



Catherine Koeritz,
Exalted Ruler



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Thousand Oaks Lodge No.2477 Annual Exalted Rulers Going Away Party



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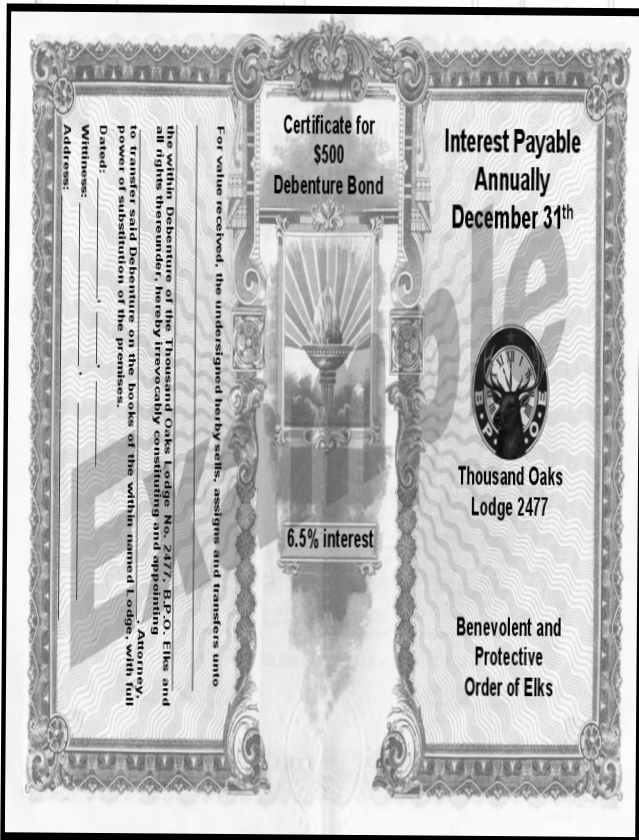


Building a New Lodge

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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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.

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

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EXALTED RULER Catherine Koeritz

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Planning, Planning, Planning...

July brings many upcoming activities. Robert and I will be leaving for the Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, along with the other ER's in our district on the 7th and will return on the 13th. Your Leading Knight George will hold down the fort on that week.

Jim Kellogg, our Veterans/National Services Chairman, honored us with his presence at the last General Meeting on June 6th. After Dick McCann reminded us that Jim is a WWII Vet and after his comments of past experiences, John Peterson stood up and declared that he will donate \$50 every time Jim comes to a meeting. Sally Claunch thought that was such a great idea and added that she would also donate \$50 as well. What an incentive to come to the meeting!

New Postitions

Please welcome Corinne Richeson as our new Club Manager. She is an experienced Manager and bartender that will bring a lot of ideas and enthusiasm to her new position. We will be working together to update the look of the lounge, bring back a few select items for a Saturday night menu (just in case you get a little hungry), and together with Bob (Lancaster Bob) promote our dinner and lunch menus.

Have you seen the new chalkboard sign? What a wonderful way of communicating. Look for it on the dance floor for any announcements. Thank you Bob.

Dave Naccarato will be our new Lodge Activities Chairman. He is so good at running our Bingo night, it's only natural!

WE NEED A PERMANENT SECRETARY...

Cherri Peterson has stepped up to the plate to fill the position only on a temporary basis. Bob Saynay has made several announcements that he is retiring as Secretary and sadly we have not filled the position. The Secretary is such a vital position for each lodge. If you really want to be involved in all aspects of Elkdom, the

position of Secretary is just the place. Bob has assured me that he will be around and that he is more than willing to help. I'm grateful to Cherri for helping ALL OF US out now and I can't thank her enough.

Auction!

In an effort to raise money for the lodge, Max Maxwell is willing to donate his Elk of the Year parking spot. We will auction off his prime parking spot (in the front) to the highest bidder to allow the winner to park in that spot for a month! Great idea – thanks Max. Attend our next general meeting to have a chance on the bidding.

