



Terry Gicking
Exalted Ruler



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Memories From The Past To Rebuild Our Future



PAST EXALTED RULERS

DOING

MOTHER'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

MAY 10TH 10 AM-1 PM \$10
11 AM MOTHER'S DAY RITUAL

MENU:

fruit juice
bacon sausage ham
scrambled eggs
scrambled eggs with chorizo
sausage egg strata
biscuits & gravy
muffins pastries

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2009-2010



CHANGING OF THE GUARD

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



EXALTED RULER
Terry Gicking

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Keep the Charter Members Dream Alive!!!

What a night! This place was so decked out it reminded me of many parties from the PAST that we have had here! And then the crowd that was still here for the 11 o'clock toast, that was like days of old. I'm talking about the **Inaugural Ball!** Marva D', with help from Tom Hartin and very special helpers from Simi Lodge, Adalaide & Dennis Wavra, transformed this lodge into a Palace. OMG, it was B-E-A-utiful!! Thank you so much! In addition to the lodge being transformed, we had Chuck Busch, Johnny D', Jim Mullins, Boyd Lindquist, and my son Steve putting together a meal to die for. (OK, so nobody died, but you get my point!) Then we have Helen Heisler and 4 Antlers from the Van Nuys- Reseda lodge help serve. And on top of that, Marva & Johnny D' made the desserts, which were MARVALous. Behind the scenes we had Kathy Ryder helping to make sure we all knew the what & where's for the Grand March! Tom Ryder did a smashup performance as MC! Add the Marines presenting the flags, Trek for Troops doing the National Anthem, and One Last Dance Band adding the music to kick up our heels, it was one helluva Party!

Now, lets add big THANK YOU's to Jerry & Patti Serota for doing what they do so well, TIX & PICS. Heather & Corrine for helping organize the tables & seating. And one HUGE THANK YOU to my Beautiful Date, my Escort, My Favorite Employee ever, and she helped make ME look good, Delores Swanson! Thank You all for coming and helping.

Now on to other things! We hit the ground running this first 2 months, with the Ball, then the budget, add Ritual practice & the Contest, then Youth Appreciation Week, Mothers Day, then State Convention, we don't take a breath till the end of May. Oh, I forgot to mention Chili Cookoff and Conejo Valley Days! Yes, CVD is back on. May 6-10. And we will be able to sell our tri-tip sandwiches this year! (along with our ribs, chicken, &

streaker dogs!). OMG! and the Elks Ladies will be working the gates also.

So you can see we are going to need a lot of help, that's **volunteer help**, to get thru these next couple of months. So please, look at your schedule, look at our calendar and see where you can fit in. The excitement is building! Don't be left out! Call the lounge or the office to get on the help list!

Keeping our Charter Members dream alive!
 Fraternally yours,



IN MEMORIAM

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS STOPPED
 AND ACROSS ITS DIAL A MOTIONLESS
 SHADOW MARKS THE HOUR OF ELEVEN,
 WITH US--

**“THE GOLDEN HOUR OF
 RECOLLECTION”**

Dick Rogge

Born: July 5, 1926

Iniated: April, 1984

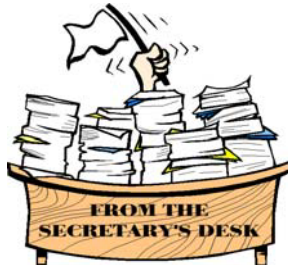
Died: April 14, 2009



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 articles are due the 5th of the month
 send as a word document



Dave Naccarato, PER



I am this year's Secretary of Thousand Oaks Elks lodge 2477. It is great to run the office by popular vote, but that cannot always be. Will I be a good Secretary? My background is automotive. I'm a parts man. I'll give it a go. I won't be the best, but at the same time I hope to not be the worst. I will have much help from those who have been there before and are just plain smarter than me.

