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Exalted Ruler



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Memories From The Past To Rebuild Our Future

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Elks Ladies Present

Father's Day Champagne Brunch

June 21st 10am-1pm Adults \$ 10

Children under 11 \$ 6

Menu:

Juice, Eggs ala Myrna, Bacon, Sausage

Potatoes, Cheese Blintzes

Strawberries and Sour Cream

Bagels and Cream Cheese, Pastries

THOUSAND OAKS ELKS

"SPOTLIGHT SERIES"

DINNER & SHOW

JUNE 27TH



PRESENTS...

BROADWAY & BLOCKBUSTERS

SONGS FROM:

EVITA * OKLAHOMA * TITANIC
 JOSEPH & THE TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT
 HELLO, DOLLY * EDELWEISS
 PHANTOM OF THE OPERA * CINDERELLA
 And more...

FEATURED SINGERS:

David Naccarato, Catherine Koeritz, Kira Wagner,
 Terry Gicking, Robert Jones, Falon Naccarato, Carol
 Fredericks, Cornelia Meahan

PRICE:

GENERAL ADMISSION \$20.00

BOX SEATS \$25.00

Donation includes Dinner and Dessert at Intermission

WHEN:

Saturday June 27th, 2009

WHERE:

T.O. Elks Lodge

TICKETS:

On Sale at the Bar

QUESTIONS:

See David Naccarato or Catherine Koeritz



A CatDave Production

A FUNDRAISER FOR NEW SOUND EQUIPMENT

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



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EXCITING TIMES FOR YOUR LODGE

June. The start of summer! Longer, hotter days! Cool nights! And all kinds of happenings at your lodge! Check this month's calendar to see what fits your interest! Then set a reminder to let you know so you don't forget!

And now, here's the news! Your 2477 lodge offices participated in the Ritual competition for our district and we, as a team, placed 2ND! I couldn't be more proud! Kira Wagner, our China doll Inner Guard, 2nd place! Steve Smith, our Loyal Knight of Justice, 2nd place! Grant Thistle, Chaplain, 1st place! Woooo hoooo! Let us pray! And Leo Rodriguez, Catherine Koeritz PER and Robert Jones all placed well. Tom Hartin, our professional candidate, helped make the Exalted Ruler look good enough to place 3rd. Also, as a team, we were most improved. Your officers in the ritual worked very hard, showing up for practice 3 X a week, never complaining, with smiles on their faces, and practiced like it was the actual competition. (lol!) I was impressed at their work ethic, and the coaches who came to help! David Naccarato PER, our head coach, worked tirelessly with us. Then when David had to leave us for a while, Sally Claunch PER, Richard Goldner PER, and Gil Riding PER came to his rescue and offered their expertise and insight. We could not have done it without them! THANK YOU! I feel we will impress any & all-new candidates coming in this year!

That is enough about us. Let's talk about you! What we are seeing here is exciting times for our lodge. You, the members, are starting to get more involved in the activities around here. You are creating fun, which is getting other people wanting to be a part of that fun!

Here is an example, CVD. We needed help from a lot of members and spouses. The ladies put up their sign up sheet for the gates. The members responded, also asking where the sign up sheet for the wagon was. When we got

that up, people were calling to get their names on the list. Every day we had more than enough people to get started. Some would leave and come back later, wanting to be a part of it!

THANK YOU to all of you who came down and **volunteered** your time to help with the BBQ & Streaker dog wagon and taking tickets at the gates. Just goes to show a lot of people doing a little adds up to a lot getting done. We kicked butt and raised some money to boot! And the ladies got paid well to take tickets at the gate! We owe a debt of gratitude to Shamrock Shows for going out of their way to make sure CVD still happened. Thus an organizations like us could still raise money for our charities! Joe & Chantal have a special place in their hearts for us. They did not want to see our community charities lose their biggest money raiser of the year. Judging from the crowds they were down from previous years The carnival made little, if any money. And all the vendors were off a little, but at least they made something! And they (CVAC) are promising that there will be a complete CVD next year!

And now it's of to State Convention in beautiful Ontario, CA. I will be back and I expect to see all of you at the lodge!

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

* Elk Ladies for your generous contribution to Major Project and Special Kids Day

* Dean and Kathy Reichle for installing bulletin boards in the lodge

SUCCESS

How many successes can you count in your life that you can point to with pride of accomplishment.