New Facilities

What's happening? There is a lot of background work that is still in the process, and the Officers (Trustees and special Committees) are working very hard on gathering all the data to present the status of the new facilities. But in the meantime, please know that we have a good corps of Officers who are looking after the best interest of the lodge, to make improvements – try to beautify the appearance and the respect of the lodge. With such a supportive team with unselfish motivations and continuous sacrifice, we are in good hands.

Appearances

Liz Bell is keeping up appearances by keeping up on the weeding and watering for the outside planters. With the help of Tom Hartin, our BBQ patrons have a nice shady place to eat under the tree. The outside patio looks great thanks to Rick Herrera and crew. The gapping hole on the outside wall was not only covered up by Boyd Lindquist but it now has new vents for exhaust! Leave it to Boyd to do such a professional job, just look at the concrete walkway up to the door. Boyd you just keep outdoing yourself. We love it! Thank you to everyone for working so hard to make these improvements.

Let's have a great year! Support your new State Vice President Greg Metzgus at his visitations. They are listed on the calendar and I'm sure he would like to see you.



EDITOR'S CORNER
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 articles due 5th of month
 send as Word attachment

FOURTH OF JULY

Fireworks, picnics, concerts in the park and pool parties are some of the many ways we commemorate the Fourth of July. But July 4th also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices and hardships our Founding Fathers and American soldiers have endured for us to commemorate this holiday. Many wars have been fought and soldiers killed to ensure our country's safety. In the Iraq War, Lori Ann Piestewa, became the first woman killed in combat since WWII. She was among the members of the 507th Maintenance Company based at Fort Bliss who were killed in an ambush near Nasiriyah. Pfc. Jessica Lynch, the rescued soldier, was her roommate. Lori followed a long military family tradition. Her grandfather was a windtalker during WWII and her father a veteran of the Vietnam War. Piestewa was a member of the Hopi Tribe whose reservation is near Tauba City, Arizona. She left behind a four year old son and a three year old daughter.

At her funeral there was a gentle snowfall which according to Hopi spiritual belief signifies a deceased person coming back to visit family the community through moisture.

When you splash in the pool or at a lake on this Fourth of July and the moisture hits your face, remember her sacrifice and the sacrifice of all the soldiers before and since her, who have given us the luxury of enjoying fireworks, picnics, and concerts in the park in a free country.

**THANK
 YOU SO
 MUCH!**

THANK YOU BBQ TEAMS

Through the efforts of the weekly bbq crews and the special event crews at Moorpark College and Foxfield Riding Academy during the month of May and early June---our Lodge generated appropriately \$32,000 in gross income.

OUR HATS AND CAPS ARE OFF TO YOU!!!

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS 805-495-0577

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Myrna Block from colon surgery; also Dee Swanson had colon surgery; Raven West's father from a broken hip

ON THE MEND: Rusty Kennedy is making progress Dave Naccarato, PER, is only on a cane.

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



COMING ATTRACTIONS

July 6-Exalted Ruler Going Away Party

July 8-12-Grand Lodge Convention

Charlotte, N.C.

July 21-Elk Ladies Luncheon

July 25-DDGER Visitation to our Lodge


August 8-Greg Metzgus, State Vice President,

Visitation to his home Lodge

August 10-12-CHEA President, Oren

Richardson, Visitation to our
 District

September 2-Lodge Picnic

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Exalted Ruler Going Away Party

July is almost here and all of the Exalted Rulers are preparing to go to the National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. Of course, our own ER, Catherine Koeritz and her husband, Robert, are anxious to attend (and you can't blame them!) I am told it is an exciting experience. It will be held July 8-12. On Friday, July 6, there will be the annual going away party at our lodge for all the ER's and their spouses from the West Central Coast District. Come to the party to send them off. It will be, as always, a night of fun with great entertainment and good food. So join the fun and send them on their way in great style.

In May your lodge officers attended the State Elks Convention in Fresno. We had the privilege of meeting Jack Frost, the Grand Exalted Ruler and he spoke to us about the good things the Elks do for this country. He mentioned how we help the youth of our country through our scholarship programs, our drug awareness program, hoop shoot and sponsorship of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and all the rest. He spoke about the Elks always there to help out when disaster strikes anywhere in our country, and the help we give to anyone in need. There are not too many organizations like us and that is why we should be proud to be Elks.

