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Exalted Ruler



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## Reaching Out in Elkdom

"Attention all personnel... " Your attendance is requested at the first ever T.O. Elks Ladies, Major Project fundraiser-----

MASH 2477 Party

Saturday, February 7, 2009

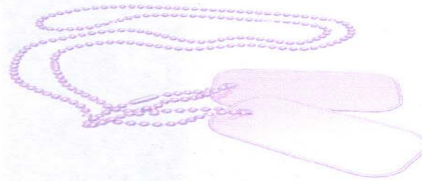
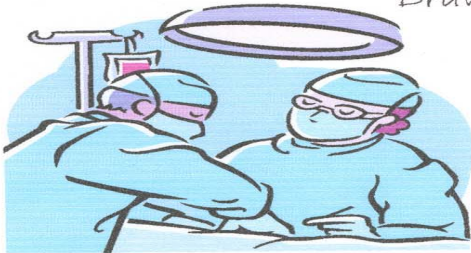
5-10 pm

\$20 pp (includes your dog tags)

Beef, Chicken, Pork, potatoes, veggies and more "mess line" style

Dance to Moon and Sol

Drawing, Games and Prizes



Tickets available from the  
bartenders or call

Jessica @ 805 371-4023 or

Niki @ 805 492-0212



Reserved tables available

## MEMBERSHIP LONGEVITY PIN RECIPIENTS FOR 2009



## 25 YEAR

## 5 Year

FREDRICK ANDERSON	#2029
DENISE BYRNES	#2034
GARY ERLAND	#2040
GEORGE ESTOCK	#2026
HARVEY FLAM	#2015
CATHERINE KOERITZ	#2048
IRVING KOERITZ	#2035
EUGENE LETOURNEAU	#2016
DAVID MCFARLANE	#2022
MIKE MILLER	#2038
JAMES MULLEN	#2019
ELISE MURRAY	#2020
RUSSELL OVIATT	#2027
CHARLES PEDERSON	#2037
JOHN QUINN	#2018
RICHARD WIXON	#2025

## 10 YEAR

TOM BOLTON	#1851
JACK CARTER	#1852
CHARLES CHRISTENSEN	#1841
PATRICK HARTIN	#1826
MICHAEL IDOL	#1849
HOWARD JOHNSON	#1843
DANIEL KOZLOWSKI	#1847
PATRICK LYNCH	#1835
VERNON NOELL	#2082
NORMAN PANCZAK	#1846
LOUIS WOLFF	#1855

## 15 YEAR

JOEL ERICKSON	#1662
JIM KELLOGG	#1655
RONALD MADDOX	#1654
ED RICE	#1644
BILL VON WITTENBURG	#1661
WILLIAM WILKINSON	#1650

## 20 YEAR

TOMMY CLAUNCH	#1407
NEILS GLICKMAN	#1400
KENNETH KOLDE	#1413

DON ANSELL	#1136
WILLIAM DOODY	#1057
HENERY GERMAIN	#1070
RICHARD JOHNSON	#1087
ROBERT JONES	#1109
JERRY SEROTA	#1064

## 30 YEAR

DONALD ALLEN	#300
ARNOLD ANTLE	#293
RICHARD DAHSE	#676

## 35 YEAR

EDWARD CASSESE	#474
ANTHONY FEDERICO	#255
ROBERT THORNTON PER	#1842

## 45 YEAR

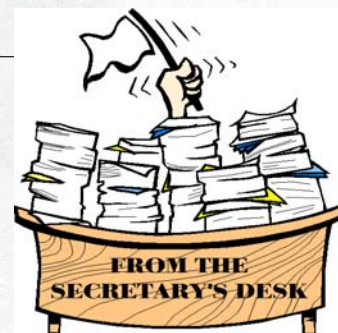
JACK LOUGHRAN	#1123
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## 55 YEAR

RALPH VESTER	#2083
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## 60 YEAR

HUBERT OFER	#2213
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The first meeting in March is dedicated to honoring members with longevity pins. The above named recipients will receive an invitation from the Lodge inviting them to dinner and a pin. If you feel that your name should be on the list, please contact the office.