My wife Karen will be back in the office with me. She worked with Jerry last year and is well versed on the running of the office. Cherri Peterson is our treasurer and she is up on bookkeeping procedures. It can't help but be an asset to our lodge. Our board of trustees has a plate full of ideas to help our lodge. I've had many talks with members and they all feel something needs to be done. We are not in bad shape; we are having just growing pains, but jumping ship is not the answer. Exalted Ruler, Terry Ticking, has many ideas and has been a member of our lodge a long time. Catherine, our Leading Knight grew up in this lodge and wants to see good things come out of it. Membership is on the rise and two month member Kara Wagner joined the officer corp. This shows the direction we are going. Leo Rodriquez and Steve Smith are back in the corp and Grant Thistle is new to the team. Did you people check out Chris Prince in his tuxedo at Installation? Come to a meeting and enjoy the organ music by Karin Speights. Let's work together for a good year.

House Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Trustees meet the first Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Your input is valued. Your attendance is welcomed.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Dick Rogge on his passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: David Naccarato, PER complications from surgery; Marilyn Cissell; Pete Nolan's father-in-law has terminal cancer; Pete Padilla has colon cancer

ON THE MEND: Margaret Thornton had shoulder surgery; Paul DiNubio from shoulder surgery

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS



May 1/3- Ritual Contest Lompoc
 May 8-Youth Appreciation Dinner
 May 9-Bowling Party Fundraiser
 May 10-Mother's Day Brunch
 May 13/16-State Convention
 May 17-Cribbage Tournament

June 27-Legends in Concert Hollywood
 Fundraiser for new PA system

**** July 24-26**** Garage Sale

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LEADING KNIGHT Catherine Koeritz, PER	2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG: David Naccarato, PER SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch, PER INVESTIGATION: Bob Arbetman ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Tom Ryder, PDDGER		CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Catherine Koeritz, PER INDOCTRINATION: Dave Naccarato, PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.: CVAC: Tom Hartin COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota CHARITY DINNERS: Catherine Koeritz, PER

HOW DO WE GET NEW MEMBERS?

Elks Community Get Acquainted Day!

Our membership has typically come from present members bringing in people that they know. In an effort to bring more members into our Lodge, we are dedicating three Saturdays (the forth Sat. of each month) starting June 27th for an Elks Community Get Acquainted Day. Crystal Dool has come up with some great ideas for these events and educating prospective new members in what Elkdom is all about. If you would like to get involved (and we need help!!!), please contact me or Crystal. We will have more details in the next Antlers.

The Process of Membership

On that note, many members do not understand the process of becoming a member. This was in a previous article by Terry Gicking and it warrants repeating.

First, we SPONSOR new members. We ask them if they would like to join OUR PRIVATE FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION. We tell them that we pay yearly dues to enjoy our private lodge & other lodges throughout this great country of ours. If they would like to join, we should then explain to them there is an initiation fee of \$75.00 and that our dues are \$125.00 per year (plus Grand Lodge assessment fees, an extra \$14). So now they want to join our lodge. The SPONSOR gets them an application & TOGETHER THEY FILL IT OUT! You then attach the \$75.00 application fee with the application and the SPONSOR gives it to the secretary at the office during business hours or the SPONSOR can give it to a bartender during lodge lounge hours. If paying by cash, please ask for a receipt. Once the secretary receives the application with the correct fees, he then sends out a letter to the prospective member and the sponsor informing them of the date and time for investigation (the first Friday of the month). Maybe the sponsor can buy dinner, wink wink! REMEMBER, THE FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION!! Once investigation is complete, the name is then turned over to the Editor for publication into the Antler Antics, by the 5th of the month. Once it gets published for all the members to see, usually by the end of the month, we then set up the names for balloting, typically

the second meeting of the month. If the ballot is favorable, the sponsor & prospective member are then informed by the secretary about coming to the lodge for Indoctrination & Initiation, which is typically the 4th Tuesday & Wednesday of the month. So as you can see, the process takes some time. Also, you as a SPONSOR have an important role in the whole process.

When discussing membership with someone, please give them the 2-sided, What Are Elks? pamphlet. They are located next to the applications and are available at the BBQs. (Thank you Vanessa Koeritz for recreated it and Richard Goldner for printing)

A written procedure will be attached to the membership applications. Since the process of becoming a Member takes time, they should keep it for reference. Too many times, new members have become discouraged because they didn't know the procedure. We want our new members to be happy and excited about becoming a Member in the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge!



