famous person once said "What ever the mind of man can conceive and believe, he will achieve."

This axiom has guided our Lodge since 1972 when a bunch of stray Elks met and decided to form an Elks Lodge in Thousand Oaks. They believed it could be done and they had the 'Can Do Spirit' that has carried us this far down the road.

Lee Westenhiser has the vision that this Lodge can make a giant step in achieving our goals not only for tomorrow but for the years to come. It will come with a challenge that we can achieve by pulling together and meeting every obstacle with commitment and enthusiam we can make it work.

Lee has put together a package that when we vote it in will be for Aug. 4th, 2007. It will require the following for a Street Fair sanctioned BBQ and Chili Contest. So far he has lined up commitments for the Wells Fargo Stage-coach for pictures free; The Budweiser consession with posters and ads to promote this function; Tri tips donated; avocados donated; bread donated; Vendors booths will be available; a stage for music from the parks & recreation. We will have the admitance gate consession; and require our Elks, Elks Ladies for all kinds of tasks; ticket sellers and takers; security; our BBQ crew will be out in full force selling sandwiches.

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Summer is gone and on to fall, the best time of year in California. I hope things cool off a bit. It was a hot Labor Day weekend.

The Lodge picnic was fun. It was inside with the a/c just kicking back visiting and talking.

Ashley Clancy won the wet-t-shirt contest by throwing a wet- t- shirt through an eight inch hole at 25 feet. She's going to use her winnings to buy a lap-top for school.

We had a fun bus trip to Laughlin, thanks to Annie Pearson and Sally and Tommy Claunch and others who helped. Each time we go there the place seems to double in size.

As a reminder, please don't drop off any books, clothes or furniture in the Lodge at this time.

Thanks,

Terry



Jay Block, PER called Bingo for our picnic



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

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Boyd Lindquist and Joe Clancey gave Molly pointers with the Wet T Shirt toss at the picnic

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TIME FLYS

How many times have you ever said that out loud? For myself, I was wondering how it could possibly be time to write another article. Seems I just finished one and yet it is another month. Why only yesterday I was struggling not to write 2005 when I made out a check and now there are only three and a half months left of this year. Fall is a whisper away. The kids have returned to school and soon we'll start raking the dreaded leaves that come with the season. Many times we put things off and rationalize that we just don't have the time. Did you ever wonder how some of the successful, perhaps even over-achievers get so much done? It seems they have the same 24 hours in a day we do, but somehow they seem to do so much more with it than I can, I think. Not true. We can do anything we put our mind to. But since this is a slow month for me, I decided we should reflect on a busier month, say – January. Yes, we made our New Year's resolutions and were generally determined to either do something or stop doing something. Some of others and us succeeded didn't do as well.

That brings me to this challenge. If we made a new resolution now or simply resurrected our New Year's resolution, we would only have to do it for 3 months. How easy is that? Since I started a month ahead of you, I have to go 4 months, but I still think I can do it. For me, it's about losing weight and getting better organized. You pick your own poison. And, if one of your resolutions is to promote the wellbeing of the Elks or Elk Ladies organization, I'm sure that all of us will be grateful for any assistance you can provide with functions, barbecues, participation or whatever talent you offer. Every one of us counts.

See you next month.

ONCE AGAIN, ITS ALL PART OF YOUR PLAN, LORD Marilyn Cissell



Most times we are not prepared to deal with sudden change. That lifetime partner taken, God, a broken life to rearrange.

With floods of sincere offers, then to help in any way they can. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all, Again, sweet Lord, part of your plan.

Amen



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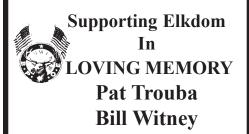
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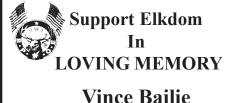


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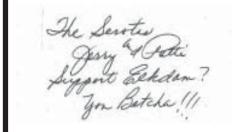
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