



David Naccarato,
Exalted Ruler



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'Elkdom  the Winning Hand'



Elks Lodge #2477

**Catered Dining
and**

Dancing with Vanessa and Charlie

*Happy New Years Eve
in the Conejo*

Filet Mignon \$45

December 31, 2006

6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour

7:00 Dinner

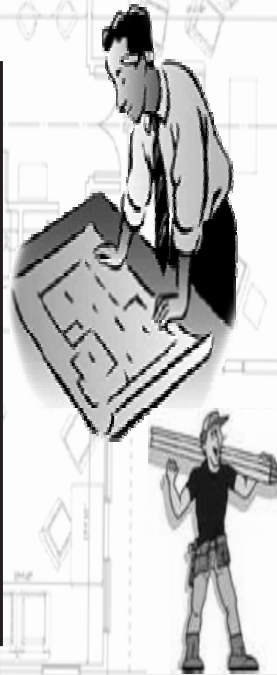
8:30 p.m. Dancing

Advance Reservations Required

805 496 4550

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.



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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.

o Information will be forthcoming directly to the membership during Lodge Wednesday night meetings and in the Antler Antics

o Applications for bonds are available at the Office and in the lounge

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



EXALTED RULER
David Naccarato

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Six months into my year as Exalted Ruler and to sum it up, in the words of Frank Sinatra "Riding high in April shot down in May". It's been a ride so far. I've received much help from lodge members and the P.E.R.s who have gone before me. I am trying to have a lodge that is enjoyable for our members to come down to. But we have to remember that we are an Elks Lodge. An Elks lodge is much more than a social club. We have Grand Lodge mandated programs that we have to follow and execute, such as scholarship, hoop shoot, veterans programs, and charity basket program. We have visitations from dignitaries. We have much set up and take downs for meetings and events. Just because you are not an officer does not mean we don't need your help. Our bar- b- que teams are our steady lodge income. As a result, we have members having to work the bar- b- que 3 to 4 times a month. We have enough members to spread it around. Get involved. We are Elk members of Thousand Oaks Lodge number 2477. By the time you read this, December will be upon us. Our Christmas tree lot will be up and running. Give the guys a hand down there. On a cool evening they will have a fire going. The smell of pine will be in the air and the camaraderie you experience with your fellow lodge members can't be beat. OK OK I'm off my soapbox.

ON PEARL HARBOR.

December 7th I'm reminded that every American citizen who has served in the defense of our country, either on land, air, or sea is entitled to public recognition of their patriotism and the benefits to be derived from their association with their comrades. We the Elks are truly delighted to honor and salute all members of the armed services past and present and I want to know who you are. Please contact me with you name, rank and serial number that you may be in print in a future Antler Antics to let every lodge member know who our own veterans past and present are. May God bless and protect each of you and thank you for allowing us to honor you at our lodge.

ON GARDENING

I want to point out (not that you can't help but notice) but Carol Stewart and Abe Gamble have been busy cleaning up and landscaping around the lodge. They saw a need without anyone asking and "GOT IT DONE". When you see them around the lodge. Give 'em a high five and appreciation.

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**To Our
Absent Members**

Sunday, December 3rd

**ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE
11 A.M.**

**Come honor our members who have joined
that Grand Lodge on High this past year
and pay respect to their living spouses:**

**Eugene Stevens
Mark Ziegler
Vern McNaboe
Floyd Lawrence
George Coberly
Joe Fratella, Sr.
Dick McNeal
William Dierker**

**Everette Boyce
Ken Maurer
David Perry
Tony Myszka
John Ough
Robert Cissell
Alfred Battles
Thomas Pinto**



Max Maxwell

BBQ NOTES.....

In the September issue of the Antlers I talked about the log splitter. I was hoping against hope that the subject wouldn't come up again. We used the new splitter for about two weeks before it broke. We fixed it and got another week out of it before it broke again. I guess the oak we have been getting is too hard. Maybe we should try burning balsa wood.

After much deliberation we decided to take the splitter back and try a different machine. All the frustration sent Jim Mullen on a quest.

He has been all over the place talking to guys that use log splitters. He got a lot of information from our brothers in the Santa Barbara, Lodge 613. They sell firewood and go through many, many cords a month, mostly eucalyptus that can be a difficult wood to split. We have been looking at machines they rate highly. One splitter that everyone thought was a good machine was a North Star 37 ton splitter. Jim considered price, warranties, shipping charges and the quality of the various machines. He wound up ordering the North Star. We were all anxiously awaiting the arrival of the splitter on October 4th, before 3 PM.