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



**EXALTED RULER**  
**George Meehan**

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**ANTLER ANTICS:** Sally Claunch, PER, Editor,  
Jerry Serota, Photographer  
**Calendar:** Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
**NEW BEGINNINGS:**  
**HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK:**  
**GREETERS:** Dorothy Murray  
**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**  
**OPERATION FACELIFT:** Tom Ryder, PDDGER



**BUILDING MAINT. :** Max Maxwell/Tom Hartin  
**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL  
**LODGE VISITATIONS:**  
**BBQ WAGON:**  
**AUDITING:** Chet Kozlowski, PER  
**ELKS TRAINING:** George Meehan  
**SHOE TOURNAMENTS:** Mike Budenski  
**BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:** Robert Jones  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

The Christmas Holidays are behind us and we are now into a new year. The Christmas baskets program went well with the PER's stepping in to help Terry Gicking get it done. All worked out well and the recipients seemed pleased and grateful.

New Year's Eve was a bit different this year in that it wasn't as formal as in the past. People showed up ready to party and they did. Wonderful food was donated by those attending, the juke box provided great music for listening and dancing, and Robert Jones was there with his Karaoke and everyone appeared to be having a great time. Many of us older members celebrated New Year's on East Coast time and departed early but in good spirits.

February looks like it will be busy with the Ladies putting on their Major Project fundraiser on Saturday, Feb 7. It is called "Mash 2477" and sounds like it will be lots of fun. When you think about it, when the Ladies put on a party, it is always a lot of fun. So, lets all support the Ladies efforts and be there for all the festivities. Flyers are in the Lodge to publicize it.

Nominations of officers will be held this month an every member should have an interest in this procedure. Everyone wants a well-run lodge, you vote the officers into office and then you should support them. If you don't get involved, then you have no right to complain. As a matter of fact, if you don't like the choices of the candidates, then run yourself! Every Elk is eligible.

So, remember, this is your lodge. It can only be as good as those who step up and get involved. Be a good Elk.

**Your Lodge Serving the Community**



- \* Accepting and judging scholarship applications to determine Lodge winners
- \* Accepting and judging Americanism essay entries to determine Lodge winners
- \* Providing monthly outings and bingo parties for veterans
- \* Preparing BBQ food for school and corporate functions

**BE AN ELK VOLUNTEER---SHOW ELKS CARE--ELKS SHARE- CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER**

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION IS REQUESTED**

- \* February 4-Nominations of Officers
- \* February 11-Nominations of Officers
- \* February 18-Voting for Officers



**Sally Claunch, PER Editor**  
 claunchsally@gmail.com  
 articles are due the 5th of the month  
 send as a word document

Again this month, I am encouraging members with email to receive your copy of the Antler by email only. It is a saving to the Lodge budget and you get it in living color. Ads in the Antler subsidize the cost, but there is still a \$1000 difference. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please notify the office. If you have been receiving the Antler both ways-email and snail, even after notifying the office only email, please contact the office again. Thank you in advance for considering the email only option.

### OFFICERS/HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG.

- \* Bingo machine has been fixed.
- \* Workman's Comp. audit has been completed.
- \* Sale of Christmas trees has netted a profit of about \$15,000
- \* Shell from lodge truck to be removed and sold with proceeds to buy a rear window
- \* Employee manual is completed and being used.
- \* Bar hours were discussed.
- \* New drink prices were approved. Sign will be posted in the lounge

### TRUSTEES REPORT

After reviewing the financial statements of the Lodge in consultation from the auditor, secretary and treasurer, it was determined that we have enough spendable cash to meet our monetary obligations for the remainder of the year. However budget cuts and belt tightening is being incorporated into the proposed budget for 2009-2010 to ensure financial solvency.

**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. Your attendance is welcomed.**

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

**805-495-0577**

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** George Meehan, ER on the passing of his brother

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Our soldiers in Harms Way,

**ON THE MEND:** Donna Churik from back surgery

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

### COMING ATTRACTIONS



Februray 1-SuperBowl Sunday-party  
 February 4-Nominations of Officers  
 February 7- Elk Ladies Major Project Fundraiser  
 February 11-Nominations of Officers  
 February 18-Election of Officers

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>LEADING KNIGHT</b> <b>Raven West</b>	2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
<b>MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:</b> <b>David Naccarato, PER</b> <b>SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch, PER</b> <b>INVESTIGATION: Bob Arbetman</b> <b>ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Tom Ryder, PDDGER</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Raven West</b> <b>INDOCTRINATION: Dave Naccarato, PER</b> <b>MEM.CONTROL.COM.:</b> <b>CVAC: Tom Hartin</b> <b>COMMUNITY RELATIONS:</b> <b>CHARITY DINNERS: Raven West</b>



February is a short month and the 14<sup>th</sup> is the day for Lovers! It seems as if we've just paid off all our bills from the "gift giving season", when we are bombarded with more advertisements to spend more money to show our "LOVE".

