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Exalted Ruler



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‘Elkdom  the Winning Hand’



The Elk Ladies Present

# Mardi Gras

Saturday February 24, 2007  
6 pm

- Delicious Food
- Live Entertainment
- Some Surprises

\$25<sup>00</sup> per person before Feb. 18th  
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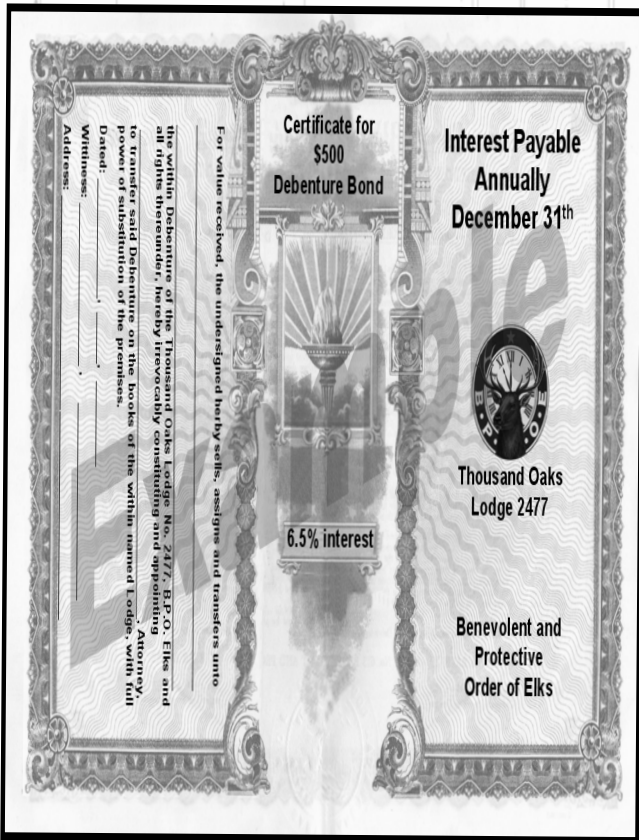
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# Building a New Lodge

*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

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**ANTLER ANTICS:** Sally Claunch, PER, Editor,  
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**NEW FACILITIES:** Greg Metzgus, PER

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**GREETERS:** Jack Loughran, PER

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota

**BUILDING MAINT. :** Max Maxwell/Tom Hartin



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**LODGE VISITATIONS:** Jack Loughran, PER

**BBQ WAGON:** Eddie Rice

**AUDITING:** Tom Ryder, PDDGER

**ELKS TRAINING:** Greg Metzgus, PER

**SHOE TOURNAMENTS:** Mike Budenski

**BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:**

Robert Jones

### CHRISTMAS BASKETS

I can't help but be pleased with the way the delivering process worked out as it does each and every year we do it. This year we had our Leading Knight Catherine Koeritz quarterbacking the event. She handed the ball to David and Annie Pearson who lateraled to Tommy and Sally Claunch who pitched to all the linesmen doing the delivery and the end result was "TOUCHDOWN" for the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge. We received a lot of press on the event and got the Elks name out into the community. Good Job Elks lodge 2477. Thanks to Sally Claunch for fixing up Sloppy Joes for the workers.

### OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House after the basket delivery went well. Karen and I had 47 visitors. Now I can't say only the dog and myself have seen her display.

### TOUGH DUTY

Our Elks lodge also is in the Christmas tree business each and every year. This year Herb Jellander and Terry Baker co-chaired the undertaking. We bought over 500 trees and each tree is handled 3 times that equates to 1500 trees. That's unloading the trees, setting up the trees for display and then delivering of the trees whether it is to the roof of the customer's vehicle or personal delivery to the customer's house. One thing I enjoy and I'll have more time to do it next year. It is the time you can spend with the other workers sitting around the washtub full of wood and the fire we build in it. There is nothing better. Then someone comes up with a copper pipe that is thrown in to the fire and we have a light show to boot. Gotta see it next year.

### NEW FACILITIES UPDATE

The plans are in the hands of contractors. We should receive bids back by the end of January. I will like to have a bid review committee set up with members with various experience in the different areas it take to build a building. If you would like to give the lodge a hand in this area, please see me so I can get you on the list.

### BAR B QUE CHAIRMAN

The lodge is still in need of someone to chair the Bar B Que committee. The Bar B Que is a very important part of our lodge. See me to volunteer.

### PIN NIGHT

Wednesday, March 7th is our pin night. Every 5 years of service member receives a pin commemorating that event

### ELKS LADIES MAJOR PROJECT

February 24th the Elk Ladies will hold their Major Project fundraiser. Mardi Gras is the theme this year so plan to attend. A coin a day they will walk, talk, see, and play.

