



Catherine Koeritz,
Exalted Ruler



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LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

OUR OWN GREG METZGUS--STATE VICE PRESIDENT



Greg Metzgus was born in Burbank California on April 2, 1948. He graduated from Canoga Park High School in 1966 and went into the US Navy. He attended Nuclear Power School in Vallejo and trained on the Navy's prototype nuclear power plants in Idaho. His navy training also included Navy Divers School. Upon completion of his training Greg was assigned to the nuclear submarine USS Henry Clay (SSBN 625) where he served as a nuclear power plant operator and ship's diver. He was discharged honorably after 6 years of service. Upon leaving the Navy, Greg used the GI bill to attend Pepperdine University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in management and a Master of Business Administration from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

Greg first met his wife Barbara when they were children living across the street from each other in Northridge. Upon coming home after the service they were reunited (with some finageling by their mothers) and were married in 1973. They settled in Newbury Park and have 3 grown children and 4 granddaughters. Greg has owned a successful contracting firm in Canoga Park for 26 years.

Feeling a need to do charitable work in the community, Greg joined the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 in 1988. He worked his way through the lodge chairs and served as Esquire and Auditor to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. He has served as committee chairman for several district committees and has earned the Marvin M. Lewis Award for Elks in Scouting.

VISITATION SCHEDULE

May 24 Santa Maria
June 4 Oxnard
June 5 San Luis Obispo
June 6 Paso Robles
June 7 Santa Ynez
June 12 Santa Barbara

June 14 Atascadero
June 19 Lompoc
June 21 Ventura
July 17 Oceano
August 7 Simi
August 8****Thousand Oaks*****

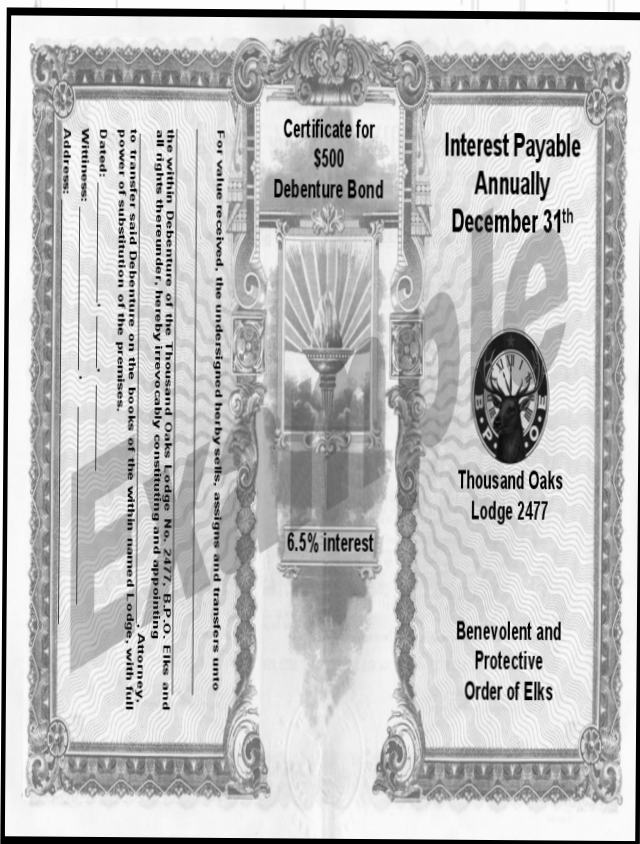
Building a New Lodge

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.



ARCHITECTS
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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

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



EXALTED RULER Catherine Koeritz

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BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:
Robert Jones

And the winner is...!

We have returned from Ritual competition, held in Oxnard, proudly displaying our 3rd Place Plaque. I am very proud of our team. We were blessed to have Gil Riding, Richard Goldner, and Dave Naccarato as coaches who dedicated their time tutoring all of us and who instilled pride in us as Officers of Thousand Oaks. We also took home some individual awards. Robert Jones who took 1st place as Chaplain, I took 1st place as Exalted Ruler, George Meehan took 3rd as Leading Knight and Liz Bell came in 3rd as Inner Guard. Every person worked very hard to learn their part. Liz ordered Hershey chocolates with personalized wrappers that said "Exalted Ruler Catherine Koeritz was quoted as saying... all West Central Coast District Lodges are all winners". That was a nice touch, Liz!