Woke up this morning with the afterglow of last night's dinner. The D'Ambrogios scored a major triumph with their volunteer crew of the Ericksons, Mullens and Jeri Miller and scored major with 61 dinner guests. They made them happy that they spent a Wednesday night at our Elks Lodge.

The Italians came to enjoy cuisine that gladdened the heart of pasta loving Elks. The dinner was in support of our expenses for the upcoming Santa Maria parade. Our Elkomotive 2477 will let them know that BPOE #2477 is alive and well. Over \$700 was raised for the Train Fund.

It is nights like this that portents a successful year. If you felt the afterglow of success of last night let the D'Ambrogios know the next time you see them with a big thank you.

Jerry Serota, Public Relations



Ruth Mullen, Marva and John D'Ambrogio and Jim Mullen serving the finest Italian dinner



Bev and Joel Erickson stirring the perfect sauce

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: All the families who have lost loved ones in the service of our country

ON THE MEND: Marilyn Cissell, Bill McIntrye from surgery

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!



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

COMING ATTRACTIONS



June 27-Meet, Greet, and Eat
 June 27-Legends in Concert Hollywood
 Fundraiser for new PA system

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

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.

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: CHARITY DINNERS: Catherine Koeritz, PER

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Mother's Day brunch was very nice. The PERs and crew worked very hard in preparing the meal for us to enjoy. The decorations were a perfect touch (thanks to Cherri Peterson) and I have to personally thank my Husband, Robert for taking my place and serving champagne to everyone. I was able to sit with my family and enjoy! I hoped all you Mothers had as good a day as I did.

I was thrilled that we took 2nd place overall in the Ritual Contest. We have come such a long way. Congratulations to the Officers who came home with winning plaques!

The Leading Knight is responsible for Good of the Order. If you do not know what this is, please ask me. If you would like to donate an item and have the proceeds go to one of our committees, then by all means, see me. Good of the Order is conducted during every Wednesday meeting and we have three standard raffle prizes that we give away that night. One of the prizes can be a donation from a member. If this is something you would like to consider, again, please see or call me (805) 492-8339.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Sickness and Distress is always in order. If you know of anyone who is down (or someone who recovered), please tell one of the Officers, so we can notify the members during the Wednesday night meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Greet, Eat and Meet Event: This is a three time event held at the picnic area at our Lodge on June 27th, July 25th and August 22nd to provide information on what the Elks are about, our community involvement and programs both nationally and locally.

Spotlight Series Presents: Broadway and Blockbusters: June 27th. This is another Dave Naccarato and Catherine Koeritz (CatDave) Productions, formally Legends in Concert. This time we are featuring famous songs from Broadway and blockbuster movies, dinner and desert, served by the cast members and crew and a limited number of box seating. This will be a fun night, and if you would like to be a part of it, please contact Dave or me. - See the flyer in this month's article!

Cath's Quips:

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it. ~Chinese Proverb
 Insanity is hereditary; you get it from your children. ~Sam Levenson

Fraternalism at its best, rallying around CVD and showing the spirit of Elkdom to the community



(l-r) Alan Hardie, Ed Rice, Jerry Gillies, Jeffery Maxwell, Ben Reiger, Steve Gicking, Max Maxwell, Tom Hartin, Terry Gicking Jim Mullen

ELKS MEET, GREET & EAT

* 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

Flag Day: An Elks Tradition

June 14th is Flag Day. So, I found the following article on the Elks National web site and thought it would be of interest to all.

Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member.

In 1907, the BPO Elks Grand Lodge designated by resolution June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues.

The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. But it was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country.

I found this on another web site and thought it was good timely information.

Properly Display Our Flag

There is a right way and a wrong way to display the flag. The American flag should be held in the highest of regards. It represents our nation and the many people who gave their lives for our country and our flag. Here are the basics on displaying the American flag:

- The flag is normally flown from sunrise to sunset.
- In the morning, raise the flag briskly. At sunset, lower it slowly. Always, raise and lower it ceremoniously.
- The flag should not be flown at night without a light on it.
- The flag should not be flown in the rain or inclement weather.

- After a tragedy or death, the flag is flown at half staff for 30 days. It's called "half staff" on land, and "half mast" on a ship.
- When flown vertically on a pole, the stars and blue field, or "union", is at the top and at the end of the pole (away from your house).
- The American flag is always flown at the top of the pole. Your state flag and other flags fly below it.
- The union is always on top. When displayed in print, the stars and blue field are always on the left.
- Never let your flag touch the ground, never...period.
- Fold your flag when storing. Don't just stuff it in a drawer or box.
- When your flag is old and has seen better days, it is time to retire it. Old flags should be burned or buried. Please do not throw it in the trash.