Before we've even had a chance to catch our breath the day after New Year's Eve, the stores have already replaced their entire Christmas section with Valentine's Day cards, candy, flowers, perfume and jewelry.

As a wise old greeting card writer once said "The best things in life are not THINGS". In keeping with that sentiment, there are several Valentine's Day gifts I would like us to bring to our Lodge this month which will last much longer than flowers, candy or the scent of perfume.

The Gift of a welcoming handshake to all who enter our Lodge.

The Gift of a smile for each one of us who needs a little cheer throughout the year.

The Gift of compassion. How many new members have we initiated during the last year or two who have never returned to our Lodge? How many members have we not seen in a long time that we miss? Valentine's Day is the perfect time to invite these lost Elks back into our fold.

The Gift of Creativity. We are looking for new ideas for Friday night entertainment. What talents do you possess which you could share with our members? Who do you know in the entertainment industry who would like to fine tune their "act" in front of a live audience?

The Gift of Time. Yes, we are all very busy with work, family and other responsibilities, but there is always an hour or two to come to a Lodge meeting. Our meetings are informative and a great deal of fun. These meetings are the very HEART and SOUL of our organization and no two meetings are ever the same.

The Gift of Service. Officers, Officers, Officers....we need Officers!

The Gifts of tolerance, patience, understanding, positive thinking and respect.

If we can give others these gifts for Valentine's Day, the LOVE we receive will be multiplied ten fold.

And you won't even have to go shopping!

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!**

### **How is the Elks National Foundation Helping California-Hawaii?**

When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the [Elks National Drug Awareness](#) and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the [Community Investments Program](#) and providing [Emergency Educational Grants](#) to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than maintaining the [Elks Veterans Memorial](#). You're doing all that, and you're supporting Elkdom in your state.

During the 2007-08 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated \$758,416.20 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following State Charities:

#### **Bonus Grants: -**

\$420,950.00 \$386,430.00 \$115,750.00

These grants help fund [your state's major charitable project](#), as well as other philanthropic projects. Portions of these grants will also support your state's Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and educational programs.

#### **Most Valuable Student: Legacy Award:**

\$288,000.00 \$84,000.00

We will award a total of 72 "Most Valuable Student" scholarships to high school seniors from your state. In addition, we will award up to 21 Legacy scholarships to children, grandchildren and stepchildren of Elks.

#### **National Veterans Service Commission: \$33,180.00**

These funds will help them provide aid and comfort to hospitalized veterans.

Grand Total: \$1,328,310.00

That's a ratio of 1.751 for every dollar the Foundation received from your state last year.

**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER**  
**SHARE THE EXCITEMENT**

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## LOYAL KNIGHT

### Terry Gicking

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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



**MOTHER'S DAY:** Rick Herrera  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Corinne Richeson  
**WED. NIGHT TICKETS:** Leo Rodriguez  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool  
**PRESIDING JUSTICE:**  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Robert Jones

### FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

February! Wholly moley, where has the year gone! Seems like only yesteryear we were doing the grand march at the end of March and now it's almost time to do it again! And what a year it's been! So much has happened! And now we get ready to start another fiscal Elks year. But before we do that lets see what February brings for us at the lodge.

We start with the Superbowl and end with a BBQ. And in the middle are some great meals. We are having breakfast every Sunday because the members are supporting it. We have dinner every Wednesday night before the meetings which are put on by Chuck Busch. (Personal note to Chuck, THANK YOU THANK YOU!!) Tom Ryder does a nice steak night on initiation night! (THANK YOU TOM!!) and for the Friday night dinners we have a nice variety. Chicken n pasta, pork loin, the fish fry is back with a guest bartender and a band for your dancing and listening pleasure. So please find a meal or two to come down and enjoy! We can't wait to see you!