**ELKS COMMUNITY....
GET ACQUAINTED DAYS**

* June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd

Your Lodge doors will be open to the public to show off our facilities, members & charities. Perspective members will be able to buy BBQ listen to music, speak to Lodge representatives all while enjoying the summer weather at our picnic area.

Volunteers please contact Scott or Crystal Dool @ 805-495-0624



2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LOYAL KNIGHT Steve Smith	2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Dave Naccarato, PER SCOUTING: Bill Miller HOOPSHOOT: Dave Naccarato, PER WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Steve Smith DRUG AWARENESS: Robert Jones STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander		MOTHER'S DAY: Grant Thistle ENTERTAINMENT: WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Kira Wagner LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION: Scott Dool PRESIDING JUSTICE: Richard McCann YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Robert Jones

Mother's Day History

Since Mother's Day falls under the station of the Loyal Knight, I thought it might be interesting to learn some of the holiday's history. The following was gleaned from Wikipedia on the subject.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day holiday, in the United States and Canada, celebrates motherhood generally and the positive contributions of mothers to society. It falls on the second Sunday of each May. It is the result of a campaign by Anna Marie Jarvis (1864–1948), who, following the death of her mother on May 9, 1905, devoted her life to establishing Mother's Day as a national, and later an international, holiday. The first observances of both Mother's Day and Father's Day were held in the state of West Virginia.

Howe's Mother's Day

Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day, celebrated on June 2nd, was first proclaimed around 1870 by Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation, and Howe called for it to be observed each year nationally in 1872. As originally envisioned, Howe's "Mother's Day" was a call for pacifism and disarmament by women.

Women's peace groups mostly marked early "Mother's Day". A common early activity was the meeting of groups of mothers whose sons had fought or died on opposite sides of the American Civil War.

The first known observance of Mother's Day in the U.S. occurred in Albion, Michigan, on May 13, 1877, the second Sunday of the month. According to local legend, Albion pioneer, Juliet Calhoun Blakeley, stepped up to complete the sermon of the Rev. Myron Daugherty, who was distraught because an anti-temperance group had forced his son and two other temperance advocates to spend the night in a saloon and become publicly drunk. In the pulpit, Blakeley called on other mothers to join her. Blakeley's two sons, both traveling salesmen, were so moved that they vowed to return each year to pay tribute to her and embarked on a campaign to urge their business contacts to do likewise. At their urging, in the early 1880s, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Albion set aside the

second Sunday in May to recognize the special contributions of mothers.

On February 4, 1904, South Bend, Indiana resident Frank E. Hering made the first Public Plea and started his own campaign for a national observance of "Mother's Day" in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Jarvis's Mother's Day

In 1907, Mother's Day was first celebrated in a small, private way by Anna Marie Jarvis in Grafton, West Virginia, to commemorate the anniversary of her mother's death two years earlier on May 9, 1905.

Jarvis's mother, named Anna Maria Reeves Jarvis, had been active in Mother's Day campaigns for peace and worker's safety and health since end of the American Civil War. The younger Jarvis launched a quest to get wider recognition of Mother's Day. The celebration organized by Jarvis on May 10, 1908 involved 407 children with their mothers at the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton (this church is now the Mother's Day Shrine). Grafton is, thus, the place recognized as the birthplace of Mother's Day.

The subsequent campaign to recognize Mother's Day was financed by clothing merchant John Wanamaker. As the custom of Mother's Day spread, the emphasis shifted from the pacifism and reform movements to a general appreciation of mothers. The first official recognition of the holiday was by West Virginia in 1910. A proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as U.S. President Woodrow Wilson signed Mother's Day on May 14, 1914.

In your birthday month --have a free drink on the Lodge-- Happy Birthday

coupon on page 17

ENTERTAINMENT



May 9 & 23 Karaoke 2 pm
 May 15 Band
 May 29 Band



Corinne Richeson
 Bar Manager

PULL TAB COLLECTION



Great job everyone in collecting pull tabs and toiletries. Last month I dropped off 104 pounds, that's 131,972 pull tabs, two large boxes of toiletries, eight new unwrapped games and a large box of stuffed animals. Great going to all Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks Elks. The contributors that I know of are, (who put their names on or in the bags), Sally Claunch (Santa Susana High School), Dee Swanson (T. O. Elks Ladies), Dorothy Murray (Jafra), David MacFarlane, Abe Gamble, Carol Stewart and Annie Costain (34 Pounds - 43,212 tabs).