The way to help is for all of us to work on bringing GOOD new members into our organization to help us.



MAJOR PROJECT
David Naccarato, PER

Our Exalted Ruler Catherine Koeritz, went to the state convention to represent Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 at the annual Elks State convention. The State convention is when all lodges in the California/ Hawaii Elks Association bring their contributions to the state Major Project. This year our lodge donated \$10,356.50 which is per capita of \$25.38 per member. We hit this mark by the hard work of our dedicated members. Also our strong Elk Ladies donated \$2,000.00 to our state Major Project and

our El Konejo Campers group donated \$1,000.00. We were able to have a good showing at the state convention due to the understanding our lodge has for the needs of these children that the program helps.

We have many programs in the Elks association that need funding. With the rising costs of everything it takes away dispensable income from our members. But we still can generate a check for \$10,365 dollars. We should feel good about it. That money did not come out of the general fund. It is a restricted fund.

Catherine also was able to meet this year's theme child. Her name is Camille "Cami" Samuelson.

Camille was born with a grade 3 inter-ventricular bleed and was fighting infection and her weight was dropping. She needed a transfusion. The doctors determined that she needed to undergo brain surgery to repair the bleed and had a shunt installed to sustain her life. Now I can relate because I also have a shunt. After Cami's surgery she was looking grim and near death. Her parents put their trust in God and the doctors and Cami's vital began to improve.

Camille came home from the hospital on September 26 2001. She weighed 4 1/2 pounds. Camille needed a lot of attention. She was also a twin so needless to say the parents needed help for they already had seven children. The therapists at the hospital mentioned a wonderful service provided by the Elks. Though nothing was done, the seed was planted. One day while groceries shopping Camille's mother saw in the parking lot a white car with a sign on it stating "occupational therapy California Hawaii Elks". A note was left on the windshield and that was the start of a wonderful relationship between the Samuelson family and the Elks Major Project. The therapist helps Camille with motor skills, feeding issues, developing skills for daily living. Cami is home schooled and is learning to write her ABCs she loves to play and wheel herself around in her manual wheelchair.

See her picture on page 9.

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LOYAL KNIGHT Raven West

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DRUG AWARENESS: Robert Jones
STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander



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Under the Big Top

It's hard to believe that half the year has already gone by and the summer is already here. We've had many very successful events so far including Youth Appreciation night, Mother's and Father's Day celebrations which could never have been so successful without the participation of the hard working members of our lodge.

One of the events which comes under the Loyal Knight's chair is New Year's Eve. Under the heading of "it's never too early to plan a party", especially New Year's celebration, 2008 is going to be an exceptional night. The theme is "New Year's Eve Under the Big Top", where we will turn our Elks Lodge into a three ring circus. Karen Naccarato has graciously agreed to head the decorating committee, Bob Arbetman is making plans for a wonderful band and promises the food will be marvelous.

There will be peanuts, popcorn, cotton candy. Magicians, clowns, and jugglers. Lions, tigers and bears, "oh my" and hopefully plenty of ELKS. A "year in review" slide show of all our ELKS activities of 2007, games and prizes, dancing and fun throughout the night. So mark your calendar early and plan to celebrate 2008 "Under the Big Top"!



Kitchen Rambling

Bob Arbetman

Another month is in the books and we did very well. The first Friday night of June was a sell out and in spite of no music, everyone stayed and enjoyed. This month you will see some different dishes and more to come. We are looking for more volunteers to do Friday night dinners along with Wednesday meeting night dinners. Suggestions are always welcome.

Lunches are doing great. Mondays are Dog Days At The Lodge featuring a great ¼ pound dog with all of the fixings including chili for a topping. Tuesdays are still Taco Tuesdays. Wednesday thru Friday is full menu plus an occasional special. Look at our new chalkboard to see the specials. They are still worth the price. Remember the PERs breakfast this month with all of those fantastic omelets. I am really looking forward to working with the Bar manager to improve the meaning of great food at the lodge.