### FOURTH BAR B QUE TEAM CREW CHIEF NEEDED

Talking with Ed Rice, our Bar B Que team earned this lodge \$175,000 this last year with our entire on site and off site bar b ques. These monies are needed to pay the bills and to fund our charitable endeavors. Looking at the Bar B Que schedule there is no need for a team to work two Saturdays a month. To get involved and to help our lodge and your fellow lodge members, I am looking for someone to lead a 4<sup>th</sup> crew. We will get you crew members. Please see me at the lodge or call me at home 375-1089 and we will get you started. The barbecue on Saturday is a lot of fun. True it's work but very rewarding. Once you join the lodge you inherit a new family and this is a prime opportunity to get to know your family members.

### PURPLE PIG

When joining the lodge we were all given a purple pig to fill and turn into the lodge. With the holidays just over and many functions vying for our dollar, we must not forget that: "a coin a day they will walk, talk, see, and play". Please turn in your Major Project donations to the office or to any officer or me. Donations of \$100.00 make you eligible for the Century club, I have a certificate for Cheryl Templeton, which I will present to her at the Kamper breakfast.

# SUPERBOWL PARTY

Where: Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge

When: February 4th

When: 3pm

(Come early to sign up for the games)

## FOOD - PRIZES - GAMES

BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE AND GET A CHANCE TO WIN \$100.00



LARGE SCREEN TV  
IN MAIN LODGE ROOM



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Pearson (H) 805-492-3707

(W) 805-278-6580

Tommy Claunch 805-495-3445

The Elk Ladies Present

# Mardi Gras

Saturday, February 24, 2007 - 6 pm

### Menu

- Bourbon St. Salad w/ champagne dressing
- Jambalaya
- Lake Ponchartrain Pork Roast
- Red Beans and Rice
- French Quarter Dessert
- Hurricane Punch