Thanks again. Gerry Gillies

**WILD WOMEN ON WINE
 THIS SUMMER WITH DINNER
 AND A MOVIE---**

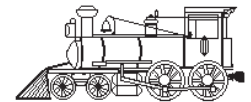


Homemade Italian Dinner by the D'Ambrogios

Wednesday, April 29th

6 pm \$12

Cooking Commentary by John & Marva



Train Fundraiser

- Antipasto Salad
- Homemade Beef Ravioli
- Sausage and Peppers
- Ice Cream & pizzelles

Raffles-Train Pins Available

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge presents.....

Legends in Concert "Hollywood"

Saturday, June 27, 2009

6:00 dinner

8:00 show

dessert at intermission

Featured Acts:

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| Evita | Grease |
| Mama Mia | My Fair Lady |
| Pearl Harbor | Pete's Dragon |
| Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat | Titanic |
| Oklahoma | Sound of Music |
| Cinderella | |
| South Pacific | |

Steak or chicken dinner and dessert by an accomplished chef

TICKETS \$20.00

BOX SEATS \$25.00 WHILE THEY LAST

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN MAY
 PROCEEDS TO NEW PA SYSTEM

CRIBBAGE

**Sunday
May 17, 2009**

Sign up at noon

**The more players
The Bigger the prizes**



\$25

Please! Reservations by May-11-09

Lunch included



**For Cribbage reservations Call
Patti: 805 497 1197**

**Elks Lodge #2477
158 Conejo School Rd.
805 496 4550**

**You may be playing with Rick
Herrera or Patti Serota in May.**



George Meehan as his last official act as ER, honoring Bob Saynay as Officer of the Year at the Installation



Changing of the guard in Elk Ladies (l-r) Diane Isaman, Lynn Rodriguez, June Leadam, Mryna Block, Patricia Peterson, and Jessica Stull



Welcome our new members...(l-r) George Hees sponsor Ben Reiger and Philip Johnson



George Meehan as ER honoring Sally Claunch, PER for her service as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees



Chet Kozlowski, PER installed David Naccarato, PER as Secretary



Terry Gicking, ER as usual in the kitchen with his sons Steve and Bryan

Your Lodge Serving the Community



- * BBQing for the community Chili CookOff
- * Hosting Youth Appreciation awards banquet at our Lodge
- * Providing Mother's Day brunch for our Lodge community
- * Attending Eagle Scout banquets
- * Conducting monthly bingo party and outing for veterans in the hospital
- * Participating in CVD as food providers and guides for Special Kids Day

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



**Jerry Serota, Public Relations
as appeared in Your News**

Jim Allen Elk of the Year and Jeri Miller Citizen of the Year

On Friday March 27, 2009 with one hundred friends and family present the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 named Jim Allen the Elk of the Year for the year 2008-2009 and Jeri Miller as the Citizen of the Year.

Jim is a 23 year member and an integral part heading up of our BBQ team called the 'Cut Ups'. For over 20 years he has chaired the wood cutting and splitting crew.

Jim is an ordained minister and a former Marine Chaplain. He learned the meat cutting business from his father and currently runs his own wood supply business in Agoura.

Also honored on this evening was Jeri Miller as the Citizen of the Year. Jeri is a member of the Elks Ladies, married to Bill Miller Elks Scouting Chairman and instrumental in raising money for the scouts by creating Christmas wreaths and working the 'Power Dave' breakfast crew.