Tommy Claunch came down early to use the "green machine" to unload it from the delivery truck. I brought all the tools I thought would be necessary to put it together. 3 PM came and no splitter. What the heck. Jim called the freight company. "Oh it's on the dock, I guess they forgot to load it. It will be there tomorrow. Thursday comes, same routine, no splitter. Jim again called the freight company. "Well we don't know where the splitter is but we will find it." A week goes by, no splitter, two weeks go by, then three. Still no splitter. Lost and gone forever a claim had to be filed with Northern Tools before they could ship another splitter. It finally arrived October 31st. Hurray!!!

The Red Line Corvette Club fundraiser for D.A.R.E., held at the end of September, was a big success for our BBQ team, as was the 21st annual Auto Show sponsored by the Westlake Chamber of Commerce on the 1st of October. Sometimes things can be a little hectic getting everything ready for one of our off campus events. Chairman Ed Rice came to the Lodge very early Saturday morning to set things up for the Sunday show.

In doing so, and while he was in the worse possible position, our garden hose blew up and nearly drowned Ed. He got so wet that the guys on the PER BBQ team were looking for rain gear for him.

We helped out with a blood drive for Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles sponsored by Neftin Volvo/Volkswagen in Westlake, serving sandwiches for more than a hundred donors. It was a wonderful event for a worthy cause and the nurses drew more blood from qualified donors than any event they have held in the past. One very nice lady after giving blood asked Tom Hartin where the sandwiches were and he told her to see the grey-headed guy at the end of the table. As I glanced down to that end standing together were Brothers Ken Keeler, Jim Mullen and our officer at large, Jack Loughran, PER. What was a nice smile on her face instantly turned to the most puzzled look you could imagine. Tom, all three of those guys have a little snow, no make that a lot of snow on top.

The street fair was also a huge success. They grossed about five thousand or \$700 more than we did the year before. Wow guys what a great day. We BBQ'd for the annual trail clean up event for COSCA (Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency). In the morning they hike trails around Thousand Oaks to clean up and repair them. By noon they are bussed in to lower Dover/Hendrix Park where we put on a little feed for them. It's a nice day for all the volunteers on both sides. As we do, we learn, and over the years Brother Jim Rochford has become an expert at cooking veggie burgers. He has it down to a science now. He's not too bad at hotdogs either.

Our chairman, Brother Ed Rice has officially announced his retirement at year's end. It's a big job and requires a lot of time and forethought. Ed has been a great BBQ Boss and we will surely miss his talents. From all the guys on the BBQ teams Happy Holidays. You are always welcome to come by, smell the smoke and enjoy the best sandwich in town.

**KUDOS TO:
ROBERT THORNTON, PER, PDDGER**

For spearheading the Dictionary Program in
Pleasant Valley School District
By distributing dictionaries to
Hundreds of third grade students,
Giving them the gift of knowledge

THANK YOU FOR BEING A CARING ELK

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ON THE ER CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 8th is my ER Christmas party at the lodge. We will be enjoying a Mexican fiesta by chef Ed Bianchi and then stick around for our rendition of DEAL OR NO DEAL following dinner.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS.

On December 16th we will be delivering Christmas baskets to needy families in our community. The lodge room will be closed from December 12th thru December 16th in preparation of this important event. After the delivery we will come back to the lodge for Sloppy Joes. Then everyone is invited to my and the first ladies home for an open house. Karen spends two months in decorating our home and the only one who sees it is our dog and our next-door neighbor. So this year YOU ARE ALL INVITED, we will be open till 9:00 at night. Come on by and Merry Christmas. Go to map quest and look up 31 Edgar Ct. Newbury Park 805-375-1089

ON THE ER'S TAILGATE PARTY.

Sunday December 17th we are having a Tailgate Party. What does that mean? Here are the rules 1. Everyone is invited, but if you have a truck you get preferred parking. 2. Must have a tailgate. 3. Willing to share your tailgate. 4. Have a hibachi or charcoal type grille. NO PROPANE!!!! Let other lodge members use your grille. 5. You bring your own meat. The lodge will provide potato salad, chips and the ingredients for s'mores to make on the hot coals. 6. Have fun. A game will be on in the lodge room. No particular game but the games run all Sunday, Trucks will be parked along by the picnic tables.