Chef Cherri Peterson and her Krewe will present mild versions of these dishes where you add the heat!

~~~~~  
 Enjoy the sounds of  
**The Original Renegades.**  
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This promises to be a night of fun, but we can't give away all the secrets. You'll just have to be there!

\$25 pp before Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> \$30 pp at the door. (includes your mask and beads)

Purchase tickets from the bartender or call  
Jessica Stull (805) 371-4023  
Pat Peterson (805) 486-7442

Let the good times roll...

*Costumes Welcome*

## Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler





## EDITOR'S CORNER

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

### Bon Voyage to the Energizer Volunteer

Usually we say farewell to one of our Elk members by publishing a Memoriam in the Antler. Fortunately this month we say goodbye to a living Jack Loughran, PER, who is moving to Northern California to be near family.

Many know him as a soft spoken modest man, yet get him talking about his Naval career, Irish heritage, sports or anything and he can tell you stories by the hour. Many women knew him as the driver of the "widow mobile" (before Yolie of course). Many know him as the friendly Elk who talks to everyone and is forever recruiting members to become part of the officer corp. Many know him as the kind friend who shows his concern by calling you or sending cards and emails when you are sick.

But we all know him as a 24/7 volunteer for our lodge, our energizer Elk who just keeps going. He was a longtime Elk in San Jose before coming to Thousand Oaks. Since joining Lodge #2477, he rose through the chairs and became Exalted Ruler in 1996 with his beloved Yolie at his side.

Not one to retire from leadership positions after his term as ER, he continued to serve our Lodge. We all know him as the official greeter at visitations for at least 15 years that uses his outgoing personality. We all know him as the word coach for the ritual team for over 15 years that uses his attention to detail (must be the Navy training). We all know him as the MC for indoctrination for over 10 years that uses his gift of gab. We all know him as the Officer-at-Large that uses his talent for knowing each officer's part.

**AND WE ALL KNOW THAT WE WILL MISS HIM, AS ENERGIZER ELK VOLUNTEER, FRIEND, AND #2477 BROTHER.**

### Jack Loughran, PER, Honorary Life Membership

On February 21, 2007, there will be vote to award Jack Honorary Life Membership for his years of service to our Lodge as: volunteer for numerous functions, 15 year ritual word coach, 15 year official greeter, 10 year officer-at-large, and 10 year indoctrination MC

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Carol Sternberg from surgery

**ON THE MEND:** Joe Smith from a double hernia; Bill Lloyd, PER, his sling is off and receiving therapy on his shoulder; John Kelly, PER, from pneumonia; Barb Metzgas from angioplasty surgery; Raven West's father is home from the hospital, Carol Stewart is home and receiving physical therapy; and Margaret Thornton

**REMEMBER CARDS AND PHONE CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!**

Hello, Jim Kellogg & Jim Wagner-We miss you!!



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

- February 3-Dick Flittner's Birthday Party
- February 4-Super Bowl Party
- February 7 & 14-Nominations of Officers
- February 12-Nominations for Elk of the Year
- February 21-Vote on Honorary Life Membership for Jack Loughran/Election of Officers
- February 24- Elk Ladies Mardi Gras Party
- March 7-Pin Night
- March 16-Wild Women on Wine-St. Patrick's Party
- March 28- Installation of Officers
- March 30- Elk of the Year Dinner
- March 31-Inaugural Ball

**MAJORPROJECT/PURPLEPIG:**

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

We said goodbye to Jack Loughran today. He has dedicated so much of his time to Elkdome and particularly to our Lodge. We heard some pretty funny stories. Jack has such a great sense of humor and a good spirit. He was deeply moved when Dick McCaan and I sang Danny Boy. He recited one of his memorized poems. I stood in for Sally Claunch, PER, to present Jack, on behalf of the lodge, a clock embellished with the Elk emblem and engraved with his name and nice words of appreciation.

Come to the meeting on February 21st to vote for Jack Loughran for Honorary Life Member.

Robert and I will surely miss him and I will particularly miss him as the word coach for our Ritual Team.

**RITUAL**

Gil Riding has graciously accepted the challenge to be our Coach again for the Ritual Team. I'm sure every member will give it their best to bring home the trophy again. It's going to take a lot of practice, especially on my part, to learn all the lines and movements.

For new members being initiated, it is very impressive to see everyone in their tuxs, performing their parts like a well rehearsed play. So for those new members (and all members), we encourage you to return and watch the ritual, this time from the sidelines. You can't possibly remember everything that was said during that night.

**PRESIDENTS DAY:** History of the Holiday

The original version of the holiday was in commemoration of George Washington's birthday in 1796. Washington, according to the calendar that has been used since at least the mid-18th century, was born on February 22, 1732. According to the old style calendar in use back then, however, he was born on February 11. At least in 1796, many Americans celebrated his birthday on the 22nd while others marked the occasion on the 11th instead.



**Jack Loughran, PER**  
always serving our  
Lodge

By the early 19th century, Washington's Birthday had taken firm root in the American experience as a bona fide national holiday.