Did you Know? There is a very special ceremony for retiring the flag by burning it. It is a ceremony everyone should see. Your local Boy Scout group knows the proper ceremony and performs it on a regular basis. If you have an old flag, give it to them. And, attend the ceremony.

As you all know, our lodge conducts the aforementioned flag retirement ceremony every year with our sponsored Boy Scout troops.



ENTERTAINMENT



June 12-DJ
June 13- Karaoke at 2 pm
June 19-bingo & band



Corinne Richeson
Bar Manager

Your Lodge Serving the Community



(l-r) Richard Goldner, PDDGER, Bart Vanderlip, Bill Sternberg, PER and Greg Metzgas, DDGER, designate

Bill Sternberg, Bart Vanderlip, Kevin Metzgas, Wayne Flittner (not an elk anymore but one of our Eagles), Tom Hartin, Richard Goldner and Greg Metzgas spent the weekend at the Conejo District Camporee in Moorpark cooking for the staff and adults. We provided about 250 hot meals over the course of the event. Lots of work but well worth the effort.



PULL TAB COLLECTION

POP TAB TRIVIA

Did You Know?

- 1 tab1 inch
- 12 tabs 1 foot
- 63,360 tabs 1 mile
- 1,268 tabs 1 pound

Collecting pop tabs originated at the Minneapolis/St. Paul McDonald House in 1987. To date, the program has collected over 400 tons of aluminum pop tabs nationwide. Remember every pop tab counts, keep collecting.



- Power Dave's ultimate breakfast menu for June 14th \$7.00
- EGGS: anyway you want them or ham and cheese omelets
- MEAT: bacon, sausage, or chicken fried steak
- POTATOES: breakfast style
- PANCAKES :blueberry, strawberry, or banana nut
- WAFFLES: standard or Santa Fe style
- The recipe is from the Union Pacific Railroad westbound from Santa Fe New Mexico
- Biscuits and gravy
- HOT CEREAL; oatmeal, cream of wheat, or grits
- TOAST: white, wheat, sourdough, rye, or English muffin
- and of course coffee and orange juice

Garage Sale for Charities

Set Up July 23 July 24-25-26

9 am 8 am-3 pm

Bin will be available for drop offs

Large items drop off-July 23

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Pat Von Wittenberg
805-523-7758

No Junk Please-label drop offs

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

www.elks2477.com

Thanks to Kira & Paul
Wagner

T.O. Elks Greet, Meet & Eat Event

A Community BBQ Fest

**June 27th, July 25th & August 22nd
11 am to 2 pm**

158 Conejo School Road, T.O.

**TOURS, MUSIC, BBQ
MEMBERSHIP Q & A &
CAR SHOW-OFF**

**We Make a Difference in People's Lives.
Meet the best People on Earth & Learn more
about our Charitable Organization.**

805-496-4550



Dave Naccarato, PER



CALLING ALL CARS AGAIN



Hi Guys,

I apologize for leaving you hanging after I put up the sign- up sheet for the Elks car show. In my defense I did spend one month in a rehab hospital. My idea behind having this show was for our members with their vintage cars to get together and meet each other. I wanted it in May to go along with the PER's BBQ, however we are having a neighborhood get together that day. It is now rescheduled for June 27th at the Greet, Meet & Eat event. At the cashier table we will be handing out a ballot for customers to pick their favorite car. All Participants will receive a tri- tip sandwich. If you wish to participant please-mail me with a RSVP or call me. I need your name, phone number, and type of car. I need to know how many plagues to make up. Thank you in advance for your participation.