Tailgates down and bar-b- ques fired up. All starts at 12: 30

WAPITI STORE

New member Lloyd Carter is doing a good job with our Elks' store. Be sure to stop by and visit our Elks Wapiti store. Proceeds to go to our new facility.

ON BOND SALES,

The more money we make on bond sales is that much less that we have to borrow. We are building a new lodge. We need a new lodge. Our bonds will pay 6 1/2 percent to our members. It's better than paying the interest to a lending institution. Where we will have to pay fees and renegotiate every 3 to 5 years. I thank you now for your support.

ON KARAOKE.

We had a Karaoke night at the lodge. It went better than I thought it would. If you want to do it again, gotta let me know.

ON THE PIN BOARD;

In the patio lounge we have a new pin board. What is a pin board? It is a map of the United States and when a lodge member visits a lodge and receives a lodge pin from that lodge, he can bring it back to our lodge and attach it to our pin board. It shows which lodges our members have visited. PER Bill Sternburg built our pin board. PER Greg Metzgas donated the glass. New member Lloyd Carter donated the map. And our resident locksmith PER Gil Riding donated the locks. Visit our patio and take a look. If you have a pin you would like to have installed on the board give it to the bar tender or directly to Bill Sternburg.

ON THE LOG SPLITTER

Our lodge is now the proud owners of a new log splitter. Jim Mullen has invested countless hours in investigating the purchase of just the right log splitter for our lodge. He traveled all over the tri county area talking with people in the log business and speaking with manufacturers. The end result is we now have a log splitter. Thank you Jim for your time and trouble in finding us our log splitter.

SPEAKING OF THE BAR- B- QUE

Ed Rice who has been our Bar- B -Q Chairman and who has done a wonderful job is stepping down to take a break from the duties of chairman. So needless to say we are in need of a Bar-B-Que chairman. The bar- b- que is a major source of income for our lodge. It was one thing when the wagon went out once a month and had special events 4 times a year. We now bar- b- q ue every week and our wagon has gone out 16 times this year alone. What we may need is a bar b q committee to share in the duties and not have it fall on one person. It could get very busy and we don't need burn out. Please see Ed Rice or me and we'll sit and talk about it.

KUDOS TO:

**CRYSTAL DOOL, LLOYD CARTER
AND JERRY SEROTA**

FOR DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING
A PUBICITY BOARD
COMPLETE WITH GRAPHICS, PICTURES
AND WORDS
EXPLAINING ELKDOM TO THE PUBLIC.
IT WILL BE DISPLAYED AT WEEKLY B-B-QS
VIEW IT IN THE LOUNGE.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Sally Claunch, PER
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 articles due 5th of month
 send as Word attachment

At the Lodge this month are festivities and fun activities for the entire family. Children have two special events reserved for them. On December first, as always, the Elk Ladies will sponsor the tree trimming party. Children can help decorate the Lodge tree, and participate in a sing-a-long. The following week on December 9th Shirley and Chet Kozlowski (in memory of their grandson) will spearhead the kids' Christmas party. For their entertainment there will be a visit from Santa, and maybe a magician. All these events are open to Elks-their children, grandchildren and neighbors. They provide wonderful opportunities for you to come and meet your fellow Elks who have children.

Nor are we adults overlooked in this holiday season. The tree trimming party also features a sumptuous spread provided by the Elk Ladies. The following Tuesday, on December 5th the Elk Ladies will host their annual holiday party. At this occasion the officers serve the women and we feel like queens. ER, Dave Naccarato, has planned a Mexican feast for his ER party on December 8th. Afterwards we all get to play Deal or No Deal. I wonder what the prizes will be??? Please save room on your calendar for the Kampers' Brunch on December 10th at the Grand Vista Hotel. The brunch is gourmet complete with seafood and champagne and the raffle prizes are exceptional.

ER Dave and Karen have graciously opened their home to us on December 16th. I can't wait to view all the Dickens village and motionettes. What are motionettes?? Finally on December 31st George Meehan and crew will host a New Year's Eve party. As always it will be one of the social highlights at our Lodge. Get your tickets early. This affair always sells out.