The first formal observance of his birthday took place in 1865, the year after his assassination, when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address. While Lincoln's Birthday did not become a federal holiday like George Washington's, it did become a legal holiday in several states.

In 1968, legislation (HR 15951) was enacted that affected several federal holidays. One of these was Washington's Birthday, the observation of which was shifted to the third Monday in February each year whether or not it fell on the 22nd. This act, which took effect in 1971, was designed to simplify the yearly calendar of holidays and give federal employees some standard three-day weekends in the process.

Apparently, while the holiday in February is still officially known as Washington's Birthday (at least according to the Office of Personnel Management), it has become popularly (and, perhaps in some cases at the state level, legally) known as "President's Day." This has made the third Monday in February a day for honoring both Washington and Lincoln, as well as all the other men who have served as president. ~Patriotism.org

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.  
~Abraham Lincoln



Conejo Valley Legal Professionals donate toys for the charity baskets. (L-R) Catherine Koeritz, Leading Knight, Elaine Goldner, President



**Bob Saynay,  
Secretary**

Members who have attained 5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45,and 55 years of membership in Elkdom will be awarded pins at the regular meeting on March 7,2007. If you feel that your name has been omitted, please contact the office. Listed below are the honored members:

**5 year**

**Mike Asdurian  
James Bodenhamer  
Richard Eddy  
Wayne Flittner  
Debra Hawthorne  
Ed Kennett  
Floyd Lindquist  
William Maxwell  
Steve McKee  
Chris Metzgs  
Steven Sewell  
Dale Smith  
Raven West**

**10 year**

**Donald Booker,PER  
Barry Kelman  
James LaRue  
John Leadam  
Larry Lowman  
David Maddox  
Michael Murray  
Walter Ogden  
Henry Vega**

**15 year**

**Ed Bianchi  
Chris Campbell  
Paul DeNubio  
Bill Sandham  
Nick Schiele  
Bob Stevens**

**20 year**

**Bruce Cameron  
Jerry Case  
Steve Gettleman  
Thomas Knibbs  
Andy Matsunaga  
Keith Orr  
Mark Owens  
Britt Rutherford  
Marshall Schreiner  
Thomas Wolff**

**25 year**

**Clarence Brown  
Chuck Busch  
Frank Coley  
John D'Ambrogio,PER  
Walt Egan, Jr.  
Terry Gicking  
Dick Hejlik  
Donald Kerins  
Al Lenahan  
Jack Malone  
Daniel Snyder,PER**

**30 year**

**Timothy Hinsche  
R. Routh  
Roy Sapp, Jr.**

**35 year**

**Dick Churik  
Roy Cooper  
Dick Flittner  
Dennis Gillette  
Jerry Gilmore  
Jack Henry,PER  
Robert Huffman  
Robert Jennings  
Ken Keller  
Jan King  
Ken Krabel  
Alton Larson  
George Meehan  
Glenn Miller  
George Vivlamore  
James Wagner**

**40 year**

**Rick Herrera**

**45 year**

**Tony Dyer  
Edward Louy**

**55 year**

**Erle Pittman,PDDGER  
Bill Wagner, PER**

**DUES REVIEW**

At the lodge meeting of December 20<sup>th</sup> 2006, Member Jack Malone made a motion requesting that a review of the current dues assessment be undertaken. It is his contention that the current dues amount is excessive and with the number of members that were lost as a result of the current dues, the dues as of now are not in the best interest of the lodge or the membership.

The motion was seconded and passed by the members present. It was also directed that an article would be inserted in the February Antler Antics inviting all lodge members to this meeting where a review of the current dues would be undertaken at a regular meeting in February.

With this in mind I hereby have set the date for this subject to be discussed at the Lodge Meeting of February 14, 2007.

Please attend as your input will be appreciated.

Fraternally – David Naccarato – Exalted Ruler

**FROM THE SECRETARY**

Nomination and election of Lodge Officers is knocking at our door again. Per Grand Lodge Statutes, nominations will be held at regular sessions of the lodge on the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of February, and election to office will be held on the 3rd Wednesday.



2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**LOYAL KNIGHT  
George Meehan**

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**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

Happy New Year to all Elks and their families. It might seem strange that I am offering this greeting in the February issue of the Antler Antics. I don't know whether you realize it or not but the "Antics" is arriving earlier these days. I am writing this on January 1, 2007.

Last night, New Year's Eve, we had a wonderful celebration to bring in the New Year. The food, provided by Pierre's Catering of Westlake, was super. It was served on time and in an elegant manner. The band, Charlie & Vanessa played wonderful music—a good variety that all seemed to enjoy for dancing and singing along too. Also it was not so loud that it blew you out of the room.

Of course, you know that the theme was celebrating 50 years in the Conejo. Denise Goldstein, Barbara & Don Booker, Tom Hartin, and my lovely wife, Cornelia did a great job in decorating and remembering the true spirit of our area. A special thanks too, to Allison Warrick, daughter of Mertice Nichols, widow of PER John Nichols, who pitched in and helped us do the dishes. I have to say, that I didn't hear any complaints—everyone really seemed to enjoy the evening.

Now, as I said before, you will be receiving the Antlers before the end of the month. The calendar is full and the meals look great. Don't forget to attend The Police and Firefighters Appreciation Night on January 24. I think you will come away from that event realizing what these people really do to protect us. The February calendar is enclosed. Look at all the things that will be taking place and decide how and what you want to get involved in and DO IT. Don't forget why you joined the Elks and remember that by helping others, you will feel good about yourself.