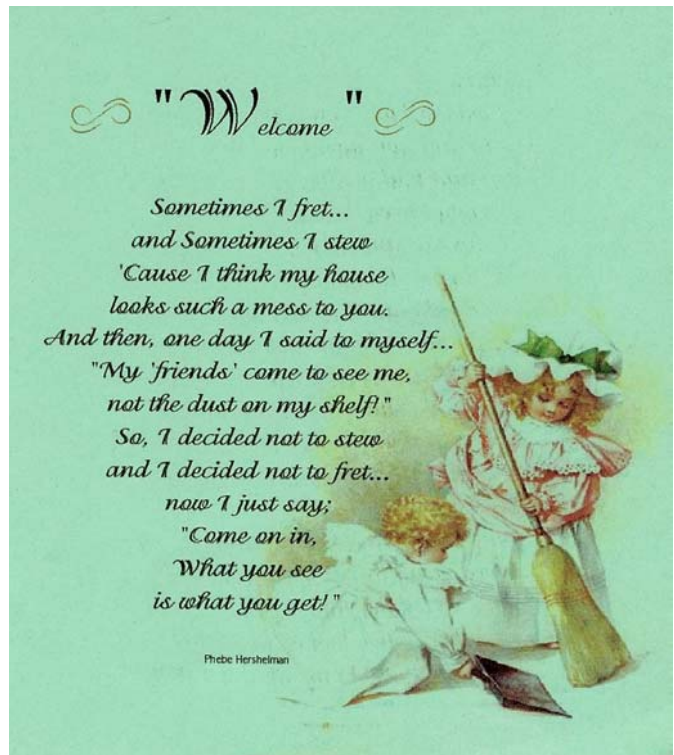
Jim Allen being honored as Elk of the Year and Jeri Miller as Citizen of the Year

On Sunday March 29, 2009 a Court of Honor was held for David Richard Jamesson at the Teledyne Science Center in Thousand Oaks. David is the son of Rick and Donna Jamesson and belongs to BSA #754 Troop and the 50th Eagle to soar from BSA #754 sponsored by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477.

Rick made Eagle before graduating from Newbury Park High School. He is now 18 years old and attending Moorpark College as a math and economics major. In high school he participated in the cross country track team and played trumpet in the band. For his Eagle Scout Project he refurbished and painted the teepees in the rec area which required 79 hours and enlisted family and friends. Thanks to his uncle Daren Berries who donated all the material.



**Bart Vanderlip Bill Sternberg, Grand Lodge West Coast Scouting Chairman
David Richard Jameeson, Eagle Scout
Bill Miller, Elks Lodge #2477 Scouting Committee Chairman**



**Garage Sale
at the Lodge**

July 24,25,26

**Start Cleaning Your House
NO JUNK PLEASE**

contact Pat Von Wittenburg for further information
805-523-7758



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

MARCH AT NEWPORT DUNES - NEWPORT BEACH

WOW - what an awesome 6 days. Can't say it started off well for us, upon our Wednesday arrival found Chuck Kudra in our spot that I'd reserved as wagon master last AUGUST. Oh well, put on your big girl panties and deal with it! (but I wouldn't speak to him for the remainder of the day- giggle)

OMG - ya shoulda seen the arrival of the Chiszar's. Steve has a knack for collecting "toys". When Molly pulled in towing a trailer loaded with same, it looked like the Klampets had arrived. Certainly can't complain, however, his golf cart with seating for a minimum of 7 or 8 was a blessing. And his pontoon boat provided hours of pleasure for all who wanted a ride. Even ran a shuttle to the Newport Lodge and back and all points in between, I hear. Seems a boat load went to the Lodge for Sunday brunch, but didn't return for 5 hours (is this reminiscent of Gilligan's Island?) Needless to say, the entire time was not spent at the Lodge. I believe the American Legion and a few other watering-holes were included.

Wednesday was Crystal Dool's birthday. Rather than visit the Newport Elks Lodge that was serving spaghetti for dinner, the Dools had brought all the fixin's for hamburgers and hot dogs. Although Kudra was b-b-q-ing he was watched very closely. He has a tendency to socialize and forget the grill - burns things well. All those present had a terrific time, we do have such a fun group.

Thursday saw the majority of the remaining campers arrival, only a few left to come in on Friday. In addition to the El Konejo Kampers, we were joined by the Omaha Woodman, and the Camarillo Kamprats. Several of the EKK campers hold membership in all three. Twenty-seven rigs and two couples in the cottages (Scott and Crystal; Nick & Lydia) and the Bookers at their son's house. Very crazy making for a wagon master who's a bit on the nutty side already, whose goal was to assure everyone was welcomed and enjoyed the campout.