### About the Elks National Drug Awareness Program

The Elks National Drug Awareness Program strives to teach all children and parents about the dangers of illegal drug use and prevent the abuse of legalized and prescription drugs. As the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States, the program relies on state, district and Lodge volunteers to promote a drug-free lifestyle. By taking pride in America's communities and youth, the program takes action against youth drug use through education and inspiration.

### Taking pride... in community

Since 1982, the Elks have developed an effective, community-based drug prevention program by partnering with federal agencies including the Drug Enforcement Agency, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and national organizations such as Pride

Youth Programs. These partnerships ensure the Elks Drug Awareness Program addresses the leading drug abuse issues facing communities today.

### ...in youth

Elks believe that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. With that in mind, the Elks Drug Awareness Program reaches out to youth of all ages and backgrounds. Through the 2,100 Lodges in communities across the country, Elks work to combat youth substance abuse. Elroy the Elk, the program's mascot, reminds young kids that hugs are better than drugs, while older kids see the affects of alcohol consumption by wearing fatal vision goggles.

### ..to educate

Every year, the Elks Drug Awareness Program hands out more than seven million pieces of anti-drug literature to parents, teachers and kids. The brochures are primarily distributed through the program's 90 drug education trailers, which travel to community gatherings, such as fairs and sporting events. The Elks have also teamed with Marvel Comic Books to produce a book featuring Marvel superheroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking. Other educational materials offered by the program include prevention tools for parents, videos, coloring books, posters and public service announcements.

### ...to inspire

From a young age, the Drug Awareness Program asks kids to think about what it means to be drug free. Through the program's annual essay and poster contests, kids can express their feelings on rejecting peer pressure. At events, including Red Ribbon Week ceremonies, Elks and their friends serve as role models who show kids that living drug free is the way to be.

**COMING SOON.....**  
**WILD WOMEN ON WINE**  
**DOING COMFORT FOOD**

## ENTERTAINMENT

**FEB. 6-Karaoke**  
**FEB. 20-One Last Dance**  
**Guest Bartender**  
**FEB. 27-Karaoke**



**Corinne Richenson**  
**Bar Manager**



### 2008 CHRISTMAS TREE LOT REPORT

Thanks to all our brothers and sisters who assisted with this project and the continued generosity and cooperation of the Carlson family and employees, we had a record year at the lot, despite these uncertain economic times. We managed to net over \$14,000 after all expenses, which will benefit our charitable efforts, as well as the General Fund of the Lodge.

We had record sales as well as record participation by our members. A great boon was that our stalwarts, Terry Baker and Bill Sternberg, were joined by Ben Reiger this year in ensuring continuous manning and smooth operation. We sold over 500 trees in only 15 days and had just 5 left over.

Many thanks also for the generous donations of food and drink by many of our members. Special recognition to the Claunches for a timely monetary donation and the Goldners for a much needed new microwave.

Fraternally,  
 Terry Baker  
 Herb Jellander  
 Ben Reiger  
 Bill Sternberg

## POP TAB COLLECTION



December has been quite a month for the Ronald McDonald Charities and their pull tab collection program. First the bad news, due to the world's economy, Alco has discontinued their charity donations. Therefore, the Ronald McDonald Houses will be getting the going weight prices for their pull tabs. The good news is, that we will have to collect more tabs to help the Ronald McDonald kids. With both Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley Elks collecting tabs, I was able to deliver 44 pounds, that's 56,892 tabs to the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House last month. The Thousand Oaks contributors that I know about were Richard Goldner, Dorothy Murray (Jafra), Alan and Dorathy Hardie (Aspen Middle School), Sharon and John Mello (Aspen Middle School), Dave MacFarlane, George Thompson and our Christmas tree lot. Keep collecting and remember, every tab counts. Thanks to all.  
 Gerry Gillies



### NEW BAR PRICES

**WELL- \$3.50      WELL DOUBLE \$6**  
**CALL-\$4.50**  
**PREM.-\$5**  
**BOTTLE BEER-\$3**  
**DRAFT BEER-\$2.50**  
**HOUSE WINE-\$3.50**  
**PREM. WINE-\$3.75**

**EFFECTIVE FEB. 15**

## **HOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE WINS BEST FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION IN THOUSAND OAKS**

Earlier this year, I sent a notification email to you recognizing that Elks Lodge had been selected for the 2008 Best of Thousand Oaks Award in the Fraternal Organizations category by the U.S. Local Business Association (USLBA).