**FROM THE FOOD COURT**

Happy New Year! I know it is January, but we are already looking forward into February. Have some hard working crews putting out some good eats so lets get to it and support them! All are invited

to enjoy the cooks delights on Sundays, Wednesdays, Fridays or any other meal. COME ON DOWN!

**"ER" Power Dave**

A GREAT Sunday crew. Dave's Chicken fried steak smothered in gravy is a winner. A tummy stretcher!  
 Dave Naccarato - Leader. Dave's COULD BE crew hit a bump in the road for February. Dave has to have another operation on his back so we will not be able to work him for a while. Looking to get some of his COULD BE crew working a Sunday breakfast. Dave mend well and get back into the kitchen soon! We need you.

**The Lancaster Connection**

While I was away on vacation last fall, a new member to our lodge entered the kitchen and helped with some of the meals that we were short of cooks for. I was told be many of those that sampled his cooking that it was great! Tried some of it myself and enjoyed. Lancaster Bob Arbetman is now a part of several crews and is on the schedule. Welcome aboard Bob! Check the calendar and you will see that Bob is again doing his pork chop special along with his Chicken ala Greek.

**Happy Hour**

Every Tuesday afternoon from 3 PM to 6 PM with snacks available. Toddlies are 2 for the price of one. Such a Deal! Seriously though it is a great way to end the day and to relax a little. Glenn Wellman and his helper Fred Trzcinski are putting out some good snacks.

**Super Stars**

Abe Gamble has a crew doing a Sunday breakfast. Lancaster Bob helping with his specialty Omelets.

**LOTTO**

You are asked to buy your lotto ticket at the lodge. It could make you a winner, and it also would bring some income into the lodge. A big winner got \$110 million and the seller of the winning ticket got \$550,000. That would go a long way towards funding a new lodge building! Help your lodge.

~ ~ ~ **HELP WANTED / NEEDED** ~ ~ ~

Need a Sunday Breakfast crew. Should be five people. One to cook eggs, pancakes, a toast maker, server and any other specialist that you may have.

That's it for this month. More to come! Need cooks, kitchen help and more food ideas. If you have a specialty that you think our members will enjoy let's work with it and offer it on a Friday, Sunday or Wednesday. Contact me.

**Fraternally ~ Tom Ryder - 805-497-1853**



## NEW FACILITIES

Greg Metzgus, PER



## 2006 CHRISTMAS TREE LOT REPORT

Our annual Christmas tree sales and profits were better than ever before, thanks to a lot of help from our members. Our Lodge netted over \$14,000 to pump up the charities and new facilities funds. In addition to our lot workers, thanks to those members and spouses who provided sustenance in the form of meals, soups, baked goods and beverages. Please forgive us for not naming all of them but we'd surely overlook someone. Thanks also to the Claunchs, Pearsons and Metzgus for their significant generosity. The Millers and Bill Sternberg successfully sold many wreaths, logs and handicrafts, the proceeds from which will benefit our Scouting programs.

Many thanks again to the Carlson family and employees for the use of their lot for those three weeks. As usual, the Carlson employees were friendly, cooperative and helpful. Please remember to patronize this community minded business whenever possible.

As always, we Elks kept a lot of our old friends and customers and made many new ones. We received numerous compliments and encouragement from the public and many donations were made over and above the price of the trees.

The Lodge acknowledges the hard work and efforts of our volunteers, listed below. If we somehow missed someone, we owe you a drink. Thanks for understanding.

Fraternally yours,  
Terry, Bill and Herb

Jim Allen  
Dave Anderson  
Jim Andrews  
Jay Block  
Bud Budinski  
Lloyd Carter  
Sally Claunch  
Crystal Dool  
Porter Ellis  
Bob Foley  
Jim Hamilton  
Woody Hammer  
Alan Hardy  
Tom Hartin  
Jim Horning  
Pat Jellander  
Dick Johnson

Ken Keeler  
Donny Long & family  
Max Maxwell  
George Meehan  
Bill Miller  
  
Gerri Miller  
Jerry Minazzoli  
Jim Mullen  
Robert Neuner & family  
Keith Orr  
Jack Paulsen  
Ed Rice  
Joe Smith  
Jim St. Orr  
Dave Stull  
Grant Thistle

Our plans were given to 4 qualified general contractors and a bid closing date of January 31<sup>st</sup> was given to them. I am writing this article on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January and for that reason cannot tell you this month exactly what our costs will be for construction even though you will be reading it after the bid close date. The articles for the Antler Antics have to be to the editor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding their publication in order for our members to receive them before they are too far into the month for which they are intended.

I can tell you that we are taking every precaution to make sure all of the items required for this project are covered. Some members have asked why we put the plans out to bid *before* we submitted them to the Thousand Oaks building department for approval. The reason is that the city will not look at the plans until a building permit is obtained. We don't want to apply for a building permit before we know exactly what this project will cost. There is still a chance that our costs will exceed our financial ability to service the required loan and we will need to re-evaluate our project. Once the permit is paid for, the city expects you to proceed. We do know that the city will find things on the plans that need to be corrected before building starts; that is their job. Our plans are very complete but a contingency figure will be added to our estimate for such changes as the city may require. This process is standard procedure. About the only agency that jumps into building *before* it has all of the costs is the government.