My e-mail: dknkn@verizon.net

Phone: 805-252-0521

To Lodge Members:

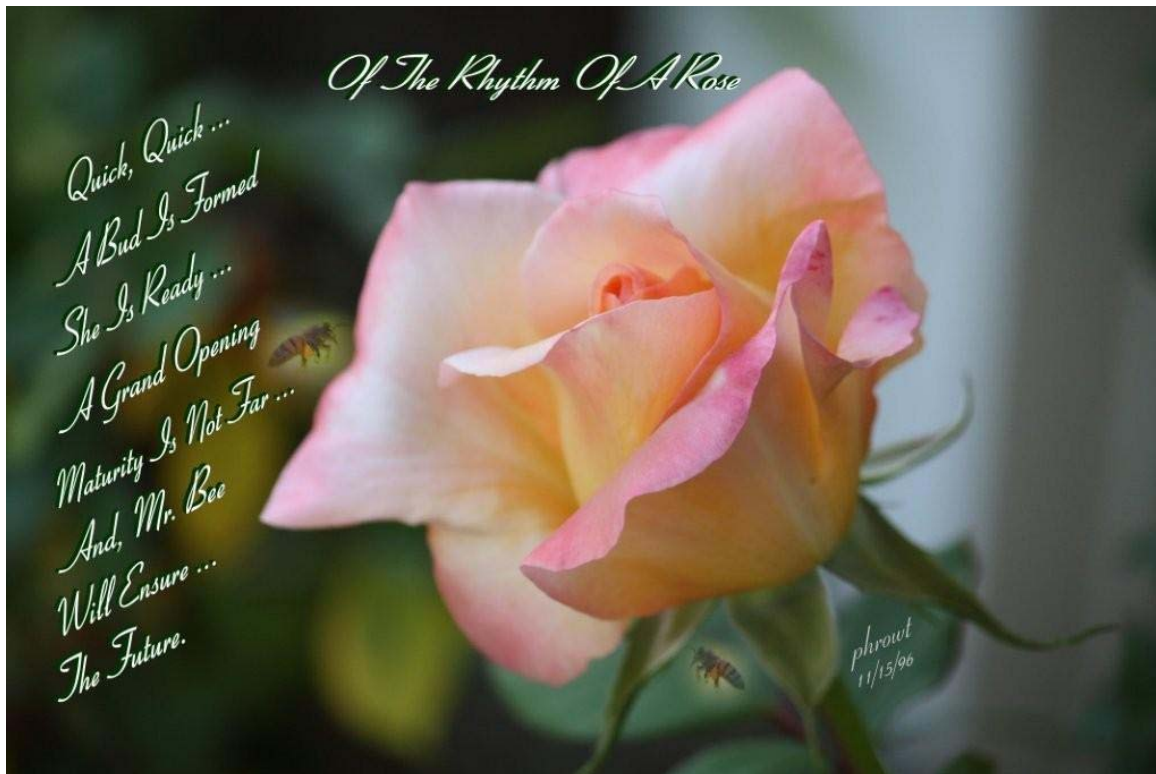
I am back in the office after a long stay in the hospital and want to bring you all up to date of what's going on. I got out of the hospital on April 30th at noon. Next I went to the lodge to gather the information needed to send the lodge's annual report which was due before May 1st . I am happy to report that the report was sent on time and with no errors.

Finally we needed the lodge budget read on the floor of the lodge before the last meeting in April. Our top notch set of Trustees were up for the task and got it done. And that was no easy task. They worked many extra hours to get the information needed from our lodge chairmen.

The weekend of the 1st our Lodge officers participated in the district ritual contest. Thousand Oaks took 2nd place out of 10 lodges that participated. We also took most improved team.

Grant Thistle our Chaplain took first place
 Inner Guard brand-new member Kira Wagner took 2nd
 Loyal Knight Steve Smith took 2nd place
 Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking took 3rd place
 Thousand Oaks brought home some hardware. Our officers started practicing in January and they did very well.

Congratulate them when you see them.



YOUTH APPRECIATION DINNER



Girl Scout Gold



Eagle Scout



Americanism Essay Winners



Scholarship Winners



Jerry Serota, Public Relations

YOUTH OF TODAY - LEADERS OF TOMMORROW

The first week in May is Elks Grand Lodge Youth Appreciation Week. Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 held its Youth Appreciation honoring Scholarship Winners, Girl Scout Gold Recipients, Eagle Scout honorees and Americansm Essay Winners.

A free spaghetti and meatball dinner prepared by Boyd Lindquist was provided for the 75 families before the presentations and awards ceremony.

Grant Thistle awarded Monica Boedigheimer a \$1,000 savings bond for her Americanism Essay. Brian Barry was second \$500 Savings bond and Jack Powell was third. \$250 Savings Bond.

