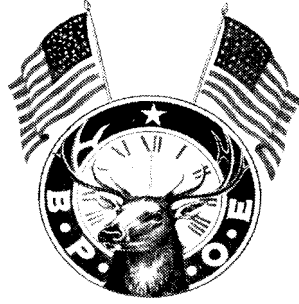




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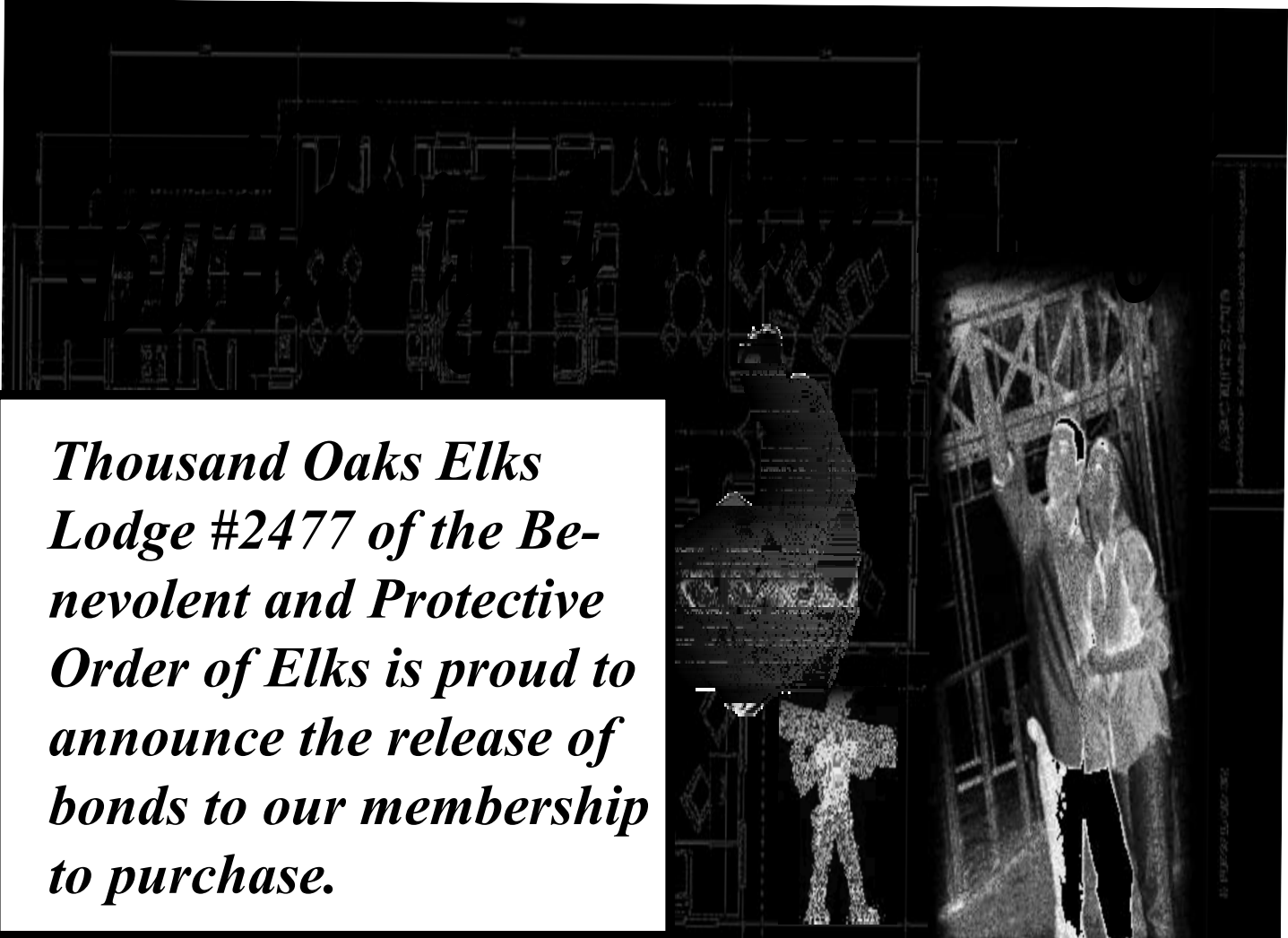
LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

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



We are finally doing it!!!

We are offering the sale of bonds to build our new Lodge. These are available in \$500 or \$1,000 denominations and pay 6.5 % simple interest yearly.

- o Information is forthcoming directly to the membership during Lodge Wednesday night meetings and in the Antler Antics
- o Applications for bonds are available at the Office, in the lounge, and in the Antler.