We have had a very busy month. Jerry Serota broke records in Public Relations. It seems every paper you picked up – there was something written or we had a picture of Elks in there. We came in 3rd in the Grand Lodge Area 7 public engagement program by how many points we earned in the 3rd Grader Dictionary Project. We receive points for every dictionary we give as well as how many letters we receive. Not bad out of 11 entries. We entered the Best Image of Elkdom – V contest. It was Dave Naccarato's photo during the Hoop Shoot that took 1st place! We were also awarded 3rd and 5th place for photos submitted with Dictionary Program and Elks & Scouts Flag Day. We placed 7th in the Focus on the Community – V contest for news articles published with pictures and we were the winner in Division 3 for the Best single community service activity for Elks Partners in Scouting.

Lancaster Bob and crew dedicated a day to clean the kitchen. They closed the kitchen, used a lot of elbow grease and gave it a thorough cleaning. It really needed it and we thank them for it.

We found a BBQ Chairman

Al Lenahan has assumed the position of BBQ Chairman. I'm sure all of you will support Al in his new position and lend a hand when needed.

Speaking of BBQs. We had many offsite BBQs yielding in a good amount of money for our lodge. It took a lot of effort and teamwork but everyone worked wonders at the Chili Cookoff and at the Police Academy.

State Convention will be held in Fresno on May 16 – 19. The Exalted Rulers have the Exalted Ruler's march were they present the President with the contributions of the previous year

for the Elks Major Project. The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., a committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, pledges its commitment to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to their families and without discrimination.

The Ladies organization invited me to their General Meeting where they presented me with a check for \$2000.00 to go towards Major Project. Thank you Ladies!

We have cigars for sale behind the bar. Scott Dool and Boyd Lindquist donate \$2.00 for every one sold to go towards the "Purple Pig". Thanks for your generous donation last month of \$46.00.

Our State Vice president, Greg Metzgus has started his visitations to Lodges in our District. Please check your calendar to attend any visitations and to show our support.

Did You Know???

The Elks National Foundation provides State Elks Assoc Grants, Scholarships, drug prevention, youth athletics, Veterans service, Elks Veterans memorial maintenance?

(ps I still need a Committee Chairperson for ENF – anyone interested?)

NEW FACILITIES:

The Trustees are working hard to decipher the data gathered from the bids from the contractors and the new committee that was formed (called the Finance Committee) is talking with the banks to see how much the bank will loan us and what we can expect from the contractor with the amount that we can borrow. Another committee was formed called the funding committee. This committee will look at how to pay back the loan by examining our income from BBQs, fundraisers, bonds, catering, etc... Basically, prepare a business plan.

I feel that it is imperative that the Trustees, the Officer corps and the Committees present to the membership a realistic approach to building the new facility. It's up to the membership to make the final decision.

Help Wanted!

We still need to fill a very important position: Lodge Secretary. This is a critical position and the Lodge needs help. Please, if you are interested, talk with me or any Officer.

Again, thank you everyone for your support.



EDITOR'S CORNER
 Sally Claunch, PER
sclaunch@roadrunner.com
 articles due 5th of month
 send as Word attachment

This month I need to switch hats and wear a trustee's cap. At our first meeting in April, as prescribed by G. L. Statutes, organizational procedures were accomplished. Five Year Trustee, David Stull, is the secretary; One Year Trustee, John Peterson, is safety officer and Two Year Trustee, Sally Claunch, is chair of the board. The lodge budgets were finalized, presented and approved by the membership at the last general meeting in April.

NEW FACILITIES UPDATE

Now the trustees are tackling the task of evaluating the contractors' bids and meeting with them to finalize the building costs for a new lodge. In concert with the trustees determining costs, Catherine Koeritz, ER, has appointed a finance committee to explore the best bank loan possibilities and a funding committee to develop the means of repaying a loan.

All the committees are coordinating their information and will present the members their findings at an informational meeting. It will then be up to the membership to decide should the lodge borrow money and break ground.

Our Lodge needs to acknowledge and appreciate the leadership efforts of Greg Metzgas and the Steering Committee in moving us forward towards the common goal—a new facility. By his efforts we have advanced from a vision to a roadmap. **THANK YOU!!!!**

In the meantime every member can assist in lessening the financial burden of a new lodge by buying bonds and proposing people for membership. To aid the purchase of bonds, each month in the Antler will be a bond application. Membership applications are available in the ounge, office or from officers. Together working on the common goal we can achieve it.