Yet, the month of December is also a somber time for us Elks. The first Sunday in December is designated as Elks Memorial Service day. We honor our departed members and support their living spouses. Breakfast and gifts from the P.E.R. Association are provided to the living spouse and at 11 a.m. one of the most moving Elk rituals is given by the officers. Come down for breakfast and view the rendition. I know that I will be there.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Bill and Annie McIntyre on the passing of Annie's mother; also the family of Carol and Robert Neuner on the passing of her mother; the family of Nancy Crane on her passing; Jessica Stull on the passing of her mother;.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Carol Stewart from a stroke; Hazel Lenahan in I.C.U.

ON THE MEND: Robert Neuner from a back injury.

REMEMBER CARDS AND PHONE CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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 16-Open House at Naccarato's home
 December 17-Tailgate Party & Football Watching
 December 31-New Year's Eve Party

January 5-Member Appreciation Dinner/Trustees
 January 12-Queen Coleen's Pot Roast Dinner
 January 31- Police & Firefighters Appreciation
 Dinner

February 4-Super Bowl Party
 February 24- Elk Ladies Mardi Gras Party

March 7-Pin Night
 March 28- Installation of Officers
 March 31-Inaugural Ball

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

The Holidays are here! We have a lot of events happening. Please check the calendar and highlight the activities that you would like to attend or participate in and read-up on upcoming activities on the poster in the lounge.

October 21st was our annual Charity Event that kicked off the fundraising for our Charity Baskets. The money we raised is going to our Charity Baskets that will be distributed to families in need this month. We couldn't have events like this if it wasn't for all the volunteers that help. I wish to thank everyone from the Chefs with the far out fantastic dinner by Marva and Johnny D. and their cooking companions, Ruth and Jim Mullen, to the Fraulines in costume, the raffle donations from John and Cherri Peterson, the entertainers; Poldsi on the accordion, song leaders Carol Fredricks and Dean Nash and Jerry Serota belted out some tunes too!

The Elks Ladies will sponsor the annual Christmas Tree Trimming party. This is a great event for the kids to come decorate the lodge tree and have some fun. The following week Shirley and Chet Kozlowski will spearhead the Kids Christmas Party. These events are open to Elks, their children, grandchildren and neighbors. They provide wonderful opportunities for you to come and meet your fellow Elks who have children/grandchildren. Maybe they would like to join our Junior Elk program? Up next the Elks Ladies will host their annual Christmas Party where traditionally the Officers serve the ladies. We might have to do double duty. We have the ER Christmas party and the Kampers Christmas Brunch that you don't want to miss.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The list of families needing a Charity basket will be compiled, and we will need happy little Elk helpers to volunteer. Many opportunities await and I have listed some of them below.

TOYS FOR CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY: There is a bin in the lounge for depositing UNWRAPPED toys that will be distributed to the families along with the charity baskets.

THE BIG TURKEY ROUNDUP: Please donate a turkey or two for the baskets. I would appreciate it if you could keep it at home in your freezer, put your name and phone number on the turkey sign up sheet behind the bar.

FILLING THE BASKETS, WRAPPING TOYS: The lodge room will be closed on the week of the 11th in order to prepare (basically turn the room into a refrigerator) the baskets to be delivered on the following Saturday (Dec 16th). Volunteers will be needed to fill the baskets on Wed. December 13th afternoon and Thurs.-Fri. Dec 14-15 in the morning.

DELIVERING: On Sat. December 16th starting at 9 am, we become delivery Elk Elves with trucks or whatever to personally delivery the baskets to the families. The families will be contacted and are eagerly awaiting our arrival with the food and toys for the kids. It is such a rewarding experience to delivery a basket while the kids are jumping up and down, so excited to see the toys and the parents appreciating the meal for the family.

I will have a poster in the lounge. Please, please, please read the upcoming events, dates and volunteer opportunities.

Don't forget about the TREE LOT. Help is always needed.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season with lots of love, health and peace.

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

Remember
December offers many Elk volunteer
opportunities-
Christmas tree lot sales, Christmas baskets
Sign up sheets are in lounge



Bob Saynay, Secretary



NEW FACILITIES

Greg Metzgas, PER

Through the Holidays the office will be open daily 10:00 a.m. thru 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.

June O'Fallon, Office Assistant for the past 4 years is training in additional areas and we will continue to strive for greater service to the Lodge and the membership. As always, the office goals are to be prompt, accurate and accountable.