In recognition of your achievement, a 2008 Best of Thousand Oaks Award plaque has been designed for display at your place of business. You may arrange to have your award sent directly to Elks Lodge by following the simple steps on the 2008 Best of Thousand Oaks Award order form. Simply copy and paste this link into your browser to access the order form:

<https://www.uslba.net/A8WVK7YP>

The USLBA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USLBA identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Also, a copy of the press release publicizing the selection of Elks Lodge is posted on the USLBA website. USLBA hereby grants Elks Lodge a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, distribute, and display this press release in any media formats and through any media channels.

In order to provide you with the best possible service, you have been assigned an award code that can be used on our website for quick access to your award information and press release. If you have any questions or comments, please include this code with your correspondence.

Your award code is: 8WVK7YP

Sincerely,  
Ashley Carter  
Selection Committee Chair  
U.S. Local Business Association

## **FIRST ANNUAL TOY RUN**

Needing extra toys for the Christmas Basket Program, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge held a poker run for the motorcycle enthusiasts of our lodge. Entry fee was a donated toy to our program. We had 5 participants. Also we got a promise from the A.B.A.T.E organization that rents our lodge once a month that they will participate next year when we do it again. This year we had Jim and Teri Rochford, Chris Prince, Joe Rey, and James Honn.

Chris Prince won the poker hand with two pair and Jim Rochford had the worst hand. All had a good time. Teri Rochford helped out with preparing the lunch. Ed Rice came out and cooked up the rest of the burgers, and brought them to the guys at the tree lot. All and all it was a good day.

Dave Naccarato, PER

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## **VETERANS ARE REMEMBERED BY ELKS**

In each of the 172 VA Medical Centers there is an Elk committee at work. Literally, thousands of Elks and their families give generously of their time, energy and resources so that the lives of our ill and aging veterans will be enhanced. Hundreds of thousands of hours and like numbers of dollars are devoted to programs that are designed to keep us true to our pledge: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." And now we've broadened our program to include outpatients and veterans who are homeless.

Our Lodge under the leadership of Jim Kellogg and crew provide monthly bingo games and outings for the veterans in our local hospital. To become part of the crew contact the office with your name and phone number.

**THANK  
YOU SO  
MUCH!**

**Christmas tree lot workers  
Christmas basket workers**





**Jerry Serota, Public Relations**

**GIRLS OF GOLD BEST FRIENDS**

Alyssa Marie Gogesch and Allison Jean Montroy best friends were honored Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Gold Award recipients. Bill Miller, Scouting Chairman for the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 presented the girls with framed awards and American Flags honoring the occasion.

A semi formal dinner was held at St. Julie Billiard Hall in Newbury Park attended by over 100 family and friends.

Alllysa Gogesch belongs to troop 60012 Girl Scouts of California Central Coast, a senior at Westlake High School and earned her Gold Award pin for her work with the Mexican Mission during spring break by collecting backpacks filled with incidentals and sleeping bags for the indigent who moved into houses that were constructed by the mission.

Allison Montroy belongs to troop 60161 Girl Scouts of California Central Coast is a senior at Westlake High School and earned her Gold Award pin by volunteering at the Kenneth Jernigan library, collected books and helped Braille them for the blind. Requests came from blind children all over the world. The books found needed to be cleaned up and she had to replace some of the bindings before they could be mailed. Requests for calendars in Braille were also sent out.

Troop 60161 is sponsored by our Lodge.



**Alyssa Gogesch and Allison Montroy with Bill Miller, Scouting Chair**

Elk Colleagues,

A copy of an important pamphlet, which is featured, in the upcoming Grand Lodge Public Relations Newsletter. is displayed in our Lodge on the bulletin board.

Your help is needed to help promote the “Buy-a-Brick” program in support of our Elks National Home.

The Board of Grand Trustees is undertaking this major fund raising program at a time when it is most needed.

I am purchasing a personalized laser-engraved brick and you are respectfully encouraged to do the same.

I am also asking you to endorse and disseminate this information to the widest possible distribution and cascade it to all State Associations, Subordinate Lodges, State VPs, DDGERs, PER Associations, Ladies groups...