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



**EXALTED RULER
Catherine Koeritz**

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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CATHERINE'S COMMUNICATION:

We had some of our own Veterans board the 'Freedom' fishing vessel organized by Nat'l Services Chairperson, Christine Moyer (Paso Lodge) for our District. They attended along with others from Lompoc down to Laguna Beach for this special event. I hoped they all had a fun time. – Remember *as long as there are veterans in our hospital, the Elks will never forget them.*

INFORMATION MEETING AND VOTE FOR THE NEW FACILITY:

Tuesday, November 27th I have set a date for an informational meeting. At this meeting, committees involved with the New Facility along with the Trustees will be presenting all known facts and figures relative to the building of a New Facility. The information meeting will be held at the Lodge at 7:00pm. This will give you time to digest the information presented or to obtain the information if you can't make it that night.

I have declared Monday, December 3rd, 7:00pm, a special Lodge meeting for current members to vote if the Lodge desires to enter into any and all Contracts: Financial, Structural, or otherwise; to build a new Lodge Facility at this Site.

Having the vote on Monday will allow the House Committee, which will meet the next day on Dec. 4, to make any necessary decision or motions on the floor for the General meeting on Wed., Dec 5th.

DECEMBER FESTIVITIES AND FUN

On December 2nd we honor the Widows of our deceased members in a wonderful ceremony held at our lodge. They are honored guest and we offer the service, brunch and blessings as they approach this holiday season. Please show them your support by attending.

December 7th is the Tree Trimming party sponsored by the Elks Ladies. As tradition continues, the children will help decorate the tree, sing songs, and make a craft project for themselves, while the adults feast on a spread of goodies to eat. There will be a Kids Christmas party the following day

(December 8th) organized by Shirley & Chet Kozlowski, where they will have entertainment and a visit from Santa!

The following weeks starts, December 9th, with the El Konejo Kampers' brunch at the Grand Vista Hotel. The hotel puts on a fantastic brunch and the raffle prizes are the best. On December 11th the Ladies host their Annual Christmas Party served by the Officers (those who are not Lady Elks!).

ER's CHRISTMAS PARTY:

December 14th I will be hosting the traditional ER's Christmas Party. All members are invited. This is my way of saying thank you to everyone who has worked so hard during the year. And since this day falls on my actual Birthday, you can help celebrate with me! We will be serving one of the Crazy Crews great dinners at 6:30 with music and dancing afterward. All I ask is that you bring an unwrapped gift for the Charity Baskets. – See you there!

The lodge room will be closed from Dec 18th to the 22nd in preparation for the Charity Baskets. Delivering will be on Sat, Dec. 22nd. We always need help in preparing and delivering. Please see our Leading Knight, George Meehan. If you have never done this before, it is very rewarding experience.

The last event is the New Years Eve party. Our Loyal Knight, Raven West is planning on a catered dinner with a band that is becoming very popular with our Lodge – One Last Dance! If you have not heard them, then you must attend this special evening.

I wish you all Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year!

**PLEASE ATTEND
 INFORMATION MEETING
 NEW FACILITIES
 TUESDAY, NOV. 27, 2007
 7 P.M.**



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

MEMORIAL SERVICE

December a month of joyous celebrations and gift giving. Yet as Elks it is also a somber time. To honor our deceased members and to support their spouses, is a tradition carried out across our country in every Lodge. To accomplish this goal, the first Sunday in December has been selected by the Grand Lodge to hold a ceremony for this purpose. It is moving ritual performed by the officers and a gift is given to each new widow/widower by the PER Association. As an officer, I have participated and now as a PER it is my honor to be the gift presenter. I invite all Elks to come within the lodge room on December 2nd to witness the ritual and give support to the newly made widows and widowers. Your presence will be a gift worth giving.

An Elk Trustee's Prayer GOD GIVE ME COURAGE

God, give me courage ... courage to stand tall, to speak honestly, to go the distance, pay the price for truth, take the risk and take the flack. Give me courage to place principle above popularity, conviction above convenience, and right above recognition

God, give me the courage to be confident in the face of criticism, brave in the midst of barrage, courage to stay the course, finish the race, complete the journey, and never, cave in.

God, give me the courage to carry the torch, to set the standard. Give me the courage not to be intimidated, or retreat. Give me the courage to show respect unto others, as I would want them to show me, and give me the courage to put character above cronyism.

God, finally give me the courage to dream big dreams, see large visions, plow new ground, chart new courses. Make things happen and the courage to maintain my integrity, and credibility and to overcome adversity.

God, give me courage.. for the Good of the Order
Jon Cindrich, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Palo Alto Lodge #1471

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Ken Keeler and family on the passing of his wife MaryAnn

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Gus Chinnery from a broken hip and now is in rehab; Marva D'Ambrogio from back problems

ON THE MEND: Bob Arbetaman from pneumonia

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!

Joe Smith asks us to keep his daughter Karen once again in our prayers. She directed humanitarian work in refugee camps in Morocco and earthquake ravaged areas in Afghanistan.