The Secretary's office is required to serve the purposes and needs of the Grand Lodge and YOU-the membership. Your questions or concerns are always welcome!! Please don't hesitate to call the office at 805-496-2477 or email us at TOElks@yahoo.com, or just drop in.

Happy Holiday Season

NOTICE

As of November 1, 2006 the ½ year paid members are in areas over one year (Elks year). As per the Grand Lodge Statutes access to the lodge facility and all services are no longer available.

These non paid members will be dropped as members during January, 2207.

2127	Denise Brady
2052	Katherine Burns
2010	Cal Di Valerio
1813	Marc Donovan
2105	Michael Fairbanks
1801	Wayne La Farr
1815	Donald Long
2022	David Mac Farlane
2161	Frank Murphy
659	John Nau
2056	Wendell Oxford
935	Daniel Snyder
1429	Rick Spampinato
2125	Jim St. Ores
619	Charles Thompson
2119	Charles Welsh

Our plans for the new lodge building are complete and are now in the hands of prospective contractors. This process could take a month or more. Getting our plans this far has been a long but necessary process. There is only one way to find out exactly how much a new lodge will cost and that is to develop a working set of plans and put them out to bid. The working set of plans contains more than 30 sheets and has involved not only the architect but 4 other licensed engineers.

Now is the time for any members to speak up and let us know if there is a particular phase of the work you would like to bid. If you have the expertise to accomplish some of the work involved in the site work or construction and would like to help us complete this project, please contact me, Greg Metzgas, PER. Please don't wait to be asked, step forward and help us out.

Once we have a firm price to complete this project, we will have to see how much money we will need to borrow from a commercial lender and what that will cost us. As you know, there are bonds for sale to our members, associate members and widows of members that we are using to reduce the amount of money needed from an outside lender. The more bonds we sell, the less money we need to borrow from a commercial lender. The less money we borrow from a lender, the less money we will have to pay in loan costs to that lender. This could amount to tens of thousand of dollars that would go into the pockets of the lender instead of going into the building of our lodge. Please help us by purchasing our lodge building bonds. They are paying 6 ½% interest for an investment of as little as \$500.

Thanks for everyone that has helped us get this far. Watch for breaking developments in this venture. As an added note, the final plans are available for anyone to look at. Please contact me and I will make sure they are available.

**BUY A BOND TODAY
TO KEEP THE COMMERCIAL LENDERS
AWAY**

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**LOYAL KNIGHT
George Meehan**

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CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Ed Rice
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Glenn Wellman
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: Tom Ryder, PER
WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Steve Smith
**LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER
APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool
PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Bill Miller

This month George is on a cruise and a vacation from Elk duties.

The Scouts motto is 'Be Prepared' and when things go wrong it is never too late to make them right. The year was 2000 at the Elks National Convention in Dalla, Texas. There were two Elks from our district who were honored with the Marvin M. Lewis Award for Scouting, Richard Goldner and Mike Velasquez. In the chain of events Mike was never notified of this great honor and his medal sat at Grand Lodge Youth Activities gathering dust having never been presented.

Bill Sternberg, Grand Lodge Western Regional Scouting Chairman found out about it and went into action to right this wrong. At the homecoming of Mack Clark, DDGER in Santa Maria a special presentation was made before more than 200 members honoring this gentleman who for over 20 years has devoted himself to Scouting.



Bill Miller, Scouting Chair

A FISH STORY

Our BSA Troop 754 went on a fishing trip last week and I promised the boy who caught the biggest fish (as properly authenticated, of course, by a photo) a \$25 prize. The \$25 check was presented to Boy Scout Jeffery Dees during our October 15th Flag Retirement Ceremony for catching the largest fish on a recent Troop 754 ocean excursion out of Oxnard. Jeffery's winning fish was a ling cod and we understand that he totally out-fished his father, Jerry, a retired Navy pilot. Jeffery is one of several Webelos from our sponsored Cub Pack 3763 to recently bridge into our Boy Scout Troop 754 and says he is having lots of fun."



(L-R) Richard Goldner, Greg Metzgas, and standing on the dais is honoree Mike Velasquez, next is Howard McMasters, Norm Jensen and at the microphone Bill Sternberg, GL, Western Regional Scouting Chairman, all are Marvin M. Lewis Scouting Award recipients. Seated is homecoming DDGER, MacClark, and his wife Mary Lou.