It is envisioned that every Elk, every Lodge, every Lodge activity club, every State Association ... will be investing in the \$100 or \$200 initiative. Donation forms are part of the attached program flyer.

Thank you for your much needed support in advance.

Regards,  
Richard  
Richard J. Goldner  
Elks - USA  
National Chairman, Public Relations  
805-491-2790  
805-491-2787 fax  
805-443-5000 cell

**BRICK APPLICATION FORM ON NEXT PAGE**

**COMING SOON  
LEGENDS  
IN CONCERT  
ON BROADWAY**

Brick Application Form-See Article on page 9

**Elks National Home and Retirement Center BUY-A-BRICK PROGRAM** **4" x 8" Brick Order Form**  
 Please make checks payable to ENH Brick Project  
 Send to: Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523-1399

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**     A \$100.00 contribution is enclosed (Note: \$60.00 is Tax Deductible)

Line 1

Line 2

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Purchaser's Information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STREET ADDRESS / BOX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Elks National Home and Retirement Center BUY-A-BRICK PROGRAM** **8" x 8" Brick Order Form**  
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 Send to: Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523-1399

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A \$200.00 contribution is enclosed (Note: \$120.00 is Tax Deductible)

Purchaser's Information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STREET ADDRESS / BOX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT YOUR LODGE





**Pat VonWittenberg  
Konejo Kampers**



## BRUNCH AT THE GRAND VISTA - DECEMBER 2008

Our thanks to Chuck and Judy Kudra for handling this assignment with their usual efficiency. I'm not sure which of the two becomes more anxious, but it was well controlled.

Beverly Erickson is to be commended. She spent an entire evening, according to Joel, tearing strings of raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets for our ticket sellers, Jessica Stull and Patty Miller. Sure sped up ticket sales. Good thinking Bev.

Had a few anxious moments myself. Had been looking for a refrigerated wine cellar to donate as a raffle prize. Although Cheryl and I had gone out early on Black Friday (that's a whole nother story), we'd either overlooked or just not found one. Cheryl called Friday afternoon saying that she'd gone out again (crazy) and found exactly what I had been looking for - BUY IT! The Collerans and von Wittenburgs collaborated on this prize. Time was running short, people were depositing their tickets and Cheryl still wasn't there with the wine cellar. Eventually, Chuck made an announcement that it was on the way. FINALLY - - Cherri Peterson cast eyes on that prize and she wanted it. There were a couple of guys stationed at the box for tickets telling people "DON'T put tickets in that box". Didn't work very well, but in the end Cherri got it. Congratulations!

There were quite a few really happy prize recipients. Mary Flannery had made and donated a gorgeous tole painted Santa and Mrs. Santa - quite large, I'm guessing nearly 5 feet tall. You should have heard the whoop when Annie Pearson won them. She REALLY wanted Santa and Mrs. Santa.

Gotta admit, I was pretty happy too. Bill and I got a flat screen TV, now the decision, he thinks it belongs in the house bedroom, I THINK it belongs in the motor home bedroom. Hummmmm - wonder where it's gonna end up (in the motor home!) I'm holding out for a larger one in the house.

I believe we had several firsts this year! As those of you who attend the brunch know, Deb Drake makes IMO beautiful raffle prizes for people bringing Manna donations, food or money. This year was no exception. First draw, she won a musical Teddy Bear, but what she really wanted to keep was the last prize to be drawn, a small beautifully decorated

Christmas tree - wouldn't you know she won that too. In the past, she's the only person who has Bob Hardy's recipe for peanut brittle and curses - this is the first year in a long time, there was none. Perhaps next year? ? ?

I can't complain, I won a beautiful wreath she made, which now decorates my entry hall. Thanks for all your hard work Deb.

The next first, at least that I recall, a couple who shall remain nameless because they've already received enough gaff, FORGET the date, and failed to attend. Totally forgot, when I used Mary Flannery's daughter's cell phone to see if everything was okay - wasn't at all aware they were missing one of "the events" of the year. There was even an out-of-state guest there looking forward to seeing them.

We had two birthday celebrants with us this year, Shirley Kozlowski and Catherine Koertz. Thanks ladies, for sharing your special day with all of us.