Again in May we had our monthly Bingo. We had more players and thank you for playing. 20% of income goes to our Major Project and the rest is returned to the players as prize monies

We had a new set of Bingo balls for our game, but lo and behold when I put them on the box to check. I found that we were missing B-9. Be on the lookout for a blue ball with B-9. It is AWOL. We do have a replacement for the time being but would like the original. Now I really miss B-9 for those of you who play. You know why, for those who don't you've got to come play on June 22ND and find out.

I want to thank. Alan and Dorthea Hardie and Jerry Serota for helping me with selling the Bingo cards and running the machine that night for I was flying solo.

David and Karen Naccarato, Bingo Chairs



ENTERTAINMENT

July 6-PERs Show at ER
 Going Away Party
 July 13- Karaoke
 July 20-Renegades-music
 July 27- Bingo

3rd Annual
Ladies Appreciation Lunch

July 21, 2007
11:30 am - Who Knows???

Come join your Elk Ladies sisters
In expressing appreciation for one
Another

And just plain having a good time. As long as
your dues are paid, you're in!

Reservations are required. Call June at 497-4274, Jessica at 371-4023 or
Patti at 497-1197. Full tables of 8 can be reserved.





Elks train on parade at Santa Maria Rodeo with Robert Koeritz and David Naccarato, PER, as engineers carrying ER, Catherine Koeritz, Karen Naccarato, Greg Metzgas, SVP and Teri Rochford.



PER, Dave Naccarato, Bingo Chair, calling the winning numbers.



Gardening Girls, Liz Bell and Carol Stewart's handy work



ER, Catherine Koeritz, surrounded by plaques won for Public Relations submissions by Jerry Serota.



The newest Century Club member, for Major Project Gil Riding, PDDGER, with ER, Catherine Koeritz



Cherri Peterson, Secretary Pro-Temp and John Peterson, 1 year Trustee displaying Century Club certificates.



District ENF Chair, Jim Wallace, PER, presenting Myrna Block with certificate of appreciation for meeting ENF quota last year.

Your Contributions at Work

**California - Hawaii
Elks Assoc.
Elks Major Project
Theme Child 2007-2008**



ER, Catherine Koeritz with Major Project Theme Child, Cami Samuelson and her older sister at State Convention.



Cami Samuelson



Officers(L-R) Liz Bell, Robert Jones,Catherine Koeritz, George Meehan and Terry Giking performing Mother's Day ritual



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg



**SECOND ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF
AT KENNEY GROVE**

What an absolute HOOT!!!!

We unfortunately missed this campout last year – we had fourteen rigs and nine chili cooks - - - but more about that later.

For some of us, this campout started a little earlier than others. I was quietly vegging out Tuesday evening, having counted on Wednesday to load the rig. Evening-ish, I got a phone call from Beverly Erickson to advise they were going on the next day, as were Cheryl Templeton and Gene Ewald. I couldn't guarantee that we would be there – but I'd see - - Bill was definitely out – needed to be at the shop! After a bit of deliberation - - Wednesday morning - - I started throwing things in the rig and left a while after noon. Boy - - did I have some reorganizing to do.

Now I have always considered Gene a very nice looking specimen. Apparently he decided to give a little competition to Don Newcomer and Joel Erickson - - kicking it up a notch by shaving his ENTIRE head, what a shocker. He claims he's saving a ton of money on haircuts, shampoo, hair spray and the like.

Thursday saw a few more arrivals filter in and by Friday night – well late afternoon – all were present and accounted for.

Poor Debbie Garrison, along with Wayne, had never been to Kenney Grove and was so looking forward to this campout. Debbie was experiencing a very painful problem with her back. She was a game soul – till Saturday morning – and they bailed out. The fact that Debbie and Wayne LaFarr had remarked on Friday evening, anything they did wrong they intended to blame on Debbie and Wayne Garrison - - isn't that a glorious feeling? Actually Debbie Garrison was suffering increased pain and needed to go home – what a bummer – cause she'd taken time off from her relatively new job - - and would more than likely miss the Santa Barbara campout, — double bummer.