As I have written in just about every article to date, financing this project is a big hurdle we have to get over. We know we will need to borrow more money from either our members or a financial institution. Please help us by investing in our lodge's future by purchasing our bonds.

**Febraury bond sale!!!**

**Applications available in  
office**



**SCOUTING NOTES:**  
Bill Miller



**BAR MANAGER**  
Glenn Wellman



**THOMAS SMITH**

Eagle Court of Honor was held for Thomas Smith at St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church in Newbury Park on December 17th. Tom is the 33rd Scout from our Troop 754 to attain that rank. He is currently enrolled in Engineering Computer Science at UC San Diego and used his skills with the computer to catalog the over 1500 books and films at St. Julie's library to make them more easily located and accountable. He obtained a small library database program, organized other boys who removed all the items from the shelves and categorized them, and then supervised the entering of the data into his program. During his many years of Scouting in the Conejo Tom supported our annual Flag Retirement ceremony and assisted as a Color Guard at other events.

The Troop 754 neckerchief, which was designed many years ago by some of its boys, is "lent" to each new Scout and can be permanently retained ONLY if the boy attains Eagle rank. In the accompanying photograph Lodge Brother Bart Vanderlip is retiring the Troop 754 scarf and is presenting a new Eagle neckerchief to Tom while his parents observe.

**DAVID MICHAEL ATHERTON**

On Sunday January 7th a Court of Honor was held at Newbury Park High School for David Michael Atherton. Bill Miller, Com. Scouting Chairman of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 was proud to honor him with a plaque and American Flag plus adding his name to their Lodge plaque as their 29th Eagle Scout from their sponsored Boy Scout Troop #754.

Just in time for Superbowl Sunday football viewing, Direct TV is here. Come and watch the play-off games and the BIG game on February 4th on our new Direct TV Speaking of Superbowl Sunday, there will be beverage specials to add to your viewing pleasure. Also bring an appetizer and be entered in a drawing for \$100.

**Lunches and Happy Hour are in trouble!!!!**  
If we don't have more participation, we might have to cancel these activities. Please come down and partake of lunch cooked by Marc Kennedy, short order chef, extradanaire. Use the Lunch Bunch coupon

Watch the calendar for the Friday night entertainment in February.



For his Eagle Scout project with the help of the following volunteers, 3300 linear feet of parking curbs & speed bumps were prepared and painted over a two day period. Thanks to Oboba Mexican Grill in Westlake for providing lunch to the volunteer crew and The Do It Center in Westlake village for donating brushes and paint trays. Thanks also to the Tepper family, who donated funds to help pay for the materials. Without your help, this project couldn't have been a success.

# HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Rick Herrera and MaryAnn Keller busy packing the food baskets before delivery.



Bugsy Ansell, PER, and Dee Ansell waiting directions for food basket delivery duty.



Roy Cooper, Bobby Williams, Robert Koeritz loading the baskets and Catherine Koeritz, Leading Knight, overseeing the task.



Elk members around the firepit at Christmas tree lot



David Naccarato, ER, presenting a Hoop Shoot trophy during his party while First Lady, Karen looks on.



Toni McBride, prouder showing her trophy to parents and Tiler, Grant Thistle.

# AROUND THE LODGE



El Konejo Kampers officers for 2007(L-R) Debbie Drake, Bev Erickson, Ed Colleran, Cheryl Templeton and Pat VonWittenburg



Lucky Gladys Ennis winner of 50/50 raffle at Kampers brunch



Shirley Kozlowski, Kids Christmas Party co- chair, watches Jeanne Sandt make a wish on Santa's knee(aka) Jay Block



Robert Jones, Esquire, entertaining the kids with magic tricks at the Kids Christmas Party



Nostalgia decorations from the New Year's Eve party will remain on display in the dining room-view our early **Bon Voyage to the Energizer Volunteer**



Chet Kozlowski, PER, Kids Christmas Party co-chair in the kitchen as usual



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg



### 2006 KAMPERS' CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

We could start with the food – which I, personally, find absolutely delicious. If you can't find something to enjoy in that lay-out - - - what can I say!

That's kinda starting with the end result – go back to shopping for the Kampers' donations for the raffle – in the past, items were picked up the previous year at the after Christmas sale and such. W-E-L-L it didn't quite work that way this year (or last as the case may be) so Cheryl Templeton and Donna Colleran volunteered (can you imagine that) to go shopping on Black Friday. The story as told to me is that Donna got up at some ungodly hour 3:30 a.m. or thereabouts – goes to Cheryl's place WHO'S STILL ASLEEP! They finally get to their destination, all the while Donna's concerned they're gonna be too late, but find that customers are only being allowed in a certain number at a time. Now anyone who knows Cheryl, even casually, knows she LOVES to buy "things". She says she doesn't LOVE to shop – just to buy things. Can you please explain how you "buy" things if one doesn't "shop for them"? I digress – these two devised a PLAN – Donna stood in line and read a book while Cheryl ran around the store selecting items. They deserve kudos – cause it worked out really well!