Didn't take a nose count, but I believe the majority went to the Newport Lodge for "steak" night. We were warmly welcomed, what nice people, and although it was volunteers cooking, the food was outrageously good.



On Friday, Donna Colleran had arranged a Segway adventure. At 1:00 p.m., Donna, Jeff Drake, Cheryl Templeton, Tom and Marlene Walsh, and Bill and I met at the Segway shop. Scott, the young man in charge, put us through the paces in the shop before taking us out. When he believed we were all pretty comfortable on this amazing machine, we were lined up like ducks in a row, taken to a park, where we did laps until he was confident we were very comfortable with our ride. What a blast - whizzing around the park! Scott had his helper, Tyler, bring up the rear when we started our tour to make sure no one fell behind. Scott's travel log around the Peninsula was amazing. The facts and figures related to the property values was absolutely mind-boggling. Can you imagine a \$30,000 koi - - it's a fish for heaven's sake. How about a beach front 40 x 60 foot lawn for the owner's dog for 4 mill? For several hours, we were entertained and amazed.

Back to reality. Thank God for my electric scooter, I'd never have made it. Sally Claunch was so curious about when I had obtained the scooter, she asked me the same question two days in a row. Having a great time, were you Sally?

Went to the Clubhouse to get set for our "meet & greet" only to find a several signs posted, NO FOOD and NO ALCOHOL! Talk about a "twist in my knickers", PANIC was more like it. Ken Johnson's sister, Linda, wasn't due in till late Friday night, he and Sandy had an alternative plan in place, just in case. An awesome couple (hopefully new members). After a short while, the situation was cleared up, and plans continued as scheduled.

On Thursday, Pat Peterson and I (mainly Pat) made green jello shots for the meet & greet. Good Grief, when all were gathered in the Clubhouse - there were a LOT of people there. Along with the jello shots, we had a green beaded necklace with a shot glass attached for all. As people stood and introduced themselves (I use the plural - cause the men did all the talking - what's with that gals?) they were given a necklace.

Deb Drake is one terrific gal, when she sees help is needed, she's right there (don't get in her way - she's got it handled). Arranging food on tables, sorting out the necklaces which were a tangled mess, making sure I had an armload separated. Thank you m'friend.

DEAR EDITOR - I'm running over this month, but was short last month Be generous! (Ok, you have part of the next page)

Saturday brunch abounded with delicious food that Walter and Anne Ogden couldn't wait to eat. Nearly had to throw myself in front of them to stem the rush till all were present.

Saturday night dinner was excellent also. We were graced with the presence of our ER elect, Terry Gicking, haven't a clue! But when the 50/50 (won by the Chiszars) was short a dollar to make it an even buck - he threw it in.

Their time FINALLY arrived. Bob and Margaret Thornton have purchased raffle tickets every month - but to no avail. This month, their son and daughter-in-law were present, and they had a landslide even winning the free campout on the final draw.

Since Pat Peterson is a member of all clubs present know all members, she had a burden some shop as Sheriff. Under the circumstances, she handled the task very well.

Sunday morning brunch at the Newport Lodge - then time for some to say good-bye. From all reports, goal was accomplished - - Everyone had a terrific time..