Although attendance at this function has dwindled a bit, kudos to Cheryl Templeton who has always managed to completely fill at least one table with staff, friends and family.

By the time ya'll read this, Christmas and New Year's will have come and gone. Nonetheless, all the Kampers wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Healthy, Happy New Year, God Bless One and All.

## Upcoming Campouts

February 13-15- California RV Acton

March 13-14 -Newport Dunes

April 17-18-Camp Comfort

May 15-16-Kenny Grove

June 13-14-Santa Barbara Lodge

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## OUR HISTORY

We never knew when he started, but whenever John Farhat was at a lodge meeting you could always hear a "Good Evening Friends" from him and John Lotz made it a tradition to always put a Susan B. Anthony dollar coin into the chalice at all meetings that he attended. As John used to say "He was always bringing a lady to an all male meeting". After John Lotz death, John Farhat continued this tradition in memory of John Lotz.

Important dates:

February 1974. Ernie Harter announced as second Elk of the year '74/'75

April 1st 1974 Richard "Dick" Flake takes over the chair of Exalted Ruler

March 1975 Milt Mortensen was selected as Elk of the year '76/'77

April 1st 1976 John "Jack" Henery the fifth Exalted Ruler is in office for the '76/'77 lodge year.

April/May 1976, Elks run Gene "Dryhole" Dyke better known to most lodge members as Pappy, for Conejo Valley Days Grand Marshal. Dryhole served as Grand Marshal for a week before a mistake was found in the vote tallies and he had to surrender the honor and title to another.

May 1976 Thousand Oaks PER, Erle Pittman, is sworn in as State Vice President for the WCCD at the state convention in San Francisco.

June 10th 1976 Elks donate American flag and other flags that flew over California to the Conejo Valley Historical Society. Presentation was made by ER, Jack Henry, and the Cadet Troop of Girl Scouts.

Nov 1st 1976 first official Thousand Oaks Elks Ladies meeting. Marilyn Corrigan the ladies first president ran the meeting.

March 23rd 1977 State president Marvin Pike visits Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge ER Jack Henry and state Vice president Erle Pittman are escorts

March 1977 Floyd "Frosty" Miller announced and honored as Elk of the year 77/78

April 1st 1977 Robert "Bob" McKee takes over as Exalted Ruler

March 8th 1978. Charter members night Dinner Corned Beef and Cabbage, Free to charter members all others \$1.75

March 15th 1978 John McCance and Don Steinhelper attend naturalization services and hand out American flags to new citizens.

April 1st 1978 Frank Rindone assumes the office of Exalted Ruler

February 8th 1979, Scott Dool chairs the Elks Law Enforcement and Firefighters recognition awards night. Five men were awarded plaques and were recognized for their achievements

March 1979 Jack Henry announced as being the Elk of the Year for '79/'80

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Do you enjoy our lounge? Do you enjoy our own little slice of “Cheers, where everyone knows your name”? Do you enjoy not being gouged every time you order a drink and are you happy that your patronage of our bar helps our lodge support our charities? If so, thank an officer. Without a full officer corps, we would cease to exist as an Elks lodge and along with that would come the closing of our bar. It is easy to sit back on your bar stool and talk about “how things should be done around here”. It is quite another matter to become an officer and actually have a hand on how things will be done. If you think you have the tools to be an officer, if you think you are willing to make a commitment to help in the leadership of this lodge, step right up. Let the incoming ER know that you want to serve as an officer in the upcoming year.

I am sure that in this month Antlers there will be mention of our financial conditions and the state of our bookkeeping. We are just about up to speed on our accounting and the Trustees are making adjustments to make sure we have remained within the budget. The one thing as members that should concern you is our “spendable cash”. There is a misconception by some members that our General Fund is our spendable cash. That is wrong. The general fund also contains some of our restricted funds. Those are funds such as Purple Pig, ENF and Scouting to name just a few (new facilities is kept in a separate account). We cannot spend those funds on anything except what they are earmarked (the latest political buzz word) to be used for. The spendable cash is the money left in the general fund after you factor out all restricted funds. That is the money we live on and use to pay our day to day bills. That has been dangerously low these past few months and steps are being taken to correct that, the first step being to bring our books up to date after the loss of our accountant. How can you help? One obvious way is to spend more money at our lodge. We serve meals there quite frequently. Treat the family to BBQ a couple of Saturdays a month. Come in and enjoy the entertainment or just come in for a drink.