She is now embarked for Darfur in the Sudan. Her contract work is for OXFAM a humanitarian organization based in London. She will be working as a Program Director for women's projects in the southern refugee camps. We are proud of her courage and pray for her safe return.




COMING ATTRACTIONS

December 2-Memorial Service
December 7- Tree Trimming Party
December 8- Kids' Christmas Party
December 9- Kampers Christmas Brunch
December 11-Elk Ladies Christmas Party
December 14-ER Christmas Party
December 18-22-Holiday Baskets Project
December 31- New Year's Eve Party

January 11-13 Kampers at Valencia Travel Park
January 12-Legends in Concert
January 23-Firefighters/Peace Officers Dinner

February 8-9 Kampers at Lancaster Elks Lodge
February 9 Elk Ladies Event for Major Project

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LEADING KNIGHT George Meehan	2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
MAJORPROJECT/PURPLEPIG: David Naccarato SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch INVESTIGATION: George Meehan ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Liz Bell		CHRISTMAS BASKETS: George Meehan INDOCTRINATION: Dave Naccarato, PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.: Herb Jellander CVAC: Tom Hartin COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota CHARITY DINNERS: George Meehan

Lots of things are happening during the month of December and I hope all the members will get involved. Christmas trees are being sold at 1432 Thousand Oaks Blvd., (in the usual place at Carlson's Building Materials Company). If you want to have some fun, go down and work a day or two. It is a blast!

Then, when the baskets for the needy are being packed, during the week of Dec. 19, volunteer to fill them. You can also sign up to deliver the baskets on Saturday, December 22. You will be thrilled to see the faces of those you are helping and see how grateful they are. You will really get into the Spirit of Christmas. All Elks and family members are welcome to help. It is such a wonderful feeling to be helping others. Lunch will be provided for those who helped deliver on Saturday, Dec 22 by Sally Claunch.

The Ladies will collect unwrapped toys for the children and will wrap then on Wednesday, Dec 19, at the Lodge. Bring a pen and scissors (with your name on it) and join the fun. All wrappings will be provided.

Bring a FROZEN turkey to be added to the baskets on the 21st.

Other things taking place this month are the tree-trimming party with Christmas Carols sing a-long, the Kids Christmas party, the ER's party, the Kampers Christmas Brunch, the PERs Christmas dinner and, of course, New Year's Eve Party. A very busy month indeed!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas. Let's all hope and pray that 2008 will be a better year for the world, that there will be peace, and that our troops will be home with their families. God bless all of you and your families.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Bar Manager, Corinne Richeson gave report on status of lounge
 New bar stools should arrive next week
 Plans for a new side door to the Lodge were finalized

TRUSTEES REPORT

Finance chair, Denise Goldstein presented the letters of interest from the banks concerning financing a new building
 Treasurer, Tom Ryder gave a proposal about moving bank accounts to higher yield accounts.

House Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Trustees meet the first Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Your input is valued.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL
AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

CHRISTMAS BASKET SCHEDULE

December 18-room set-up, making boxes	9 a.m.
December 19-21-pack boxes	9 a.m.
December 19-wrap toys	9 a.m.
December 21-bring down turkeys	
December 22- delivery of baskets	9 a.m.

Sign-up sheets in the lounge

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LOYAL KNIGHT Raven West

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CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Ed Rice
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Dave Naccarato, PER
SCOUTING: Bill Miller
HOOPSHOOT: Tom Hartin
WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Bob Arbetman
DRUG AWARENESS: Robert Jones
STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander



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

The month of December is synonymous with the holiday season of lights, parties and youthful celebrations. One of the special events our members look forward to is our annual children's tree-trimming Christmas party.

This is a wonderful time to share the true meaning of being an ELK with the next generation.

My father was an active member of the Elks throughout my childhood. I have many memories of sharing holidays, picnics and participating in fund raising events with my father and his brother Elks for many years. Because of my very early association, I wanted to be a member of this great organization as soon as the opportunity presented itself.

From a very early age, my daughter Michelle participated in Elk's events in New York with her grandfather. Once I became a member, she continued to be an active participant in our lodge activities. She has been to many of our lodge's events, breakfasts, inaugural ball and has helped deliver Christmas baskets. Michelle will be 21 on December 7. For her birthday, I sponsored her membership into our lodge and she is very excited and proud to become the youngest member of Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 in 2008.

As Loyal Knight, I am the chair of Youth Activities committees. The activities which are under my station are the Hoop Shoot, chaired by David Naccarato, Soccer Shoot, chaired by Tom Hartin, Drug Education, chaired by Robert Jones, and Elks & Scouting, chaired by Bill Miller. Lecturing Knight, Steve Smith, is the committee chair for the other two youth activities; Scholarships, chaired by Rick Herrera, and Americanism Essay Contest, chaired by Grant Thistle.