Jeffery Dees hugging his winning fish (Lingcod) with dad Jerry as a witness.



BAR MANAGER
Glenn Wellman



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

Happy Holidays to all!!!

Lunches and happy hour are continuing this busy holiday month. Before shopping, stop by for lunch. Use your lunch bunch coupon. After shopping rest a while and enjoy a beverage and food during happy hour. Because of the many activities planned for December, there will be no Friday night entertainment.

In January, back by popular demand will be a bowling tournament. Watch the Antler for further details.

Finally best wishes and a speedy recovery to Carol Stewart.

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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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Los Angeles Maritime Institute
Bart Vanderlip

Tall ships ruled the high seas. They helped create the great empires of the world. Why were they so successful? They had commanders who gave the orders, crews that took their orders, worked together in harmony to rig the sails and get the job done.



The Los Angeles Maritime Institute have two Brigantines. They conduct the "Topsail Youth Program". They cater to kids at risk from intercity schools in the L.A. area. They are also available to Boy and Girl Scout troops for 3-5 day sails. They can take 24 children and 3 adults. at the cost of \$1,700.

Groups put on fund raisers and if they run short sponsors help them out.

It teaches the children teamwork, subordination to the captain and goal orientation. Teachers report that when the children come back to class they are less unruly, take direction and their behavior is much better.

The picture below that was taken and sent to the (brother) Troop 754 in Spain. It was taken on their annual sail aboard the Irving Johnson. Bart Vanderlip (a 2477 Elk) is in the blue shirt over on the left. He has donated countless hours to serving the youth and Scouting through volunteer work with the sailing program.

(Message in Spanish translated) We will start a group to maintain contact with them (our Troop 754) so we can do another type of activity in the future. On behalf of Troop 594 (in Spain), we thank you for the photo.



Article which appeared in Your Hub, written by Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair

WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



Raul Arevalo with sponsor Grant Thistle



Tom Heller with sponsor Michael Budeski



Our own fraulein, Cornelia Meehan and Carol Fredricks serenading the merrymakers at Oktoberfest



Dean Nash inspecting the henlines of six frauleins-Cherri Peterson, Toni Hartin, Catherine Koeritz, Gayla Lindquist, Sally Claunch and Carol Fredericks



Frauleins-Cherri Peterson,



Catherine Koeritz,



Toni Hartin,



Gayla Lindquist,



FLAG RETIREMENT

Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair,
Photographer

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477, on Sunday October 15, 2006 in conjunction with scouting units it is proud to sponsor held its 12th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony. There were 620 worn and faded American Flags collected for retirement.

In the Lodge room with over 100 members and guests in attendance the Boy Scouts 754 presented the colors. The Chaplain gave the invocation, Gil Riding, DDGER made the introductions and then the Officers presented the Flags before the altar for inspection by David Naccarato, exalted ruler before retirement. We then adjourned to the plaza where the funeral pyre was ready for officers to retired one flag each.

The sponsored BSA 754 conducted the Scout retirement ritual. Separating one stripe at a time and intoning a patriotic message as it was paced in the funeral pyre, when the blue field of stars entered the flames the retirement was completed. All the scouts present were invited to retire a flag.

An ice cream social followed the service.



Exalted Ruler, David Naccarato, Cub Scout Pack 3786, Jonathon Ely, Girl Scout Troop 607, McKenna Masters, Cub Scout Pack 3765, Matthew Olsen, Brownie Troop 597, Alexandra Seligman, Cub Pack 3715 Den 5, Mark Fuller, and Girl Scout 275 Catherine Soloway
(Back-Row) Bill Sternberg, Grand Lodge Western Regional Scouting Chairman

NATIONAL SERVICES

Gary Erland

On Sunday November 5, 2006 the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 hosted two bus loads of veterans from the Sepulveda nursing home in honor of Veterans Day. It was a bright sunny day in the upper 70's as the veterans were lowered from the bus in their wheel chairs, just a beautiful day for the veterans. Bobby Williams and his crew of helpers did a great job and the Veterans loved it. The buffet consisted of ham, bacon, sausage, eggs, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, sweet rolls, and juice. In total there were over 100 veterans and members who attended.