WANTED A FEW GAMERS

due to cancellations
 there are some spaces available
 for the Elks Ladies Bus Trip to State Line
 June 25-27th
 If interested call Annie Pearson
 492-3707

DUES DUES DUES

Invoices for the 2007-2008 dues have been mailed. As was the case this past year, the annual dues of \$241.50 (\$225 plus G.L. & CHEA assessments of \$16.50) may be split into two equal payments of \$120.75. The first payment was due on April 1, 2007 and the second payment is due no later than October 1, 2007.

G.L. Statutes require that any member who has not paid his or her dues by April 1, 2007 is considered lapsed and prohibited entry or use of Lodge Facilities.

Payments can be made by cash, check or credit card at the office or by mail.



COMING ATTRACTIONS

June 13-Flag Day at Lodge Meeting
 June 17-Father's Day Brunch
 June 25-27-Elk Ladies Bus Trip to State Line
 Casino

July 6-Exalted Ruler Going Away Party
 July 8-12-Grand Lodge Convention
 Charlotte, N.C.
 July 21-Elk Ladies Luncheon

August 8-Greg Metzgas, State Vice President,
 Visitation to his home Lodge

MAJORPROJECT/PURPLEPIG:

David Naccarato

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch**INVESTIGATION:** George Meehan**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:****CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** George Meehan**INDOCTRINATION:** Dave Naccarato, PER**MEM. CONTROL. COM.:** Herb Jellander**CVAC:****COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota**CHARITY DINNERS:** George Meehan

Ritual competition is now over and we had a fine time in Oxnard. Eleven lodges competed and Thousand Oaks Lodge placed third. Two first places and two third places were won and we were happy about that. All members gave an outstanding performance and we made your lodge proud.

The barbeque wagon has been going great, selling our great sandwiches at Conejo Valley Days, the car show at City Hall, the Los Angeles Police Academy and our regular Saturday Barbeques. We need more people to work the BBQ's. It seems as though the same people are working all the time. So come on ELKS, join a team, you will have fun and let's make the new lodge a reality instead of a dream.

Now, here is an appeal to all Elks. Come to the Lodge and support it. You have paid your dues; you believe in Elkdom; you believe in the good work that we do. Why stay away? Every lodge needs the support of its members. We are waiting for you. Come on down. You will be glad that you did.

CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., a committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, pledges its commitment to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to their families and without discrimination

Preschool Vision Screening - The Elks Preschool Vision Screening Program screens over 50,000 children per year. It is the goal of the program to significantly decrease the number of children at risk for amblyopia ("lazy eye") and other vision problems. It is with thanks to this highly effective program that thousands of children have been saved from permanent eye damage over the years.

Physical Therapy - The Elks physical therapists evaluate and treat children with a wide range of disabilities as they travel from home to home. Their focus is to help these children learn or improve important motor skills by educating or re-educating muscles and increase strength, endurance and coordination.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**805-495-0577**

ON THE MEND: Harry Brockwell from surgery has made appearances at the Lodge; Grace Wallace is recovering at home; Bill and Flo Lloyd are making progress with their recoveries.

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

In April, we had Bingo at the lodge. We had a crowd of about 16 players, down from 17 We had a real good time.

The new Bingo balls bought from Las Vegas really did the trick. The action was smooth and precise. Come out next month and support Bingo 2477. \$10.00 is buy in. Right now 4 games are played- more games with more attendance. We will have future celebrity callers. We will advertise when one is booked. Future callers will be Elvis, Kenny Rodgers, ZZ Top and many more. Look for your Antler for dates and callers.

David Naccarato, PER, Bingo Chair

Parent involvement helps increase the rate of success.