Flannerys usually arrive on Thursday, but not this time, Thursday came and went - - NO Flannerys. Some of us were all primed to hear about the Flannery's cruise AND to see pictures. When Mary was asked why they didn't come out on Thursday, she replied she couldn't get ready – they'd just returned from a cruise - - - - A WEEK AGO! We learned that poor Mike had gotten sick and he couldn't even go to The Vatican, but other than that he'd had a terrific time herding his harem

around. Yup, he was the only MAN with five or six women. Not only could Mary not get it together in time to come out on Thursday, ALL the pictures were still in the camera. What gives Michael? I know, he was researching his chili recipe.

After getting over the shock of Gene Ewald's doo or lack thereof, it was even more surprising to have him participating in the chili cook off. Seems his culinary abilities have been successfully hidden for quite some time. As a matter of fact, a while back, as wagon-mistress, I'd request the Kampers make their mother's favorite recipe. Ewald came out with "spagettioes" announcing he'd been raised in an orphanage. NOT TRUE! Since it has been years since Bill and I cooked competition chili, even though this was an anything goes pot, we had to judge since we hadn't cooked a pot! Seems we had a coupla guys from the San Fernando Elks who joined us for judging.

Actually, it's my understanding the San Fernando Elks would like to join in on the cook off next year. This has all the earmarks of becoming a VERY POPULAR campout, due to the efforts of Joel and Bev Erickson.

Now for the chili news. (Should I forget someone please forgive me. I thought I had a week between the campout and leaving for Napa. I actually had ONE DAY. This is being written on my double cousin's MAC, what a challenge).

Anyway I'm relying on a somewhat faulty memory and hope it doesn't fail me completely (giggle).

Seems I'd "heard" there were nine cooks, I can only list eight and Bill says eight is correct.

I can only remember a coupla the cooks' team names, but the participants were:

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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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HOSPITALITY HOUR
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3-6 P.M.
APPETIZERS**



Jerry Serota, Public Relations

Court of Honor for
BRADLEY ALLEN MINNICK

On June 9th an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held today for Bradley Allen Minnick at the Rockwell Science Center in Thousand Oaks with more than 100 friends and family in attendance.

Bradley is a member of BSA Troop 754 sponsored by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 making him the 38th Eagle Scout to be so honored from this troop. He was presented with a Flag and plaque honoring his achievements; Tom Glavin, T.O. City Councilmember along with Mayor Pro Tem Jacqui Irwin presented him with a commendation for his achievement and Glen Moore presented a commendation from Congressman Elton Gallegly



Eagle Scout Bradley Minnick, Bill Miller, Scouting Chairman Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 and Bill Sternberg, Grand Lodge Western Regional Scouting Chairman.

KUDOS TO BILL MILLER & CREW

For preparing and serving over 400 hamburgers for the Brownie Olympics - proving

Elks Care--Elks Share



Bill Miller, Scouting Chair

SCOUTING NEWS

As the 2006-2007 school year winds down, activities for our Scouting youth seem to increase. On Saturday, June 2, the Lodge furnished 30 tri-tip sandwiches to the adult leaders and parents of our newest Cub Pack – 3776 – located at Westlake Hills Elementary. Hot dogs were also cooked for the kids who received various awards and had a Knights of the Round Table advancement ceremony. We have a healthy, well led Pack with lots of enthusiasm.

The following Monday evening I attended an end of year Girl Scout Leaders' Awards night at Weathersfield. We are scheduled to cook approximately 650 hot dogs and Polish dogs for girls and their dads at the Conejo Valley Brownie Olympics on Saturday, June 9. This is not only a good public service event, but it allows us to get Brownie Points (sorry about that).

Following (and possibly overlapping slightly) the Brownie Olympics, another Troop 754 Scout will get his Eagle Award at the Teledyne Science Center at 3pm. **Our Troop 754 is graduating ten seniors from high school in June and EIGHT of them are Eagle Scouts.** What a great bunch of guys they have become.