All of these committees are excellent ways to promote Elkdom throughout the younger members of our community, however they only illustrate a small sample of what our organization is.

We now have the opportunity to reach out to the next generation of Elks, and increase our membership through a new Elks Youth Activity: "the Antlers."

This is an excellent chance for young people in our community to get involved with the Elks in the many

service-related projects our Lodge sponsors.

The program was initially organized in the late 1930's and went well for several years as an active arm of the Elks. However, by the 1960's interest in the program had waned and was ended.

The Antlers of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America has as its major objective the following:

To quicken the spirit of American Patriotism; To teach respect for parents and love of home; To inculcate the fundamentals of good citizenship; To aid in a worthy cause; To establish foundation of character; To promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; And to respect the conviction of others in the matters of worship and religion is true Americanism.

Membership in the organization is open to any individual who has passed their twelfth and not yet reached their twenty-first birthday, who is a citizen of the United States of America, of good character and who believes in the existence of God.

December is the holiday season gift-giving season. Too soon after the new year, toys are abandoned, money is spent, and the spirit of the season is put away for another 12 months. This year let's give our children a gift which will last a lifetime. "Antlers"!

For more information on the Jr. Elks/Antlers, please contact Robert Jones through the Lodge office: 496-2477.

SUPPORT LODGE 2477 SCOUTING PROGRAM

24" Christmas Wreaths Hand Made Fresh
Evergreens with Red Bow & Pinecones

\$20

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ENTERTAINMENT



DEC. 7 TREE TRIMMING PARTY-CAROLING

DEC. 14 ER CHRISTMAS PARTY-BAND

DEC. 28 BINGO WITH DAVE



Kitchen Rambling
Bob Arbetman



BREAKFAST BY CANDLE LIGHT
PER, Poower Dave Naccarato

October 21st was sheduled to be a Power Dave breakfast. What it turned out to be was a Power Outage breakfast. We lost about \$6000.00 on having the street Faire canceled but all was not lost. After securing that the meat in the freezer's was safe Tom Hartin and Max Maxwell ran a line into the kitchen for light and Lodge members Boyde Linquist and Al Lanahan and Bob Arbartman lent a hand to serve lodge members who were without power also. It was a time to get reacquainted in a trying time. We have many retired fire fighters in our lodge with many captains and we had first hand knowledge of what was going on and the danger that faced the fire fighters on the front line. I'm thankful for our fire fighters putting their lives on the line for people they don't even know. I feel it's more than a job to them. When I had a pipe break in my home, we were in no danger, but I didn't know what to do so I called the fire dept.and they came with a type of vacuum and sucked all the water out of the carpeting. Big or small emergency or not, the fire fighters are always there.



Corinne Richeson
Bar Manager

Join us on Monday nights. Sandtrap will be cooking and we have Monday Night Football drink prices. Tuesday and Thursday Happy Hour has changed to 4 -6.

Thank you Chuck Busch and Fred Trizinski for helping out.

It's not too late to have your Holiday party at the Lodge for a luncheon or dinner. Call for information.

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December 15

2-5 p.m.

No presents, but come

Thirsty



2nd Place One Best Event contest award presented to Jerry Serota by ER, Catherine Koeritz



2nd Place Community Image award presented to ER Catherine Koeritz with Leading Knight, George Meehan

Presenting the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance



Esteemed Leading Knight, George Meehan gets a check for \$1,000 from Bro. Jack Malone for the Christmas Baskets



BBQ team members serving the public at T.O. Street Faire (l-r) Tommy Claunch, Ken Keeler, Steve McKee, Lloyd Carter, Bill Rodarms, Ken Krabel



PDDGER, Gil Riding acted as MC for the community Elk flag retirement service.



BBQ Chair, Al Lenahan overseeing the Elks booth at the T.O. Street Faire

OUR LODGE SERVING THE COMMUNITY...



NATIONAL SERVICES

By Jerry Serota

“Veterans Remembered”

On Friday October 29, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. a contingent of veterans from Paso Robles and the southern area boarded the ‘Freedom’ fishing vessel at the Ventura Yacht Club, Ventura, sponsored by the Paso Robles Elks Lodge #2364, and Chis Moyers, PER, National Services Chairperson, for the West Central Coast District, CHEA, Inc. and arranged by Jim Whitacre, Executive Director, Sports Rehab Center, Monterey Bay Veterans Inc.

It is events like this that helps in veterans rehabilitation and reinforces to our veterans that *‘As long a veteran is in our hospitals the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will never forget them.’*



Annie Pearsons brother Bob, Fuhrman and John Whitacre, Executive Director, Sport Rehab Center

On Halloween our Lodge played host to over three hundred school children from Conejo School, providing a safe place to trick-or-treat. Chaired by Loyal Knight, Raven West, we served food and provided a haunted house made by Robert Jones, Chaplin.