Speech-Language Therapy - The gift of communication, the promise of the future - with thanks to the Elks. Our highly trained Elks Major Project speech-language pathologists can diagnose a variety of communication disorders and coordinate a home program of therapy with the parent. Many speech-language problems are addressed by the staff, including swallowing or feeding difficulty

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LOYAL KNIGHT Raven West

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CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Ed Rice
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Glenn Wellman
SCOUTING: Bill Miller
HOOPSHOOT: Tom Hartin
WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Bob Abetman
DRUG AWARENESS: Robert Jones
STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander



MOTHER'S DAY: Robert Jones
ENTERTAINMENT: Glenn Wellman
WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Terry Gicking
**LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER
 APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool
PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Robert Jones

Last month our Lodge was presented with proclamations from government dignitaries in honor of Youth Appreciation Week, 2007. It was with enormous pride that I attended the May 8th meeting of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to accept the certificate from our area representative Supervisor Linda Parks. I was given five minutes, (not nearly enough time) to talk about the ELKS organization and the Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 activities for the young citizens and future leaders of our country.

Representing our Lodge, in officer's uniform, I proudly approached the podium and addressed the County Supervisors and the 30 or so people in the chamber room. I spoke of the hoop shoot, dictionary project, drug awareness, scholarship and American Essay contest awards, and of course our support of the Boy Scouts of American and Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

These programs are only a few of the many charities and celebrations we, as ELKS can be very proud. Our motto "Elks Care, Elks Share" is not just nice words to put on a bumper sticker, but a slogan which shows our constant commitment to our community and the people who benefit from our hard work.

I am extremely proud of the members of this Lodge. I personally wish to thank John Peterson for the beautiful banner he created for Youth Appreciation Night and the new sign which is now on the lounge door entrance.

"Lancaster" Bob and the hard working kitchen crew's dedication to providing excellent meals, daily lunches, Wednesday and Friday night dinners and Sunday breakfasts, are indeed "feasts laid out for all the gods". Our Bar-B-Que teams, on-site and off, the stalker dog at CVD and all the volunteers who give up their relaxing weekends to promote what the ELKS and our lodge is truly all about should be commended at every opportunity. But many times criticism is heard much more often than compliments and feelings do get hurt.

Sometimes it's easy to lose sight of what our true purpose is are when there are so many little annoyances which seem to get in the way. Nothing can be accomplished if all we hear is criticism and complaints. We can never move forward into the future if someone keeps constructing a brick wall at every turn that keeps us stuck in the past.

With the pressure of the ritual contest behind us, your officers, myself included, will now be focused on moving forward with increased diligence to ensure our member's "cherished rights and privileges" are protected. The role of "Justice" isn't an easy one. One of the responsibilities of the Loyal Knight is to examine all member's cards either at the

entrance door, or when they are seated before the meeting begins. It is the Loyal Knight who must stand before the altar and state to the Exalted Ruler "All members have been examined and are qualified to remain."

I respectfully ask that each member abide by this simple request. When I ask to see your membership card, please don't show me your driver's license, last year's card, or some other piece of paper in your wallet. If you do not have your card with you, you will not be allowed to remain in the meeting. The only other person qualified to examine your card is Steve Smith, the Lecturing Knight. Please don't tell me you already showed it to anyone other than myself or Steve and refuse to present it when asked to do so.

There is absolutely NO ALCOHOL allowed in the meeting room during regular meetings. If you come into the meeting room with a filled glass, it will be inspected by myself or the Lecturing Knight. If it is alcoholic, you will be asked to leave the drink outside the meeting room. If you lie, you will be asked to leave the meeting and you WILL be fined.

When you attend weekend functions, it is the responsibility of the Duty Officer to examine your membership card. If you have a guest with you, have them sign the guest roster which is on the stand by the front door of the lounge. Again, I ask that you show respect to the person who is just "doing their job" so that all may have a good time at any ELKS function.

"Elks Care"... about our Lodge and the members who wish to enjoy it. "Elks Share"...our love of giving, contributing to our community, and we are all very proud of the support we show for each other in good times and in bad.

Let's move into the future with a commitment towards excellence, appreciation and respect for all.

**Loyal Knight, Raven West
 receiving county Youth
 Appreciation Week
 proclamation from
 Linda Parks, County
 Supervisor**





Kitchen Rambling
Bob Arbetman

Well, this is our third month of the Elks' year. I have to say it is getting better. Last month we had a great Polish dinner. I thought I was back East enjoying all the great food that I was brought up on. Thank you Kozlowskis. This month we will see more great food. The first Friday will be Tom Ryder's Friday night with the monthly buffet. On the second Friday Cooper's famous Fish Fry is growing every month. Best fish, I have had in a long time. The last Friday will be cook your own steak by the maintenance crew. Please don't forget Father's Day brunch. The ladies are "Putting on the Ritz" for us Dads.