Our Casa Pacifica Troop 871 continues to grow and is in need of additional neckerchiefs. So Jeri Miller found some closely matching purple material, sewed piping on the edges and we are currently awaiting completion of the embroidered patch. The boys are really doing great, having fun and growing in maturity.

We've just added another Scouting unit to our group of youths, viz., new Venture Crew 9696. This Crew currently has only 4 members but is expected to grow and will support the Council wide summer Day Camps and then will plan other activities for fun and adventure during the rest of the year.



**Thank You
Gardening Girls**

Liz Bell

Carol Stewart

for planting-watering
beautifying our Lodge

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Cheryl Templeton

Gene Ewald

Donna Colleran, defending champion

Jeff Drake, get this - - -Duck Fart Chili

Wayne LaFarr – is usually Route 66 Chili when

he and Debbie cook together, but she was on her own this time.

Debbie LaFarr - M&M Chili – nope, don't think there were any M&Ms in the recipe.

Johnny D - - some ITALIAN sounding name (know now should have taken notes)

Last but not least, Mike Flannery, Fire House Chili.

When the judging was done and turned in to Beverly Erickson, head score keeper, ably assisted by Mary Flannery and Doris Newcomer, DRUM ROLL PLEASE - -

The winners were:

Third place - - - - - Mike Flannery's Fire House Chili - Yeah Mike!

Second place - - - - - Jeff Drakes' Duck Fart Chili - Way to go Jeff!

AND - - Defending first place chili - - - - - Donna Colleran, Congratulations!

Hope to see ya'll back next year.

JOLLY CORKED

On Sat. June 2nd the Jolly Corks descended on the Simi Valley Elks Lodge #2492 for an evening of Food, Fun and Jolly entertainment.

Our own, Denise Goldstein and Max Maxwell were initiated into the Jolly Corks. Max was cute in red wig, pink bra and pink shorts to the tune of 'Short Shorts' he kicked off his boots and gave the girls an eyeful, and Denise as the M&M Girl to the tune of 'Sugar Sugar' dressed in costume went out into the audience to titilate the boys.

There were over 100 guest from different Lodges as they enjoyed the fine dinner and the entertainment. How better to enjoy the evening by donning foolish costumes and making fun of yourself in the name of good clean fun.



Twinkle Toes, Max Maxwell and Dancing Candy, Denise Goldstein at the Jolly Corks celebration.



Newly decorated Elk in the Meeting Room design by Denise Goldstein

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LECTURING KNIGHT

Steve Smith

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 Tommy Claunch
LODGE PICNIC: Joe Clancy & Ed Bianchi
 David Naccarato/Tom Hartin
MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member
CHRISTMAS TREES: Herb Jellander
 Bill Sternberg, PER/Terry Baker
EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Ed Colleran



AMERICANISM

Submitted by Jerry Feldman

It was October 14, 1943 that T/SGT, Paul Posti on a bombing mission over Schweinfurt, Germany "his 25th combat mission" when his plane went down. Paul Posti was soon captured and joined the other prisoners of war at Stalag-Luft 1.

What is little known about Sgt. Posti is that prior to his last mission over Schweinfurt he was attached to the Army Air Corps Intelligence division, the OSS, forerunner of the present CIA. Before the mission over Schweinfurt, Paul gathered intelligence information inside Germany as a double agent or mole for Uncle Sam.

Once a prisoner, he used his knowledge of the German language and experience as a spy to organize the men for possible escapes. Paul eventually became part of one of the escapes by impersonating a German Army Officer.

Paul J. Posti, Sr. wears the Purple Heart Medal, Air Force Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star Medal "third highest decoration for heroism in combat", and the Prisoner of War Medal. But his greatest treasure is his 38 caliber Service revolver!

With this revolver he was credited with a unique shot of shooting down a German Messerschmitt ME-109. While his B-17 was crippled in the air and unable to use his machine gun he placed a miraculous shot at the fighter plane as it taunted the crippled bomber. Paul used his revolver and miraculously hit the windshield and pilot sending it to its doom.