Loyal Knight, Raven West with school children enjoying the party

ELKS PARTNERS IN SCOUTING

Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair

On Sunday November 11, 2007 and under a gentle misting of rain the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 conducted a dignified Flag Retirement Ceremony with the help of their sponsored scouting units. Seventy five members, guests and scouting units were in attendance.

Harrison Ang, BSA, Troup 754 presented the colors and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance

Gil Riding, PDDGER, was the Master of Ceremony and explained the Elk ritual for the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Afterwards we adjourned from the Lodge room to the funeral pyre where upon Catherine Koeritz, ER retired the first flag.

The scouts performed their ritual by removing one stripe at a time representing the 13 colonies and as they were placed in the fire a patriotic message was intoned. When at last the blue field of stars was consigned to the flames the retirement was complete. All those wishing to take part had a flag to retire.

An ice cream social was held at the conclusion of the ceremony.



Harrison Ang, BSA Troop 754, Catherine Koeritz, ER and Alyssa Gogesch, GSA Troop 12, pay their respects during the flag retirement



Caveman, Rick Herrera and Raven West with costumed kids



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg

Editor's goof-this article should have appeared in the Nov. issue--sorry

MORRO DUNES RV PARK – SOMETHING NEW!

Despite a shaky beginning, wagonmasters Frank and Jackie Coley managed to handle the situation very well and did an admirable job. Despite the fact that a year ago we originally reserved only 15 sites, which seemed more than adequate for campout attendance at that time, it didn't appear to be adequate this year. Frank was able to obtain an additional five sites - - but in the final analysis we used only 16.

However, the Claunchs and Dools were off-site campers - - this is getting to be a habit, a terrific habit – it was great to see Scott out and about apparently doing very well.

Scheduling “beach camping”, especially June through October must be done, a minimum of a year in advance. At that, some campgrounds will NOT schedule camping for groups during these peak periods. Chuck Kudra will be wagonmaster for the 2008 August campout at Malibu RV Park. He has advised, NOW PAY ATTENTION, if you have ANY inkling that you want to go early, contact him NOW. It is much easier to cancel reservations than to obtain a reservation on short notice.

Most of us know that Frank is a VERY good cook, and having been disappointed with the clam chowder he'd eaten at some restaurant, made clam chowder for all of us Wednesday night. Need it be said, it was absolutely delicious. Seems that Mike Flannery had a hand in the creation also. Sure is nice to have the Firemen around and they DO know how to cook.

Our thanks to Steve Chiszar for recommending this park, which included a terrific rec room we had at our disposal the entire time. Yah, it was further away that usual, however, while the temperature was almost hitting the 3 digit mark here - - the drive seemed insignificant when the temperature dropped dramatically. In fact, there were a couple days it was downright cool, the others were absolutely gorgeous – sunsets at the beach, Morro Rock, the unique communities surrounding Morro Bay, the entire environment was well worth the trip. Several of us were reluctant to leave on Monday.

Five of us took advantage of the close proximity of Hearst Castle to take one and/or two of the tours. Cheryl Templeton had never taken a tour, Sally Claunch had sometime ago, Chuck and Judy Kudra (one had gone before and the other hadn't, I think) and I have, over the year, taken the tours numerous times. It seems that no matter how many times one has been to the Castle, it is still an amazing adventure. The tour guides are awesome, the lady who conducted Tour One was a retired professor of mathematics at UCLA. Tour Two was conducted by a delightful woman,

these people are incredibly well informed regarding the history of the Castle, in fact, going through a four month training period before being allowed to conduct tours.

Alot of walking and stair climbing (about 450 in two tours) is involved to see even a bit of this magnificent creation. Like some kind of idiot, I forgot to wear my knee brace, for which I was fined later, but I made it. The history of the place, the collections of William Randolph Hearst, the ingenuity and creativity of Julia Morgan, architect and engineer, the magnitude of “wealth”, boggles the mind.

John Peterson is a very creative person. Ya shoulda seen the banner he created for Steve Chiszar's motorhome. Poor Cherrie was blamed for some incorrect information on the banner, but she had absolutely NOTHING to do with it. John also created an awesome banner for future campouts including name strips for the addition of the wagonmasters' names at the different campouts. BUT John, where are the grommets? ? ? ?

Cherrie, another great cook, prepared jambalaya and hurricanes Thursday night so we all could watch the “Saints” play football, sadly disappointing for Cherrie. Geez, no wonder it's difficult to stick to a “food program”. Joel Erickson has discovered “mussels” which he prepares for appetizers. They are marvelous. Before you go “YUCK”, don't knock it till you've tried it. And Cheryl's friend, Carl, makes some of the most incredible guacamole, bar none.