The 44 men and women some in wheel chairs were waited on and were treated royally. Elks Lodge greeters was PER, Jack Loughran, a veteran from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam and 4 year trustee Gary Erland, a veteran of Vietnam and also a member of VFW Huberov Post 11395 which meets here regularly.



Greeter Gary Erland 5 Year Trustee and Fran Paul who joined the navy in 1950 during the Korean war and was a storekeeper. Back row, PER, Jack Loughran and Adrienne Mohamed who enlisted in the navy in Boston in 1953 and was accepted to OCS as a medic.

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

DECEMBER 3RD

11 A.M.



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg



Pirates of the Caribbean earned her first place in “rig” decoration.

Can’t remember the Drake’s theme –but Debi was incredible as the “Cowardly Lion” and their decorations rated a third place.

NO – I don’t want any cheese to go with my whine! Constructing my Hogwarts and Harry Potter scheme nearly killed me – and I didn’t fit in either category (whine, snivel, and whimper). I wasn’t a “rig” decoration nor a haunted house – therefore NO competition with the Colleran’s fancy (expletive) haunted house – so (sob) I took second place out of two, the Colleran’s of course were first place.

Even Mary Flannery and Doris Newcomer who professed they had NO intention of decorating their rigs – turned up with some really cute items. Mary’s were things she had made – and an awesome job she did. She’s quite a tole painter you know!

So all in all – everyone had “something”. It was really a fun time – the other campers in the park really enjoyed participating in the judging and walking around talking to all the “nuts” who busted butt to decorate.

Debi Drake’s “scare-crow chili” was a big hit – however, those of us who had/still do cook competition chili determined there were some “unidentifiable” spicings included. Good job, Deb.

It is always a lot of fun – when the sheriff is announced. Ya really gotta be careful of these “quite” guys/gals. Joel Erickson did the deed for this campout – and a mighty fine job, ably assisted by Beverly. The sneak tried to fine me TWICE on top of making fun of the officers’ performance at the Saturday morning meeting. Hey – his wife is included in that group – didn’t seem to cut any ice with him.

The crowning blow – the Erickson’s won the fifty-fifty – hummm, let me think – did their grandson draw that ticket?

AGAIN – DON’T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS BRUNCH! Ticket should be available beginning at the November campout and will be available at the bar. The layout of food at the Grand Vista is always incredible. Hope to see ya’ll there!

HALLOWEEN AT FAR WEST RESORTS – 2006

As I had mentioned before – when you miss this campout – you really miss a GREAT time!

It was terrific to have some who haven’t been camping with us for a while – like Chuck and Judy Kudra – good to see you again. They were utterly charming in their costumes – Judy had an absolutely gorgeous hat – and Chuck was an impressive pirate (they would have fit in at Cheryl’s rig beautifully).

Steve and Chris (Harrison – I hope I got that right) were delightful and we were very happy to have them among us – finally. If I recall correctly – they had sent their membership application a while back – but this is their first campout. I THINK they enjoyed themselves enough to come back again – at least I hope so!

Oh-Oh - friends of Steve and Chris – John and Kathy (last name - lost in the chatter) came in later on Saturday – wish they’d been around a bit longer.

The decorating frenzy was something to watch! Beverly Erickson had searched for a cardboard house similar to Veronica Robichau’s from last year. The one she located on the internet was more than she was willing to pay – thus she set out to construct one with the daughter and grandkids. Seems Debi Drake and Bev spent a LOT of time on Wednesday putting together boxes which, I think, Joel sought out and eventually ended up paying for – plus paint, etc. The last mumbled remark about the bloody house – “wish I’d just bought the one on the internet”. As I recall – all the work earned them a second place in rig decorations.

Poor Cheryl had been out-of-town the early part of the week – seminar and, would you believe OPRA? She HAD to handle some business Thursday and Friday, therefore, being unable to pull in to the campground until late Friday evening. Then the fun began - - it is unbelievable what she pulled out of THIS motorhome. I think it was Gene Ewald who commented after Cheryl moved up from the FIRST KaChing (about 18 feet) to the second (about 24/26 feet) to the current 31 foot model – something about someone’s principal – the larger the space the more she’ll cram in it. RIGHT ON GENE! ! The decorations were awesome BUT the topper was her brother, Robert, in “disguise” – LORD what an ugly woman! The wig was absolutely gorgeous! However, her



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

WANTED-DVDS/VIDEOS

Thanks to the generosity 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 viewing 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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LECTURING KNIGHT

Terry Baker

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NATIONAL SERVICES

Gary Erland

Hi Folks,

We had a great Flag Retirement Ceremony thanks to Bill Sternberg and our scouting people. There were lots of positive comments about our presentation. Some people had no idea that the Elks retired flags. We had over 600 flags to retire. We burned some and sent the rest to the mortuary for cremation.