Did you know we have lunches Monday thru Friday? Well, we do! Mark is still having his delectable Tuesday Tacos. Dale Smith is still the Taco champ with 20. Can you beat him? See all of you at the meals! Don't forget we are all volunteers and try very hard to please. If you have any suggestions for special dishes, please let me know.

Thanks Boyd Lindquist
for putting in the new
concrete walkways & bbq
wagon pad



Glenn Wellman, Bar Manager

Thanks this month go out to John Peterson our new One Year Trustee for making our new wine list in the lounge plus our new sign on the entry door. Also thanks go out to Debi Fitzpatrick for cooking lunch on Tuesday for Marc. We now have two new certified food handlers-Marc Kennedy and Bob Arbetman

entertainment

- June 1 Blue Diamond
- June 8 Karaole
- June 15 One Last Dance
- June 22 Bingo



Once Again the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Was a Strong Force at Special Kids Day

What is Special Kids Day?

The Zonta Club of the Conejo Valley coordinates with C.V.D. to allow disabled children to ride the rides at the carnival on the Friday morning of Conejo Valley Days. Zonta requests the Elks provide lunch for the children, their helpers, and the carnival staff for opening early. This amounts to between 500 and 900 hamburger lunches depending on how many children they expect. This year they asked for 500 with MacDonal'd's and Carl's donating 100 each. On Friday morning Bob Arbetman, Steve Finnerty, Tom Hartin, Jason Cavanaugh, and myself were down cooking up hamburgers. Our lodge donated the burgers the chips and the buns. Past Exalted Ruler Chet Koslowski and his lady Shirley were at the site with their crew to assemble 500 hamburgers.

Our team took over and packaged the Hamburgers and had them ready for the first wave of Special Ones and their helpers at 11:15 am. From that point we were busy until about 1:00 pm. Shirley and I could not have done without the help from John and Gladys Ennis, Walter and Ann Ogden, Carol Fredericks and Dean Nash, and Jeri Miller who helped after escorting one of the Special Ones. And.....of course our perpetual helpers who are always there when we need them, Sharon Baker, Jeanne Sandt and Heather Flittner.

God Bless all of you and you have our Special Thanks.
It was a good day with again the Elks getting out the word- Elks Care Elks Share.
Submitted by PERs Chet Kozlowski and David Naccarato



Thousand Oaks Elk Members serving the community at Special Kids Day

WELCOME ABOARD



Dwight Williams with sponsor David Anderson



Tori Rodgers with sponsor Ken Daly



Gerry Gillies with sponsor Alan Hardie



Exalted Ruler, Catherine Koeritz accepting \$2000 check for Major Project from Elk Ladies Presdient, June Leadam & Jessica Stull



Ed Rice, Roy Cooper, and Jay Schmidt cooking for Chili Cook Off - five hours



#1 Team Chief, Jim Allen, lending his skills at Chili Cook Off



Ella MacDonald being honored at her farewell party



William (Max) Maxwell's official Elk of the Year picture



Exalted Ruler, Catherine Koeritz, presenting Robert Jones with his Major Project, Century Club Certificate



PER, Jim Wallace, presented Grand Lodge certificate for meeting Elks National Foundation donation quota



Maintenance Man, Max Maxwell accepting new tool donated by John Peterson



Thousand Oaks Ritual Team 2007



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg

WOW – WHAT A GROUP AT LAKE PIRU



We had SEVENTEEN rigs out – plus a huge group of visitors AND acquired TWO new members - - qualifies the campout was a ROARING success.

The guests were: Joe and Jody Clancy and daughters Ashley & Brittney (quite a little charmer)
Wayne & Debbie Garrison (also new members)
Wayne & Glenda Clark (also new members)
Sean & Jenni Flannery, Bob & Terry Miller, daughter Randi and grandson Cody, Al Lenahan, Crystal and Scott Dool, Trini Gomez (Ed Bianchi's guardian), Tim Jones (drives like a fool), John Puckett.

Needless to say, Steve and Molly Chiszar did an awesome job as wagonmasters and Molly's sloppy joes were very, very good. I asked someone – sometime – “Is the attraction the location or the wagonmasters?” The answer was BOTH!