I probably missed some “reporting” opportunities because Friday evening we had longtime friends visiting from Nacimiento and Saturday evening UCLA was playing football, thanks to Mike Flannery we could watch and did, totally missing “Happy Hour”. However, it was a cinch we weren't allowed to miss the Sheriff's fining session. Steve Chiszar is unbelievably creative when it comes to this roll, secretive, sneaky little devil that he is.

All in all, this campout, in my never to be humble opinion, was one of the best., looking forward to a return.

Upcoming Campouts

December 9	Holiday Brunch-Grand Vista Hotel
January 11-12	Valencia
February 8-9	Lancaster Elks Lodge

VISIT THE KAMPERS WEBSITE

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EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg



HALLOWEEN AT FAR WEST

As usual, Jeff and Debi Drake do an awesome job as wagonmasters for this campout.

I've probably mentioned this before, but Halloween happens to be my favorite holiday. It was terrific to see that almost ALL the rigs had some decorations of some kind. REALLY COOL.

Chuck and Judy Kudra – really hit the jackpot, one of the most creative and also for dash decorations. Gotta tell ya – their decorations were pretty darned clever. HOWEVER - - Chuck just can seem to keep his mouth shut - - the pumpkin butt really would have been enhanced with a big smacker-roonie on it – and Gene Ewald was gonna do it – but OH NO – Chuck had to run his mouth and Judy would NOT have been happy, DANG!

It seems the Drakes are considering Oktoberfest for the October campout next year. Certainly won't hurt my feelings, I worked like a dog on my "creation" and I got beat AGAIN by the Erickson's grandkids (well actually their mother and Beverly). How humiliating☹.

But let's back up for a minute. There were quite a few early arrivals on Wednesday, Mike Flannery with the fire pit and wood, unfortunately, was not one of them, however Caroll and Pete Stuart were. Caroll brought some 100+-year-old sourdough starter for Joel Erickson and me.

Chuck Kudra had his faux firepit out. About 9:55 pm, Chuck, Beverly Erickson and I were huddled round – at 10:00 p.m. the sprinklers came on. One was right under my chair, Chuck said that he didn't know I could move that fast. Shoulda seen the look on Bill's face when I went into the motorhome – and henceforth, Kudra called me "saturated a**". He found it very amusing, actually it was pretty funny, but until Saturday when the sprinklers didn't come on at 10 - - I was darned careful where I put my chair.

Just couldn't wait to try Caroll's sourdough starter and a wonderful recipe for buttermilk sourdough biscuits. Got all the ingredients and decided to make biscuits from scratch in the motorhome - - YEE GODS what a mess – but a lot of fun.

Friday night - - we had RAIN! It was amazing the sizes and variety of umbrellas that came out to shelter all us who remained around the fire pit, the REAL one that Mike brought. Jeff Drake was having no part of the fireside umbrella party, at one point opened a window of his motorhome and pronounced us all a bit lacking in the mental department. Don't recall his exact words but it was something to the effect "you're all a bunch of idiots".

Saturday dawned sunny. Deb Drake has a recipe for a wonderful eggs benedict casserole for brunch, which apparently takes a bit longer to bake than anticipated. Mike Flannery can be a real instigator sometimes – he gathered a group to surround the Drake's motorhome door with empty plates. When Deb looked out, she stood in the door yelling, "J-J-J-E-E-E-F-F-F!"

Mary Flannery has a phobia about leaving her purse in the rig like everyone else does; she drags the bloody satchel wherever she goes. But this time, she left it unattended for quite a period of time. Guess Mike isn't the only instigator, cause I took it and hid it in our car. (pretty mean, huh?) Didn't get the panic anticipated, but she did take quite a few trips around the campsite and back to their rig, before I relented and confessed my sin, returning her purse. Don't think I saw it again the remainder of the weekend.

Saturday night scarecrow chili was really very good. The construction of Bill's great idea took me right up to dinnertime and when I asked where our macaroni and cheese casserole was; I was told the oven didn't get turned on? DUH, I wasn't in charge of cooking – construction was my assignment.

I hardly drug myself to the dinner gathering and collapsed in my chair. Thanks to Joe Clancy who fixed me a plate I did manage to eat. Oh yah, the macaroni and cheese casserole finally came out of the microwave just fine perhaps a little late – but it got there.

The turn out of people for judging the decorations was heartwarming. Forty-nine ballots were turned in, obviously including others outside our group participating. Our Price-Waterhouse team had quite a job tallying the ballots. OH, OH, I didn't make a list of the winners, I recall Donna Colleran was second place in the "creative" category, the Kudras placed in both dash and creative, the Erickson "grandkids" placed and to Deb Drake's delight she also placed, according that to the fact that Jeff didn't help count the votes thereby, disqualifying Deb's decorations.

All in all – an outstanding campout!

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ELKS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT – 2007

The Bob Hardy Memorial Christmas Tree Lot will operate again this year. Trees have been ordered and the Carlson family has once again generously offered the use of their prime property on Thousand Oaks Boulevard. Please be sure to patronize this valued sponsor whenever possible.