Paul's doubts about his achievement were dispelled a few days later when Clark Gable, USAAF, photographer took him into a darkroom and ran off a strip of movie film. Gable who operated a gun camera aboard another bomber during the mission, had filmed the ME-109 in its death dive.

Posti is a well known Master Chef and has shared his craft for the rich and famous, including Clark Gable, and Frank Sinatra. Posti was awarded a Gold Medal at the Villa Capri restaurant owned by Frank Sinatra who sponsored him.

SUGGESTION BOX




We received another idea in our idea box. It read "I suggest we "fast track" membership applications to 45 days from the current 90 days let's break from the old ways to something new! If you build it they will come"

Let's take a moment and discuss the application process. It's all timing. When an application is received, it needs to be read on the floor of the lodge. Next the applicant needs to be investigated. If the applicant misses investigation for that month, he or she waits till next month. Then the applicant's name is published in the Antler, along with the date of their balloting on the floor of the lodge. Again timing, if they miss publication of the Antler then it's another month.

After balloting they will be initiated the following month. Now here is where we can speed it up. After balloting the applicant can be initiated that same month. There is time to make that happen.

This item was discussed at the April house committee meeting. Now after balloting, the applicant can be initiated the same month.

If you have an idea, drop it into the idea box. It will be in the Antler and discussed at an officers and house committee meeting.

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What do you think of when someone mentions a tea party? Is the first thing that pops into your head the Boston Tea Party or fancy sandwiches, clotted cream, and scones? I cannot even imagine what it took for the Colonists to riot against the Crown and toss all of that tea overboard – the beginning of our fight for independence. How many of us today would have that kind of courage? That is what we celebrate on the 4th.

Many 4ths have come and gone but one stands out in my memory. In 1976, the bi-centennial year, our family joined with two other families at Lake Nacimiento with boats to ski behind, good food, and fireworks for the evening, and lots of national spirit. The best part was the homemade ice cream that was hand churned. If you didn't churn it you didn't eat it! That got the kids attention! And here I am 31 years later still reminiscing with another 4th coming – maybe it will be a memorable one too.


There is another event that you should be anticipating. The 3rd Annual Ladies Appreciation Luncheon is coming on July 21st. Our first luncheon invited you to wear a hat. Last year we had the Sandals Luncheon and Alice's flip-flop centerpieces. What could be in store this year? Come dressed in black and white and find out!

The July general meeting is Monday, July 2nd, due to the 4th of July holiday. Please put the change on your calendar.

Our next bake sale is on July 20th. Patti Serota will be calling you soon. Don't forget that the men *love* homemade goodies!


Marilyn Cissel presented a check for \$1,800.00 to June for the Elk Ladies from Conejo Valley Days. She expressed her appreciation for all the help with the event.

Our secretary Pat Peterson is walking in the Los Angeles Avon Breast Cancer Walk on September 15th and 16th. She has set a goal to raise \$8,000.00. If anyone



JULY

11- BettePape
 22- Audrey Huffman
 28- Frances Bodenhamer
 30- Barbara Booker



OUR NEEDS ARE MET
Marilyn Cissell

You give us everything we need.
our wants, Dear Lord, not always met
With patience, and if it is your will
these things in time may happen yet.

In sending us your messenger,
the Holy Spirit in us now,
Providing all believers, God,
with fruitful blessings you allow.

Amen

is interested in helping Pat raise this amount, it would be appreciated. You may contact her at 805-486-7442.

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JULY

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His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you." said the Nobelman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmers replied, waving off the offer.

At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. "Yes" the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow to a man you can be proud of." And that he did.




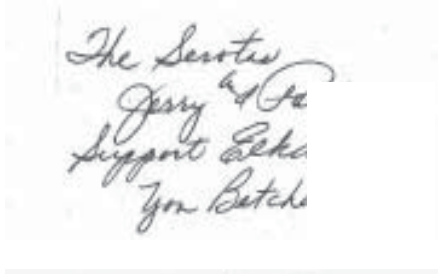








In time, Farmer Fleming's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the dicoverer of penicillin.

Years afterward, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin. The name of the Nobleman" Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said: What goes around comes around.
 (Unknown)

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