Rick Herrera, Chairman conducted a vigorous re-cycling program to fund the scholarship winners and they were :

Girls:		Boys:	
Nadia Safaeinili	\$750	William Allison	\$750
Rebecca Gray	\$600	Kyle Johnson	\$600
Rebecca Wong	\$500	Michael Paul	\$500

Those that applied were awarded \$100 for their efforts.

The Past Exalted Ruler's Assoc. in memory of the Frank Rindone donated to the first Place Winner \$300, Second Place Winner \$200 and third Place Winner \$100.



Cherri Peterson, and Grant Thistle listening to ER, Terry Gicking give the Mother's Day Ritual

ELKS PARTNERS IN SCOUTING

On Sunday May 3, 2009 at the Teledyne Auditorium, Thousand Oaks with 100 friends and family present a Court of Honor was held for Andre A. Mardian the newest Eagle to soar from Elks Lodge #2477 sponsored BSA 754.

An Eagle Scout is committed to God, Family and Country. With the help of 14 scouts and friends for his Eagle Scout project he demolished the horseshoe pits at Wendy Park, Newbury Park. They resurveyed and redesigned a new horseshoe pit layout according to exact game regulations. Once the design was complete, they built new pits with new pins cemented into the ground, added railroad ties for the pit walls, and erected wooden sign holder for a future "rules of the game" sign to be placed by the Park District.

Thanks to the Conejo Parks & Recreation District for allowing this project to take place and for donating most of the materials used.



Bill Sternberg, GL Scouting Chairman, Mr. & Mrs. Mardian, Eagle Scout, Andre and Bill Miller, 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**

APRIL AT CAMP COMFORT

Seems to me the weather was almost perfect. At least it was good enough to get Ruth and Jim Mullen out. It had been so long since we'd last seen them I didn't even recognize their rig. Glad to see you two. Very gratifying to see Ruth totally recovered from her recent hip surgery. More about these two later - - it was quite entertaining.

Most everyone arrived on Thursday - that is except for Steve and Molly Chiszar. Seems Steve was off to the hinterlands to squeeze out some free passes from someone for something. I swear - that man has more "connections" than any 10 people. Molly showed up and bunked with? ? The Millers I think.

The Flannerys and Millers are quite a team, doing a great job as wagon masters. Once Jim gets the mike in his hand for the drawings, he is hilarious. Of course, Mary seems never to cease worrying if everything is going to work out right. WOULD YOU QUIT - everything is fine.

The Ogdens had very unusual goings on prior to the campout. Seems Anne's blood pressure was elevated to the point Walter took her to the ER. While Anne was being checked over (no cause for the BP elevation discovered), Walter went to the cafeteria because he was feeling a bit on the woozy side and he needed something for his blood sugar, but he ended up on the floor with a gash in the back of his head. Guess who was released and who spent the night - - YUP, Anne went home and Walter stayed. Pleased to report both are doing well.

Crystal and Scott, our motel/hotel Kampers arrived on Friday. Scott with his ample supply of cigars and Crystal with her wine - - those two are a riot!

We sorely missed Margaret and Bob Thornton. Thankfully Margaret is recovering well from surgery to her shoulder, after accomplishing something heretofore unheard of in medical history, dislocating BOTH shoulders at the same time. Margaret continually told the doctors that something was very wrong, which the surgery confirmed. As I said, she is recovering well, with feeling returning to previously numb fingers. It will be a while before she is totally recovered, but with physical therapy she is progressing well.

Saturday morning saw the Ericksons departing early for Lompoc where Joel was head judge for a chili Cook off and Beverly dutifully acting as scorekeeper. They did, however, return for dinner.



Ruth Mullen stood in for Beverly as treasurer at the meeting and admonished everyone - - "don't get any ideas". What do you suppose she meant? ? ? I know Beverly would like someone to step up to the plate to assume the treasurer's duties next year.

Speaking of which, it appears there will be several officers' slots to be filled for the upcoming year. THINK ABOUT IT PEOPLE! Kudra says he's ready to turn over the VP position - but after demonstrating amazing negotiating skills for camping fees, it would be nice if he reconsidered. I've been secretary for so long - 8 years I think, it would be nice for someone else to take over, too. (See Chuck ya got a while to go!)

The food, per usual, was incredibly good. Marva made her fabulous bread pudding (yes, Beverly, we get it - - you don't like bread pudding) but Jim Mullen and I made up for it. Several of us got the bread pudding FIRST - then Jim and I cabbaged on to the majority of the remaining, it is sooooo good!