Next, I'd like to thank Beverly Erickson for taking over as secretary for me at the meeting along with her treasurer's duties. She did a great job – Thanks Bev. I had a previous commitment and had to leave the camp early Saturday morning – but managed to get back in time for dinner - - YIPPEE. Sure glad I didn't miss that feed!

Speaking of dinner – Ed Bianchi also made a pot of chili (WRONG campout, Ed). He also made ice cream which was very good also – but the ding bat wanted to set it out along with dinner - - IT MELTS Ed.

However, one thing I DID miss was Cheri Peterson's wine tasting gig! Although she promised, faithfully, she'd save me some - - apparently it was all sucked up – and she didn't save a drop for me. Cheri – don't you recognize the power of the written word (giggle)?

John Peterson organized the youngsters in a “trash collection brigade”. (Very clever, John) offering a “reward” to the one who collected the most trash (kept them busy for a while too). Brittney Clancy gathered the most – but there was a reward for all the kids who participated.

However, we learned exactly whose “master” in Lady Peterson's world - - and it ain't Cheri. She had Lady all settled Sunday morning when John was heading off to the shower - - but Lady was having none of this sitting and staying while John was leaving the area. Took Cheri another little while to get Lady back in check!

When it came time for the Sheriff to step forward and pronounce the “fines” we learned that she has microphone-phobia. That's correct – Debi Fitzpatrick was sheriff and refused to use the microphone, thus having her

“alter egos, Cheri's daughter, Amanda, and Christina Fitzpatrick stand in for her. Although the two had a bit of trouble deciphering Debi's notes, Amanda did a credible job handling the mic.

Sunday morning Ed Colleran and Steve Chiszar were heading off to fish. They were observed pushing Steve's dune buggy out of the camping area before cranking up the noisy buggy. How very considerate, guys, thank you!

FYI - - the group had previously had a discussion of locations for our December brunch and set about checking other locations. Let me tell you people – we have a really “sweet deal” at the Grand Vista.

One of the places – charges \$9,000 for the use of the room – doesn't include anything. As Pat Peterson said, “We don't want to BUY it, we just wanta use it for a while!” Another location charges \$37.50 per person, + \$6.00 pp for champaign, \$6.75 pp for a crepe/waffle bar, \$7.50 pp for an omelet bar, etc., etc. Another could only accommodate 35 – 40 people - - and so on and so on.

All this substantiating my theory, “If it ain't broke – don't fix it!”

As I jibed Ed Bianchi earlier about his chili being at the wrong campout - - that's because Joel and Beverly Erickson are wagonmasters for the May campout at Kenney Grove, planning a “Chili Cookoff”. I understand they had a fabulous time last year – we were, unfortunately out of town because of a death in the family, but are certainly looking forward to participating this year.

Upcoming campouts – come join us!

MAY – KENNEY GROVE

JUNE – SANTA BARBARA LODGE

JULY – FLYING FLAGS – Buellton

AUGUST – OCEANSIDE LODGE

SEPTEMBER – MORRO BAY

OCTOBER – FAR WEST RESORTS (Halloween – too much fun)

Not that all campouts aren't fun – but Halloween holds a special spot in my heart!

VISIT THE KAMPERS WEBSITE
elkonejokampers@oaksdata.com
for upcoming campouts
& photos of events



to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715

YOUR LUCKY DAY

**LOTTO TICKETS
AVAILABLE IN THE LOUNGE**

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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BINGO

May 25
June 22
July 27

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YOUTH APPRECIATION DINNER

Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair,

On Friday May 11, 2007 the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 paid homage to our youth by recognizing their accomplishments. The first week in May is designated as 'Elks Youth Appreciation Week' nationally. Exalted Ruler, Catherine Koeritz welcomed the guests; Youth Activities Chair. Raven West acted as Master of Ceremonies; Rick Herrera presented the Scholarship Winners with 1st Place \$600, 2nd Place \$500, 3rd Place \$400; Grant Thistle, Chair. Americanism, presented Americanism Essay Contest 'Why I am Proud to be an American' winners with Saving Bonds; and Bill Miller, Scouting Chair presented certificates for scouting.