We had a successful year in 2006, thanks to all the continued help and hard work of our members, and made a significant contribution to our charities and building fund.

Please mark your calendars with these dates:

Nov. 26 & 27 (Mon/Tues)	Set up lot and trailer at Carlson's
Nov. 28	Delivery of trees
Nov. 29 – Dec. 15	Tree sales
Dec. 5 (Wed)	2 nd delivery of trees
Dec. 16 (Sun)	Tear down lot

The lot will be open approximately 8 AM to 8 PM every day. Food, drink, campfire and camaraderie always included.

Thanks in advance for everyone's help.

Fraternally,

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

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POP TAB COLLECTION PROGRAM



Talk about little things adding up. A pop tab, by itself, doesn't mean much. When collected, pop tabs add up to a valuable donation. The money raised from the recycling of these tabs will benefit the children and families of the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House.

Though the whole aluminum can is valuable, the tab is made of a pure form of aluminum. When the little tab is turned in for scrap metal, it can make a big impact on Ronald McDonald's House fundraising. It's smaller and cleaner than collecting whole cans. It's easier for the House to handle the large volume it hopes to receive. Plus the whole cans are recycled for our Lodge scholarship program.

I have been collecting pop tabs for over 30 years. The first 25 years for Operation Lift Off, which provided special trips to children who were facing life threatening illnesses. The program was discontinued when the company was sold. Now, for the last 5 years, I have been collecting tabs for the L. A. Ronald McDonald House. Drop off your pop tabs anytime at the Lodge and I will make sure they to the Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks, Gerry Gilies

KAKS OUTING

Attached are pictures of the KAKS newest members:

Jay "Cap'n J" Schmidt

Davis "Elvis" Naccarato

Rick "Vader" Goldner


...seen suiting-up and in the cockpits of the F-16/FA-18 jets (air combat center) simulators

...also pictured, charter members Richard "Ace" Goldner and Tom "Gunner" Hartin receiving their Konejo Air Kombat flight suits after successfully completing their 1st three missions including 3-take-offs and 6-landings (daylight, dark, and aircraft carrier).

Next month's KAKS Squadron flight is Sunday, December 9 ...
Departs at Lodge at 9:00am

Richard Goldner, GL Public Relations Chair



2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LECTURING KNIGHT Steve Smith	2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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“I welcome you to this station which is dedicated to brotherly love.” As many of you will recall these are the opening words of instruction given by the Lecturing Knight to new members. Brotherly love is the topic I’ve picked for this article. I’d like to begin with our motto. It must be rather important to Elks since it is addressed in the instructions given not only by the Lecturing Knight, but the Esquire as well. As you all know it begins with, “The faults of our members we write upon the sand...”

I, for one, have been criticized for my conduct in some meetings past. Upon reflection, I have concurred with those who expressed their displeasure with me, and have offered my sincere apology. They have graciously accepted that apology, and most certainly, as Elks, have documented the experience in the sand. To myself, I have vowed never again to display conduct disrespectful of The Order, our lodge or any fellow member; especially during a meeting. As an officer, it is my duty to set a proper example to others.

Unfortunately, I am not alone in the category of misconduct during meetings. However, in nearly every one of those embarrassing instances, what others and I have witnessed has been without malice. During our meetings we should all be mindful of the respect everyone in attendance deserves. Every member addressing the floor should do so with a clear head or respectfully exercise restraint.

This brings me to my next piece of instruction; this one from the Esquire, “The gavel in the hand of the Exalted Ruler is THE symbol of authority.” This only seems logical since the Exalted Ruler has the responsibility of conducting our meetings orderly and efficiently.

The Exalted Ruler has a responsibility to all members attending lodge meetings. If the Exalted Ruler recognizes someone on the floor I would expect him or her to allow the member enough time to express his or her thoughts. I would also expect the member to clearly and succinctly make his or her point. No matter how well intended, sometimes members addressing the floor find themselves unexpectedly bogged down in thought, which can impede the progress of a meeting. It seems to me in these situations the Exalted Ruler should regain control of the meeting. A gentle rap with the Exalted Ruler’s gavel and a respectful “Thank You” to the member for


his or her input should be respected by everyone in the lodge room.

Anyone performing the duties of Exalted Ruler has earned their position over several years of devoted service to our lodge. These dedicated members have volunteered to perform duties most other members would rather avoid. To chastise and/or scold any Exalted Ruler during a meeting is, in my view, reprehensible. However, I, as with many other Elks, would rather record the experience in the sand.

Now back to our motto, which ends with “...their virtues, upon the tablets of love and memory.” As an organization we have been blessed with some of the finest people I have come know; people who volunteer without solicitation. They do so because they are driven by a desire to help others and continually improve the experience of Elkdom at our lodge.