Dave Naccarato, PER



OUR HISTORY

as researched by Tom Ryder, PDDGER

- *April 1st 1985- Dan Snyder is in the chair of Exalted Ruler.
- *May 1985 1985-1986 lodge officers led by Dan Snyder takes first place at Ritual Contest.
- *July 1985 PER/PSVP Frank Rindone is sworn in as DDGER at the National Convention in San Diego.
- *November 16th 1985- Thousand Oaks Host CHEMPI President Clifford Beatty to the WCC District escorting the president was PER, Bob Mckee, State Vice President.
- *February 1986 -PER, Vern Ogden, and crew transformed our rental house to our current office.
- *March 1986- Bob Cissel is announced as Elk of the year.
- *March 1986 -Jack Henry is Elks Grand Marshal candidate
- *April 1st 1986- Bill Lloyd is 15th Exalted Ruler.
- *May 1986- PER, Bob Mckee, assumes the office of State Vice President for the WCC District.
- *May 17th 1986- Lodge presents check for \$7000.00 at the Major Project March at State Convention.
- *May/June- Thousand Oaks #2477 presents John Croskery ,a quadriplegic for 3 years with computer equipment and software to help him get trained in a vocation that will help him get back in the work force.
- Tradesmen members of the lodge spearheaded by Terry Battarna outfitted his parents, home to make it wheelchair accessible. This still goes on today. I am proud to be a member of this lodge for the men of this lodge who outfitted my home to make my shower handicap accessible and took care of my yard work that had overgrown.
- *March 1987 -Dave "Tenderfoot" Ward is our CVD Candidate and raises \$32.000 for community charitable activities.
- *April 1987- Harry Brockwell takes over as Exalted Ruler, but leaves office early for work restraints and Jack Henry steps in as Exalted Ruler.
- *May 1987- Dave Ward wins CVD race as Grand Marshal
- *April 1987 -Tommy "the author" Thompson is 87/88 Elk of the year.
- Wilton"Tommy the cowboy" Thompson celebrates his 90th birthday as T.O. Elks oldest member.
- *August 1987- Thousand Oaks Elks Scholarship Chairman, Rick Herrera, presents \$2100.00 to six local students.
- *Dec.1987- Lodge sets in motion Teen Helping Hand Committee to bring cheer and companionship to teenagers being treated at Camarillo State Hospital. Bob Holm was chairman.

Upcoming Campouts

- May 15-16-Kenny Grove
- June 19-20-Santa Barbara Lodge
- July 10-11-Pechanga, Temecula
- August-7-8 Oak Park, Simi Valley



visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Past Exalted Rulers Association for awarding \$750 to our scholarship winners # Dean and Kathy Reichle for installing the bar door

**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER
SHARE THE EXCITEMENT
Heather Maddox has 5 times**

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LECTURING KNIGHT Leo Rodriquez

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

AMERICANISM: Grant Thistle
FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:
 Robert Jones
SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera
GOVT. RELATIONS: Scott Dool
MEMORIAL SERVICE: Grant Thistle
NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg
KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER



GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson
LODGE PICNIC: Joe Clancy & Ed Bianchi
MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member
CHRISTMAS TREES: Herb Jellander
 Bill Sternberg, PER/Terry Baker
EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Mike Flannery

Thank You Rick Herrera..

As I am sitting here writing this second article, I would like to bring up our Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Rick Herrera, I am so appreciative of his work and enthusiasm for raising funds for the scholarship. As we all know he collects the recyclables here at the Lodge and takes them in for redemption with all the money going to the scholarships. Presently we have not had any more monies for scholarships than we do now.

We now have the opportunity to go to Lompoc for Ritual on May 2, 2009 and I feel that we will do well at this competition.

I would to thank everyone who helped in the planning and decorating for the Inaugural Ball for it was a wonderful and enjoyable time. It was a great evening for everyone.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Let us not forget all our veterans on Memorial Day this year on May 25th, who gave service to our nation, so take a moment to remember our brave veterans for all they have done for us.



June Leadam thanking the cooks and servers for Elk Ladies Installation Dinner (l-r) Chet Kozlowski, PER, Tom Ryder, PDDGER, Terry Baker, Johnny D, PER, Rick Case and Terry Baker

Prayer given at Inaugural Ball, April 4, 2009

Heavenly Father...we come before you gathered together in celebration of new beginnings.... Impress upon the minds and hearts of our newly elected officers,... as well as all connected with this lodge, ...the divine inspiration found within the foundation of our Fraternal Order.

Strengthen those that will guide us though-out the coming year to make choices ... both difficult and easy... that will allow all under the sound of their voices to prosper. Give our leaders ears to hear...hearts that are strong... and minds that are open so that their decisions will be based on truth ...and understanding ...as they lead us into the future. Guide each members every activity throughout the coming year in a path that will honor the name of Elks as we practice Justice and Fidelity in the execution of our duty while we strive to support our Lodge here in Thousand Oaks.

May the precepts of Brotherly Love pass from our newly elected officers onto the members,... their families... and beyond the community that we serve, so that all will reap the benefits of our unity.