Beverly Erickson, Debi Drake, Debbie LaFarr, Gene Ewald, the Collerans and the von Wittenburgs (hope I didn't leave anyone out) were summoned to help set up the raffle prize table – Beverly determined we needed to be at the Hotel by 8:00 a.m. Perhaps some made it at that time – we were a little late, not much, but the whole point is we were DONE by 8:30, except for the people who were bringing their donations. I think it was Deb Drake – who was really giving Beverly a hard time about the early arrival time and then being done in 30 minutes (giggle)!

To those of you who donated items for the raffle – a BIG THANK YOU! The Kampers could not accomplish what is done without your help! I would name the individuals – but the list is lengthy and besides this lowly reporter didn't make a list – for shame, for shame. Just know – we truly appreciate the help.

Speaking of Cheryl (I know - one of my favorite targets) she usually manages to fill at least one table with her friends and staff at the Brunch – good girl! This year we were especially pleased to have the son of one of her staff, who had just returned from Iraq with us. He was very touched because he was **recognized/acknowledged** – not to mention he won at least one of the raffle prizes – THANK YOU SIR for all you do!

The raffle prizes, now there's a topic to whine about! !! You may or may not know several of the Kampers have the portable ice makers. The Collerans, Gene Ewald and the von Wittenburgs, jointly, donated one for the raffle. The vW's had delayed purchasing one – we were going to win this one at the Brunch - - NOT! Although Bill and I deposited a LOT of tickets in to that box – CHERYL won the bloody thing.

Oh well, I did get one thing I really wanted – have you seen the purses that Peggy Mullenau makes? They are gorgeous – I did win that! I'd seen the one she had made Marva for her birthday, inquired about the pattern and after Peggy's description – decided I'd more than likely have pay her to make one! Sure glad I won one, cause I'm not sure I could afford to have her make one.

Other than the fact that Ed Colleran sat his chair on the toe of my shoe, causing me to hit the deck – I was fine – but I lost my shrimp and oysters – bummer. I believe all who attended this year's brunch thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I know Terri Rockford was really looking forward to the food – but she and Jim were detained – fortunately there was some left when they finally arrived – hope you can make it on time next year, Terri.

The Kampers wish all a HEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Come out and join us in 2007.

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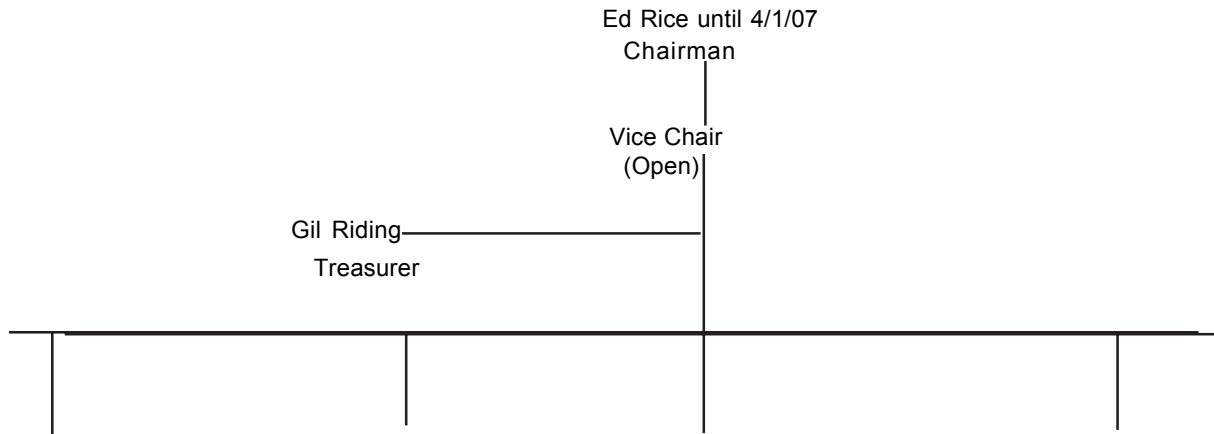
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This is the list as given. If your name did not make this listing please call the office or Ed Rice, give them your name and it will appear in an addendum next month.

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE**





Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair, Photographer

On Wednesday December 14th Santas favorite helpers the Thousand Oaks Elks Ladies and Elk members started wrapping gifts and packing baskets for around 74 families in our community. Every child in the family will received a gift. This includes 65 boys and 72 girls.

On Saturday, December 16th at 9:00 a.m. the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 delivered to less fortunate families over \$5,000 worth of turkeys, milk, eggs, vegetables and other staples, enough food to last a family for a week plus toys for all the children.

Moneys for the project were generated by the Charity Event, Octoberfest Dinner & Dance, Christmas Tree sales, thanks to Carlsons building Center, Saturday BBQs. In addition the Thousand Oaks Elks Ladies donated \$1,000 as did the El Konejo Kamper Klub, plus personal donations from caring members were accepted. The Charity Basket program is Chaired by our Elks Leading Knight, Catherine Koeritz and her husband Bob Koeritz.

The families in need are furnished by Manna, Catholic Charities, Senior Concerns, Lutheran Services. One of our naval retired veterans arranged for four palates of food to be purchased at the naval commissary in Oxnard. Innumerable volunteer hours go into this project and we wish to thank the community and sponsors for their support.

This is a major charity event in our community and provides a happy afterglow for our members of doing something outstanding for our community at the end of the day.



Jessica Stull



Barbara Metzger



Cheri Peterson



Kathy Ryder and Jim Mullen packing food baskets

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There was a big effort by our Elk volunteers this past month-Christmas baskets, tree lot, New Year's Eve party-etc. etc. It takes people like you to keep us going. Thank you-Thank you!!!

At this time I would like to say thank you to some of our special Elks:

- Ed Rice-hard to replace him as BBQ chairman
- Dave & Annie Pearson-for their fundraising efforts-excellent
- Herb & Pat Jellander-you guys are great
- Sally & Tommy Claunch-Antler Antics, Christmas baskets, etc. etc.
- Greg Metzgus-our new building chairman-tough job-it is going to be-lots of work but great rewards
- Max & Tom Hartin-for keeping the Lodge on line-still have to keep this building going for a while
- Dave Naccarato-our hard working and loyal ER-good luck to you Dave-love ya man

Dee-stop by-lots of us miss you!!!!

### NATIONAL SERVICES

Gary Erland, 5 Year Trustee