These next two paragraphs are repeats from last month. I think they bear repeating and it isn't plagiarism if I was the original author anyway:

This month the PERs will be conducting the initiation. The following month your new staff of officers will perform. Please plan on attending one or both of these meetings to lend support to these fine Elks. And while I am on the subject of meeting attendance, try to attend at least one meeting a month to keep up on what is happening at our lodge currently. As I have stated before, second hand information passed around the lounge is not always 100% accurate. I know it is hard to believe.

Please remember, our Army of Hope cans are placed in our lounge and at several businesses around town. The proceeds from this donation are being used to help our veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. The Vietnam Veteran's Association has partnered with the Elks in this effort. Please dig deep and give what ever you can. This campaign will end in July of 1009. There are additional cans available for placement in local businesses. See me if you would like to work with this program.



Rick Case entertains at the Kids Christmas Party

2008-2009 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>THE ELKS LADIES</b> <b>Jessica Stull</b>	2008-2009 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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### A Time for Resolutions


It's 2009 and I don't know anyone who didn't make some sort of a New Year resolution. In the scheme of things I have to wonder how many of those make us feel bad about ourselves if we fail to meet them. Sometimes the goal just may be too lofty, e.g. "I need to lose 50 lbs." Rather, a goal of "I'm going to increase my exercise level and decrease my food intake level," might be a better resolution. The pounds melting off are just a natural by-product. Many people refuse to set goals as they hate that feeling of failure.

Every organization needs to set goals to determine if they are successful and to what degree. The Elks Ladies is no different. Our measuring stick should not be "what we did in the past" but rather how can we make more of an impact in the future. There are many of the ladies that can be called on for anything, and they are there to give a hand. There are some others who are more selective in what they can or will do and that's fine. But, there are a very few who are either shy or maybe they haven't been asked, that we rarely see. To you, I extend a hand of friendship; we'd love to see you back. At the January meeting we saw a few new faces and we hope if you are among those, you will return and let us know what you like to do, this is your organization too. Your ideas may be innovative and fresh and your good idea may be the one that puts us over the top.

We support the Elks ideals both literally and figuratively so we are always looking to make money for our charities, and lend a hand at Elk functions such as the barbecue and breakfast at the lodge. There are so many volunteer opportunities, surely something appeals to you. Resolve today that you will support your organization and the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge by volunteering, attending more functions, or sharing your good ideas.

Of course you have the opportunity to put that into practice at the M.A.S.H. Party here on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-10 pm. It's all about resolving to have fun. Making money for the Major Project is simply

	<h3 style="color: red; margin: 0;">FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS</h3> <p>                     Grace Wallace-1                      Jackie Coley-5                      Pam Smith-8                      Pat Smail-9                      Kathy Ryder-10                      Karen Naccarato-14                      Margaret Thornton-16                      Gayla Lindquist-23                      Kathy Jenkins-24                 </p>
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<h3>GOD, YOU ARE OUR FRIEND</h3>	
	<p>In asking for your help, God, we know that you do hear attempts at resolutions to keep in this new year.</p> <p>So many things we hope for, perhaps the best that we can do is call upon you as our friend and have more talks with you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amen</p>
<p><b>Marilyn Cissell</b></p>	

a natural by-product. We're still actively looking for door prizes. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Friday night dinners and the night of the event. We'll have some great prizes. See the flyers around the lodge for more information or ask any of the Elk Ladies.

For those of you who attended the impromptu New Year's Eve party, you know what a great time we had. Thank you Crystal Dool, another Elk Lady, for her organization along with several others who made it happen. These are the ideas I'm writing about!

Until next month, I remain Jessica Stull, Elks Ladies President.

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 Joe Smith-11  
 Arnie-Antle-13  
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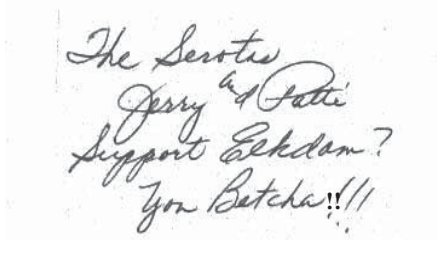










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