Give credence to the words of Charity that we may be ever vigilant in our efforts to speak kindly of others,... to fill our minds with thoughts of compassion,... to practice goodness as we seek to support others in times of joy and distress.

Dear God, may we find wisdom, strength and courage in the memories and actions of those that have gone before us. Grant us the grace to seek advice from those in whose footsteps we follow. And finally, may this be a bright new dawn for each life gathered here today and also in the history of Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477.

In thy heavenly name we ask these blessings.

Amen

Kira Wagner

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Let me introduce myself – Patricia Peterson, newly elected and installed President Elk Ladies Lodge 2477. I live in Oxnard with my wonderful husband Jay. Together we have three children – Denise, Daniel and Nicholas. We also have six grandchildren – Kelsey, Jacob, Skyler, Ian, Kaitlyn and Mason. I have been retired from Naval Base Ventura County for almost five years.

I was barely elected President of the Elk Ladies when I received my first challenge. It was to have a new door installed in the ladies bathroom by Installation for the Elks. Thank you ER Terry Gicking for completing the task in time for your installation. Then my next challenge was to pin boutonnieres on the incoming officer and PERS for the Elks. It seems like the white flowers stay put but the red ones were another story.

Ladies, I can not accomplish anything without you – but together we can do anything.

I would like to thank Tom Ryder, Chet Kozlowski and crew for cooking a delicious prime rib and salmon dinner for the Elk Ladies installation. I would also like to thank David Stull, ER Terry Gicking for serving. You made our installation really special.

Congratulations – Niki Case for receiving the much coveted Ladies Appreciation Award. Well deserved!!!!

Congratulations – Jeri Miller – Recipient of the Elks Citizen of the Year Award.

Very well deserved!!!

REMEMBERING WHEN!!

Someone asked the other day, what was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?
‘We didn’t have fast food when I was growing up’. I informed him. ‘All the food was slow.’
‘C’mon seriously. Where did you eat?’
‘It was called ‘at home’. I explained.
‘Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn’t like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it’

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn’t tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could handle it:



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Barb Metzgun-7
Patti Serota- 17
Diane Isaman- 20
Alice Kenndey -29
Iris Schwartz- 30

OUR AWESOME GOD



Marilyn Cissell

We worship you for awesome grace,
we thank you for each loving friend.
You send to us when we’re in need.
Your blessings, God, are without end.

Your spirit dwells within us, Lord,
as sheep we count on you so much.
You hear our prayers before we speak
and heal us with your gentle touch.

Amen

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card, In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card The card was only good at Sears Roebuck or maybe it was Sears & Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). We didn’t have a television in our house until I was 5. It was, of course black and white and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there were usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people.

(To be continued)

Sincerely,

Patricia Peterson

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Dick Hejik-2 | Lloyd Carter-8 | Robert Koeritz-19 |
| Vern Jossy-5 | Richard Gorino-8 | Penny Flanagan-21 |
| Pete Padilla-5 | Jim Wagner-9 | Ken Keeler-22 |
| Dave Anderson-6 | Mike Budenski-10 | David Maddox-22 |
| George Vivlamore-6 | Herb Jellander-10 | David Stull-23 |
| Charles Archer-7 | Gerald Reingans-11 | Steve Woodlief-24 |
| Barb Metzgs-7 | Bob Arbetman-12 | Tom Varden-25 |
| Larry Stermole-7 | Anthony Federico-12 | Ron Watkins-26 |
| Earl Walthall-7 | Bob Hart-12 | Mike Murray-27 |
| | Tori Roberts-13 | Rick Naranjo-27 |
| | Bill Miller-14 | Dale Haas-29 |
| | | Bob saynay-29 |
| | | Russell Oviatt-30 |

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

May 13, 2009

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| Karen Martyn | proposed by Olivia Corio |
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| David Browne | proposed by Heather Maddox |
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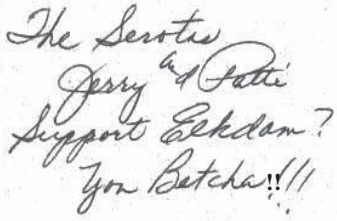










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