Now - back to the Mullens, especially Jim! He whined and sniveled something pitiful because his numbers weren't being drawn for raffle prizes. (Thorntons would you like to explain to him how this works [giggle] took them a while - in fact, at some campouts, others were giving their drawn tickets to them).

Then came the Sheriff - - ya got it - - Jim Mullen. He did an awesome job; his sense of humor is amazing. Where the heck did you get that picture that was allegedly MY legs? Ya see, Thursday night around the campfire I stood up from my chair, stepped on a log and fell on my butt. That was supposedly the example of my attempt at a "beam" routine. Both Cheryl and Mary Flannery saw it coming - - but! Very funny Mullen!

Then - the final blow - - the Mullens won the 50/50 and Jim ran from the group like a thief in the night! He didn't return for a while. Guess he was secreting his "take" someplace.

All in All, FABULOUS!

Upcoming Campouts

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

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER SHARE THE EXCITEMENT



Rick Herrera being rewarded by ER, Terry Gicking for sponsoring 3 new members last year

TEAM EFFORT

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 emerged victorious from the ritual contest held at Lompoc with a team effort second place finish. Extra congratulation to ER Terry Gicking for most impressive Exalted Ruler award to first place Grant Thistle, Chaplain., second place Inner Guard, Kara Wagner, and second place, Loyal Knight, Steve Smith



(l-r) Dave Naccarato, PER, Steve Smith, Grant Thistle, ER, Terry Gicking, Kira Wagner, Catherine Koertiz, PER, Leo Rodriquez, and Robert Jones



Patti Serota being feted at Mother's Day brunch by daughter and grandson



Dave Naccarato, PER

OUR HISTORY



as researched by Tom Ryder, PDDGER

- *February 1988: Roy Cooper announced as Elk of the Year.
- *Elk members led by Rod Bloom and assisted by Mac MacDonald, Bob Cissel, and Dick Johnson built a carport and loading area for Manna.
- *April 1st 1988: Leon "Ted" Lipka became Exalted Ruler.
- *May 1988: ER Ted Lipka presented a check from our lodge to the Major Project at the state convention for \$12,700.
- *June 1988: members Gary Sleigh, Bob Cissel, Rod Bloom, and Vince Bailie built concrete ramp and redwood deck at John Croskery home to improve John's accessibility to the outdoors.
- *July 1988: Bob Mckee PER/PSVP was sworn in as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Convention in Las Vegas.
- *August 1988: Trustees Chairman, Tom Ryder announced lodge's purchase of property on Los Feliz adjacent to existing lodge property. Planning at that time was for the property to be cleaned up and used for additional parking and storage.
- *March 1989: Vern Ogden was Elk Of the Year.
- *April 1989: Andy "Banzai Cowboy" Matsunaga threw his hat in ring as Elks' candidate for Conejo Valley Days Grand Marshal.
- *April 1989: Don Skinner was installed as Exalted Ruler.
- *April 1989: Conejo Valley Days committee announced Elks' candidate won Grand Marshal race.
- *June 1989: Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge won lodge bulletin contest with editor Jerry Serota.
- *December 1989: We delivered Christmas food baskets to 35 needy community families. Chairman was Vince Baile and his Lady Vera.

**In your birthday month --have a free drink on the Lodge--
Happy Birthday
coupon on page 17**

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

Lance Erickson, PER
 WCCD State Vice- President

2009-2010



Lance was born in Jamestown, New York on December 2nd, 1948. He graduated from High School in 1966 and joined the U.S. Navy. During his time in the Navy, he served as a Plane Captain at North Island Navel Air Station and Oceano Virginia Naval Air Station. He was promoted in 1967

and served aboard the U.S.S. Ticonderoga as an Aircraft Support Supervisor and Master of Arms Officer. While on the Aircraft Carrier, he was stationed in the Tonkin Gulf during the 1968 Tet Offensive. After being discharged from the Navy, he attended Glendale College and the University of Redlands where he obtained a B.A. Degree in Personnel Management.

Lance was sworn in as a California Highway Patrol Officer on April 1, 1970 and attended the Highway Patrol Academy in Sacramento. His first duty station was the Glendale Area where he rode motorcycles for four years. During his career Lance served in several positions including Vehicle Theft, Environmental Crimes, and K-9 Narcotics

Supervisor. In 1983 to 1985 Lance was part of the 1984 Olympics FBI Intelligence Task force. After 32 years in State Service, Lance retired as a Vehicle Theft Sergeant from San Luis Obispo, Coastal Division.