On this day Elks Lodge #2477 feted 120 children and parents with a splendid Spaghetti and Meat Ball dinner for the Most Valuable Scholarship winners; Americanism Essay winners; Girl Scout Gold and Boy Scout Eagle honorees. Each student received a plaque, and certificate of accomplishment from State Assembly Audra Strickland, Supervisor Linda Parks and a proclamation was read from Thousand Oaks, Mayor Andy Fox.



L-R Raven West, Youth Appreciation MC, Catherine Koeritz, Exalted Ruler and back row extreme right Bill Miller, Scouting Chairman with girl Scout Gold and Boy Scout Eagles.



L-R Raven West, Youth Appreciation MC, Catherine Koeritz, Exalted Ruler, students with plaques and Rick Herrera, Scholarship Chair

INTER-SERVICE CLUB COOPERATION

What do you do when the Health Department threatens to shut down the Rotarians Chili Cookoff because of generator problems? You turn to fellow Service Club the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 to share the use of their generator.

It was a great day in the 70's for both clubs, the weather cooperated, the crowd was estimated at 20,000 a day perfect for a family outing. The Elks BBQ crew were well manned and were up to the task. We saw how much food they were preparing and wondered if they would sell it all. The champs that they were they rose to the occasion and sold out.

At the same time we had a BBQ crew catering over 900 sandwiches near the Police academy in Los Angeles. The Volvo sponsors planned for 800 and over sold the event for the charity L.A. Childrens Hospital 'City of Angeles FUNRIDE'. With a little luck we were almost able to cover all the sales before running out of bread.

So a big hand to all the committed Elks who helped make Sunday April 29th a huge success for our Lodge.

WHAT THE DICTIONARY PROJECT ACCOMPLISHES

Madrona Elementary School
612 Camino Manzanas
Thousand Oaks, CA 93021
March 29, 2007

Dear Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477,

Thank you for the wonderful dictionaries you provided for my third grade students. They were very excited to have their own, brand-new dictionaries. I teach a combination second and third grade class, and my second graders frequently borrow dictionaries from their third grade classmates to get up-to-date definitions and easy to use books. They can hardly wait to get in third grade to have their own.

Included with my letter are letters from each of my eight third graders. I also included a couple of photographs of them with their new books. Thanks again for your generosity.


Sincerely,



Lin Cole
2nd/3rd Grade Teacher
Madrona Elementary



Lin Cole's students with new dictionaries
donated by our lodge

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I sat down with Jerry Serota who gave me some ideas for this article. He told me one theme under the station of Lecturing Knight was fellowship. I pulled a couple of definitions of fellowship from the internet. They are:

- The companionship of individuals in a congenial atmosphere and on equal terms.
- A close association of friends or equals sharing similar interests.
- An association of people who share common beliefs or activities

While thinking about this issue of fellowship, I couldn't help but recognize that at times there seems to be two groups of Elks at our lodge; those who enter and leave via the front door, and those who enter and leave via the back door. That may be a bit of an exaggeration, but I think you get my drift. I've also noticed the two groups seldom mingle, at least not as often as I would have expected when I first joined this lodge.

Not all members were motivated to join the Elks for the same reasons. Some only want to have access to lodges while they travel abroad. Some are inspired by the community service opportunities. Others simply wanted to have a place to socialize and enjoy the company of like minded people. And others are just satisfied having a place to grab an inexpensive libation.

A handshake is defined as a gripping and shaking of right hands by two individuals, as to symbolize greeting, congratulation, agreement, or farewell. Regardless of your motivation for becoming an Elk, be ever mindful of the common beliefs and purposes we share as Elks. As you come and go to the lodge pick a different door from time to time. You've no doubt seen some faces you can't put with a name. Extend your right hand and greet that person;

learn that name. When you hear of the good work of an Elk, extend that right hand in congratulations. As you converse with a new Elk friend and realize how much you both see eye to eye, reinforce that agreement with a handshake. And when ever you leave the lodge, shake hands good-bye with as many Elks as you can in appreciation of their fellowship.