On November 8, 2006 Gary Erland with the help Judi Palmquist attended the 8<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of Teresa's residence in building 99 of the Sepulveda Veterans Hospital. Teresa from her own funds provided lunch for all of the residents and the VA staff. Numerous volunteers beside Judi and I were present to help and wish her well. Judi Palmquist passed out Veteran Poppies to many of the volunteers and Veterans.

Henry Wheeler (The General) who had been quit ill for the last two weeks and has been confined to bed after surgery was unable to attend this years Veterans' Brunch. Henry was much better and up and about for the celebration and attending therapy in his wheel chair under

his own command. Judi and I visited with him during the visit.

During this visit I talked with the Hospice staff and visited two of the residents. Currently there are four residents; two or them are in very serious condition. Judi and I provided books and magazines for the hospital, building 99 residents area, and the Hospice.


The week of December 11 members of VWF Post 11395 visited the Sepulveda Veterans' Hospital (Building 99) and the Hospice to deliver the coffee maker and carafe. Additionally, all or the female staff were given holiday gifts of scented soaps. The two Veterans in serious condition in the Hospice had expired at the end of November. Three additional residents had entered the Hospice and now there are a total of five residents.

Two different people on Veteran issues had contacted the Elks Lodge. In following up on one of the contacts, Five Veterans from WWII were traveling to meet for an annual reunion with a sixth WWII Veteran in our area. Joe Canestro and his five friends served in the Pacific Theater and have remained in contact annually through reunions at each other's homes. This year Joe Canestro's home is the reunion site, and the five other Veterans will be traveling from Maryland, Saint Louis, Seattle, and Northern California.

Members of Eric Huberth VWF Post 11395 have agreed to host the six Veterans and Judi Palmquist and I will attend with them and two other Korean War Veterans to celebrate the New Years Eve at the Elks Lodge. I have purchased the tickets and arranged for two tables with George Meehan for a total of sixteen at the event.

They and I are looking forward to a celebration of thanks for their service to our Country. **"They gave their todays in order that you and I could have our tomorrows"**.

Afterwards I met with Joe and he stated that they had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the New Year's celebration and thanked Eric Huberth VFW Post 11395 for being their host.

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**LOVELY MEMORIES...**


A big warm Thank You to everyone that had anything to do with the Elk Ladies Christmas Party. What a nice event! For those of you who were unable to attend, let me give you the capsule version of the evening. First of all, I went over in the afternoon to help decorate and set the tables and to my surprise the Lodge looked like something straight out of a holiday movie or fairy tale. I've been around a few years and I have to tell you, I've never seen anything so beautiful. I just couldn't stop talking about it. Several of the ladies did the tables and the tables, too, just blended in and looked as though the theme had simply continued. It was all so elegant with the red velvet, white netting, gold accents, etc. There were several beautifully decorated Christmas trees that just added to the elegance. The white tablecloths really set off the green and red napkins and gold centerpieces. You should have seen the food! Even the dinner participated in the parade of color that matched the theme boasting green, red, white and gold. The cooks and servers did an outstanding job with their beautiful presentation, its delightful aroma and palate contentment. Once dinner and dessert were through and we felt as though a good nap were in order, we were inspired and jogged out of our reverie by The Reunion from Sweet Adeline's who entertained

**FEBRUARY**

1		Grace Wallace
9		Pat Smail
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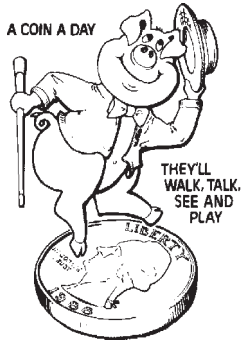
**Now anything is possible,  
When we give up control,  
And then you will be smiling, Lord,  
Because that's been the goal.**

**Amen**

and engaged us to sing along and participate in traditional and not so traditional caroling. Carol Neuner, our President, addressed the group and wished us all a wonderful Holiday Season. For those who were unable to attend, you missed a good one, and for those of us who were there, many fond memories and special friendships were created and nurtured.

Faithfully,  
Jessica Stull

**HONOR ROLL**



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- Vern Jossy
- Peter Nolan
- Jerry Serota
- Mary Ann Swallows
- Rubye Metzgas
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- Robert Jones
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- Judi Palmquist
- Sally Claunch, PER
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| 4.  | Fred Britton     |     | Charles Pederson    |
|     | Terry Gicking    | 17. | Dean Reichle        |
|     | Nick Schiele     |     | Louis Thomas        |
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|     | Bartolomeo Manzo | 20. | Robert Phillips     |
| 8.  | Rick Herrera     |     | Charles Christensen |
| 11. | Joe Smith        |     | Antonia Hartin      |
|     | Charles Thompson | 21. | Robert Huffman      |
| 13. | Arnold Antle     | 23. | William O'Shea      |
|     | Mark Owens       |     | Terry Baker         |
|     | Charles Rees     | 28. | Jim Wallace, PER    |
|     | Richard Whitmire | 29. | Kevin Gullick       |
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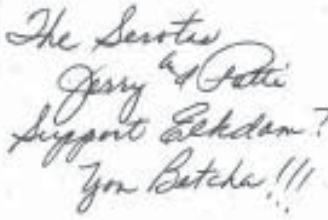







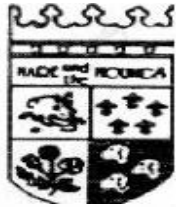
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