I can go on and on about members we see on almost a daily basis maintaining our facility, and those with unique resources who have contributed to its beautification. The efforts of so many members can be seen in the outreach into scouting and veterans affairs, annual charity events, committee members, barbeque crews, kitchen crews... The list is as long as our membership roster, which I hope, will continue to grow.

But volunteering in a defined capacity is not all we do. Life can be burdensome. I have seen our members respond to the aid of others without hesitation helping a non-ambulatory member with chores around the house, a hospital visit, a telephone call to a weary member or just being a good listener. These caring and valued acts of kindness are usually performed without fanfare, but never unappreciated. We are a diverse group of people with varied personalities, interests, and viewpoints. Yet we are joined together by common interests, which define us as Elks. So, whenever we refer to any member we should always do so with kindness. Recalling their virtues and cherishing the good each has contributed will enrich our relationships as Elks. In the spirit of brotherly love, this is how we should remember each other. Because of our efforts, each and every member should be proud of our lodge. It’s what makes us proud to be Elks.

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HELP SAVE THE ... ELK LADIES

I was asked to address this very critical topic in the Antler Antics so that even those ladies that do not attend meetings regularly would have the benefit of reading it and comprehending the gravity of the situation. Though our roster is quite large, we are experiencing low attendance at meetings, along with difficulty in filling offices. Many of the ladies are getting older and feel they have done their share already. Many of those are the same people that have kept this organization afloat to date. Yes, we have brought new blood into the group and many of them work very hard too. It still isn't enough. We need people to attend meetings – October brought many issues to the table that could not be voted on for lack of a quorum. We were three people short! And officers – we have a vacancy right now - which is why I'm writing this article. Yes, sometimes it is hard work and it does take a commitment, but it can be a lot of fun too. Any organization is what the members make of it. Think of the work that the Ladies do, the money we raise for charity, the assistance we give with not only money, but with the barbecue, the Christmas tree lot, linens, serving food at Elk functions, cooking, hosting a tree trimming party and so much more. Can you imagine us with a new Lodge and no Elk Ladies? What a shame that would be! The new Lodge will need our assistance even more than the old one. Are you going to be the one that lets the ball drop? Come and support your group. You joined because you thought you had something to offer – now you have the chance to prove it.

UP TO THE MINUTE NEWS

The Elks hosted a children's Halloween Party and among those ghosts and goblins could be seen those generous SPIRITS belonging to President June Leadam and Carol Fredericks. Those dedicated SOULS helped cook and serve hot dogs and distributed candy to an endless line of little ones. Big kudos for their assistance came from Raven, Jerry, Bob and Rick H. who I understand may apply for work with GEICO.


WINNER, WINNER WINNER – Patti Serota did it again! She won at Friday night bingo in October. Bingo is played generally the last Friday of each month. The Ladies are pretty lucky at this one.



DECEMBER

6 Colleen MacFarlane
10 Phyllis Riding
12 Shirley Kozlowski
14 Catherine Koeritz
15 Roxy Skinner
23 MaryAnn Swallows
27 Marilyn Cissell
28 Kelley LaCross
30 Sally Claunch

ARE WE READY TO BE WITH YOU, GOD?
Marilyn Cissell



Our God, what are your plans for us?
we know at times they'll change,
In process of such happenings,
like gameboard parts you'll re-arrange.

And as we near completion, Lord,
or when our work on earth is done,
Then ready, we'll leave this world behind
to be with you, most holy one.
Amen

Check your mail for your very own invitation to the Ladies Christmas Dinner to be held Tuesday, December 11, 2007. Be sure to return your RSVP card so we will know how many are coming with your choice of entrée. Don't forget to bring a toy that will be used for the charity Christmas baskets. Everyone who brings a toy will be entered into a drawing for some very special prizes. You're sure to enjoy good food, good friends and good entertainment!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! February 9, 2008 is the Sweetheart's Ball and the good news is you don't have to have a sweetheart to attend. Niki Case, Beth Kozlowski and crew are already making plans behind the scenes and it is sure to be a wonderful event. More next issue. Proceeds support the Major Project.

HONOR ROLL



- Paul Stein
- Max Maxwell
- Scott Dool
- Myrna Block
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DECEMBER



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**FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
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There is no balloting or initiation in December.

CRYING TOWEL



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| Oct. 3,2007 | Doug Roth | \$375 |
| | Lucky 13 | No Winner |
| Oct. 10,2007 | Robert Jones | \$400 Winner |
| | Lucky 13 | No Winner |
| Oct. 17,2007 | Louis Wolff | \$25 |
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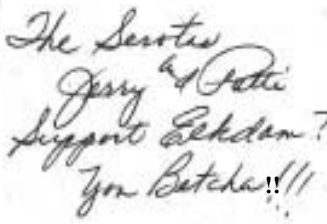










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