Lance and Karen were childhood sweethearts and have been married for 43 years. They have four grown children, two boys and two girls and have ten grandchildren.

In retirement Lance's hobby is growing grapes and making wine. As a home wine maker he has won several awards in the Various County Fairs including Mid State Fair and State Fair.

Lance was initiated into the Elks at Santa Maria Lodge #1538 in 1994 and transferred to Atascadero Lodge #2733 in 2004. During the past 5 years he has served on several committees within the lodge. He worked his way through the Lodge Chairs and was elected Exalted Ruler in 2007. Lance has recently served as the first CLMs Coordinator for the District. He is presently Secretary for the second year.



Lance will make his visitation to our Lodge on June 3rd. Meet, greet, and eat with him then listen to his important message from the CHEA President.

2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	THE ELKS LADIES Patricia Peterson	2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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HI!!!

For those of you who don't know me my name is Myrna Block and I am Vice-President of the Elks Ladies this year. I have been with the Lodge since 1999 when my husband, Jay, became an Elk. I joined the Ladies group at that time and have served as President twice, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer. In 2004 Jay became Exalted Ruler. While I was First Lady, I also became an Elk. I have always found it gratifying working with the Ladies for the good of the Lodge. Remember any spouse of an Elk is more than welcome to join us. We will be doing Father's Day again this year, so please plan to attend. Hoping to see a lot of new faces at the Lodge this year.

We would like to welcome our newest member: Carroll Stewart.

The ladies gave ER, Terry Gicking, \$2000 for Major Project. They also gave \$200 for Conejo Valley Days (CVD) Special Kids Day for food. The ladies are scheduled to man the gates for CVD.

REMEMBERING WHEN!!!!

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza pie; it was called 'pizza pie'. When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too... It's still the best pizza I ever had. We didn't have a car until I was 4. It was an old black Dodge.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line. Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and only boys delivered newspapers – my brother delivered




JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June Smith-1
- Patricia Peterson-2
- Mary Woodlief-4
- Ginny Gabel-9
- Marge Britton-16
- Pat Jellander-16
- Anne Ogden-17

OUR GOD OF GRACE

Because you are an awesome God,
you know us each by name.
Your son was born to save us,
he died to take our blame.



Marilyn Cissell

And now please show us how to live,
to best appreciate your grace.
In gratitude for every gift,
until the day we see your face.
Amen

a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which he got to keep 2 cents. He had to get up at 6 am every morning.

(To be continued)



Pat Peterson, Elk Ladies President, presented a check to ER, Terry Gicking, for Major Project, surrounded by Elk Ladies

HONOR ROLL



Scott Dool
 Alan Hardie
 Max Maxwell
 Larry Morris
 Robert Jones
 John Peterson
 Cherri Peterson
 Sally Claunch, PER
 Karin Speights
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

George Hees-2	Lamont McNamara-10	Jerry Gilmore-18
Steve McKee-2	Lee Westenhiser-10	Christopher Guzzetta-19
Dwight Williams-2	Thomas Knibbs-13	Charles Maslin-20
Bob Adams-3	Steve Smith-13	Walter Ogden-20
Ronald Barron-3	Jim Andrews-14	Steve Harrison-21
Henry Germain-3	Clarence Brown-15	Sharon Kagy-21
Susan Montgomery-4	Alan Hardie-15	Jim Allen-22
John Watts-5	Ken Krabel-15	Armando Cid-24
Woody Hammer-6	Ron Pizitz-16	Scott Dool-24
Elise Murray-9		Howard Johnson-25
Jim St. Ores-9		Bill Rodarme-25
		Jim Horning-30

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4/15	\$125	#2077	Erin Pierle
	Lucky 13	No Winner	
4/22	\$150	#1937	Garry Burcham
	Lucky 13	Winner-Kira Wagner #2220	

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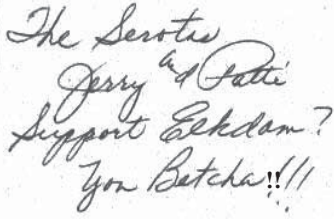











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Thanks-
Rich Herrera
Scholarship Chair.








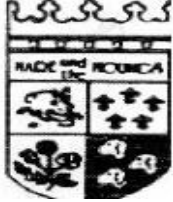


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