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”


Joseph Greco

Born: July 19, 1924

Initiated: April 28, 1994

Died: September 28, 2006

Thanks Rick Herrera
for the soil and wood chips
by the bbq picnic area

<p>20007-2008 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS</p>	<p>THE ELKS LADIES June Leadam</p>	<p>20007-2008 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS</p>
<p>1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Jessica Stull 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Mary Woodlief 3RD VICE PRESIDENT: Jeri Miller SECRETARY: Pat Peterson TREASURER: Alice Kennedy AUDITOR: Kathy Ryder TELEPHONE: Patti Serota</p>		<p>PARLIAMENTARIAN: Carol Neuner CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell MAJOR PROJECTS: Kelly LaCross CVD: Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell HISTORIAN: SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski</p>

What do you think of when you think June? There are June brides, June weddings, Junebug (Mrs. Leadam), June gloom, June graduations, June bugs, and my birthday. I think of June bugs (after my birthday) because my sister and I used to tie sewing thread on one of their legs and watch them fly around on the string.

Oh, then there were the birds and salt. Mom used to tell to us that we could pick the bird up if we put salt on its tail. (If you can get close enough to put salt on its tail you are close enough to pick it up.) And the best one of all, the Saturday afternoon movies — I was grown before I figured out that those kept us out of our parents hair for a few hours – a double feature, cartoon, and a newsreel!

Mother’s Day has come and gone. I hope that your day was as good as mine – spent with your families or with your Elk family here at the Lodge. Brunch was wonderful as always. The men really know how to treat us on our special day. Were you able to enjoy both?


June presented Catherine Koeritz, Exalted Ruler, with a check for \$2,000.00 for Major Project from the Elks Ladies. The Ladies also voted to buy bonds for New Facilities in the amount of \$2,000.00.

We will have a bake sale following the Fish Fry on May 18th. Come and enjoy Fish King Cooper’s cuisine as well as goodies provided by the Ladies (for a small charge, of course.)

Ladies, please put July 21st on your calendar for our annual Ladies Appreciation Luncheon. The food is good and we have great fun.


The Elk Ladies are honoring their husbands, fathers, and sons at our Father’s Day champagne brunch. Bring your families or just your special someone for scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, bagels, fruit, champagne, and much more. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under six. My wish for you this June is that your husband is, or was, your best friend as mine is.

To ALL grandfathers, fathers, husbands, brothers, sons, and ALL the men in our lives, we hope you know how much you are appreciated and celebrated, and most of all loved and cared about.



JUNE

1 June Smith
2 Pat Peterson
4 Mary Woodlief
9 Ginny Gabel
14 Carol Ewald
16 Marge Britton
Pat Jellander
17 Anne Ogden



WITH YOUR HELP, GOD
Marilyn Cissell

**When differences effect our lives,
within our families or close friends.**

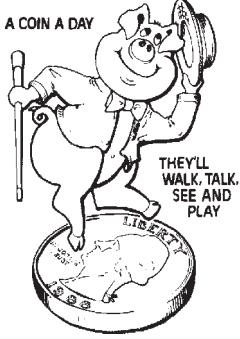
**Misunderstandings cloud our thoughts,
if not dissolved, soon all trust ends.
Of course your help is needed, God,
and right or wrong, short tempers fumed.
Please help both parties turn to you,
then peace and love will be resumed**

Life happens, the world changes,
we all grow older and wiser, and do the best we can.
All of you have had an important part in many lives.
Today and always, we are grateful for YOU!

Note from our president, June Leadam: We had a nice turnout again for our ladies’ meeting. Thank you all for coming! We have lots of ladies on our list of members and would hope that more of you would try to come to the meetings – the more the merrier!

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- David McQuire



JUNE

- 1 William Ratcliffe
- 2 Steve McKee
Dwight Williams
- 3 Bob Adams
Ronald Barron
Henry Germain
- 4 Abe Gamble
Mary Woodlief
- 5 John Watts
- 6 Woody Hammer
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- 20 Charles Maslin
Walter Ogden
- 21 Steve Harrison
Sharon Kagy
- 22 Jim Allen
- 24 Scott Dool
- 25 Howard Johnson
William Rodarme
- 27 Dean Nash
- 30 Jim Horning

**FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON**

Date: June 13 ,2007

NAME	OCCUPATION	SPONSOR
Rene Flose		Richard Goldner
Chuck Messmer		George Meehan
H. Wayne Foss		Reinstatement
Donald Sabol		Transfer

Scott Dool and Jerry Gilmore have requested lifetime membership and will be eligible for balloting on July 11,2007



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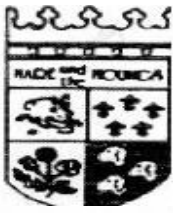
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