November is veterans' month so we served 43 vets a great brunch. Thank yous go to-Robert Koeritz, Bobby and Paula Williams, Carol and Jon Preston, Toni Hartin, Carol Fredricks, George and Ruth Sylvester, John and June Leadam, Judi Palmquist, Patti and Jerry Serota, Jack Loughran, Glenn Wellman, and Bob Saynay. A special thanks goes to Gary Erland who chaired the event. Nice job Bro.

Don't forget about the Christmas tree lot starting November 29th. We can always use your help.

Miss you Dee!!

The remodeled Hospice in building 99 at Sepulveda VA which was opened the week on the 20th still has no residents. The small waiting room is finished and the bookcase has been added. Hank Papeika and Gene Ogden were at building 99 last week 10/9 to drop off lotion, books, and laundry supplies. In talking with the manager of the Hospice, he asked if it were possible for the VFW to supply the facility with a coffee maker, a carafe, and cups for use by the residents of the Hospice and their visitors. Eric Huberth Post 11395 has agreed to supply these items. I have talked with Patrick Gregorio again about the Veterans breakfast for November 5th. We have firmed up this date and the time of arrival as 10:30 to 11:00 AM at the Elks Lodge. Patrick has reserved the transportation for the Veterans, and will report any changes to myself, Jerry Serota, or Gene Ogden.

Elks Ladies Holiday

Dinner Meeting

Date: Tuesday Dec. 5th 2006

Time: Cocktail Hour 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$13.00 includes Dinner and a lot of Holiday Spirit

Salad

Raspberry-Peach Chicken

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Dessert

Contact: Carol Neuner @ 805-300-7248



Bring: An unwrapped toy for the Christmas Charity Baskets the night of the Ladies Christmas Dinner and be entered in a Special Raffle Drawing.

Bring: An Appetizer to Share During the Cocktail Hour and be entered into a Different Raffle Drawing

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Where has this year gone? It is hard to believe that 2006 is coming to a close and 2007 is about to begin.

But, before we forget, December is our busiest month of the year. The Ladies will be having our annual


Christmas Tree Trimming Party on Friday, December 1st. There will be singing, refreshments and fun for all. On the 5th of December, the Ladies will be having our Holiday Dinner Meeting. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for the charity baskets. But that isn't the last event that we have on the agenda for December. The Children's Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 9th. There are flyers at the Lodge or in the Antler on all these events that will give you all the details. Come, enjoy the fun.

I would like to remind you that the Elks Christmas Tree Lot is open for business. Get your tree and urge your friends to get their tree from the Elks Tree Lot. Jeri Miller's beautiful Christmas wreaths will also be available at the Tree Lot. The proceeds will be going to the Elks Scouting Program.

Happy Holidays and New Year!
Alice Kennedy

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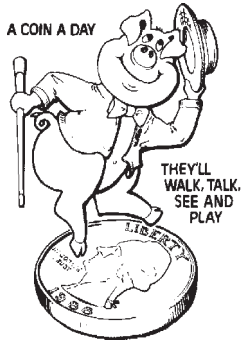
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- 30. Sally Claunch

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DECEMBER

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3	Bruce Cameron	20	Harry Isaman
	Charles Kudra	21	Richard Goldner
4	Grant Thistle		Mike Miller
5	Richard Johnson	23	William Aubrey
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6	Eugene Letourneau	26	George Estok
7	Vincent Schiele	27	Mel Baker
11	Dale Smith		Ed Bianchi
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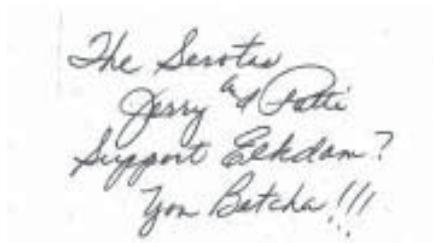



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