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Memories From The Past To Rebuild Our Future

OUR HOMETOWN DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULLER



Greg H. Metzger

Greg Metzger was born in Burbank California on April 2, 1948. He graduated from Canoga Park High School in 1966 and joined the US Navy. He attended Nuclear Power School in Vallejo and trained on the Navy's prototype nuclear power plants in Idaho. His navy training also included Navy Divers School. Upon completion of his training Greg was assigned to the nuclear submarine USS Henry Clay (SSBN 625) where he served as a nuclear power plant operator and ships diver. He was discharged honorably after 6 years of service. Upon leaving the Navy, Greg used the GI bill to attend Pepperdine University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in management and a Master of Business Administration from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

Greg first met his wife Barbara when they were children living across the street from each other in Northridge. Upon coming home after leaving the Navy they were reunited (with some finageling by their mothers) and were married in 1973. They settled in Newbury Park and have 3 grown children and 7 granddaughters. Greg has owned a successful contracting firm in Canoga Park for 29 years.

Feeling a need to do charitable work in the community, Greg joined the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 in 1988. He worked his way through the lodge chairs and served as Esquire for the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Auditor for the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and Vice President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association in 2007. He has also served as committee chairman for several district committees and has earned the Marvin M. Lewis Award for Elks in Scouting

DDGER Visitations and Clinic for August

August 19-Paso Robles Lodge
August 25- Santa Barbara Lodge
August 27-Santa Maria Lodge



District Deputy Clinic

August 1-Santa Barbara Lodge

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Save the Lodge \$\$ and save a tree



Trustees Corner David Pearson



I am very pleased to report that our financial records are back in order and just about all money is where it belongs. I would like to thank Cherri Peterson, Chuck Kudra, Robert Koeritz, David Stull, Tom Hartin, Terry Gicking, and David Nacarrato for helping to make this happen. We just about broke even for the first quarter thanks to our BBQ Teams. Honestly, without the tireless efforts of these BBQ Teams and their leaders, we would be under some serious financial difficulties. Thank you, BBQ Teams, thank you!! Somehow, a simple thank you just doesn't seem enough...please join me in thanking these hard working people when you see them.

You new officer corps have made a number of changes around your lodge. Here are a few of these changes:

We have changed banks. Bank of America and Morgan Stanley are gone. Hello to Premier America, Ventura County Business Bank, and one un-named bank at the time of printing. The Elks money is now divided up into Premier General Interest Bearing Checking, Premier Charity Savings Account linked to the Premier General Account, and a Premier CD Account that holds part of our New Facilities money. The remaining New Facilities money is invested at Ventura County Business Bank and one other yet to be named bank. Due to the \$250,000.00 FDIC Insurance limit on interest bearing accounts, it was necessary to use multiple banks to insure proper protection of Lodge funds. These changes will not only help us understand what funds we have available to spend, but also insure that every penny of Lodge money is earning interest without any fees to the Lodge. The positive benefits of these changes will be approximately \$8,000.00, or more.

We have changed Bookkeepers, Workmen's Comp Insurance Carriers, Janitorial Contract, and got rid of Payroll through QuickBooks in favor of a Payroll Service. We have performed safety inspections (thank you, Robert Koeritz), posted new necessary signs in our parking lot and throughout the lodge. Your kitchen floor has been replaced with new floor that conforms to the Health Inspection laws. A new law conforming fire suppression system has also been installed in the kitchen. The vap cooler for the kitchen and A/C unit for the patio have been repaired. (Thank you, Steve Plymale) The Pantry has been reorganized with new signs on equipment and shelving. (Thank you, Corinne) We have installed a new security system with a recording system for the office. This new security system has cameras both outside and inside for the safety of our people and for the protection of our assets. An additional security system is also being reviewed to be placed in and around our main Lodge. Next on our agenda will be lodge procedures such as purchasing, receiving, and inventory control. It is our goal to review each procedure and make it easier for our volunteers to use without sacrificing good business controls. Of course, we will be talking to the people who use these systems to get their input on what is working, what is not, and how we can make it better.

Before signing off, I would like to ask the membership to think about how you would like your officer corps to proceed with the many repair issues facing our Lodge. You see, over the years, it was our hope that we would be able to get into a new Lodge. Unfortunately, that hasn't happened and during those years of saving for a new lodge, we did not spend much money on keeping our lodge in good repair. We did, however, manage to save over \$440,000.00 for our New Facilities Fund. That's pretty impressive. We are now faced with some very tough decisions. How much money do we spend on repairing our lodge? Where are these funds going to come from? El Nino is coming this fall and our roof is leaking. A roof is very expensive. I have heard the lodge and Pandora's Box used in the same sentence, so it's a little scary for our needs are many. If you replace the roof, what about the old inefficient A/C units on top of it? If those units are replaced, does that bring up any electrical issues? Other items that need replaced when we can afford it will be the carpet, the lodge floor, a little work in the bathrooms, and paint on the interior walls. The BBQ Wagon is our primary source of income. Our wagon won't last forever and we currently are not budgeting for its replacement. So as you can see, we have some pretty tough choices to make in the next couple of months and we want to hear from YOU.

Obviously, we need more fun things to do that will help us raise money and take pressure off of our BBQ Teams. If you have some ideas, I would love to hear them. Horseshoe Tournament, Wii Bowling, Golf Tournament, Texas Hold 'em Night, and bring back a modified \$1000-A-Month Club are a few ideas mentioned so far. Our lodge is blessed with an intelligent, fun loving, and hard working membership. Our future is what we make it. Let's come up with some new fun things to do...and make a couple bucks along the way. What are your thoughts and ideas?

Thanks for listening. I hope to hear from all of you.

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



EXALTED RULER
Terry Gicking

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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At the flag retirement service, with fellow officers



Congratulating the newest Century Club members (l-r) Bob Arbetman, Steve Finnerty and Max Maxwell



Awarding Heather Maddox Grand Lodge pin for bringing in 5 new members

Pictures are worth a thousand words...



Enjoying Father's Day brunch with his children

Your Lodge Serving the Community

- * Providing monthly bingo party for the veterans every 2nd Friday
- * Doing flag retirement ceremony at Castle Hill on July 4th
- * Providing free meeting place for VFW

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

House Committee Meeting

- Janitor contract will go to Jan Pro.
- Dave Pearson will be moving lodge monies to higher yielding interest banks and no longer using Bank of America. We also changed our Worker's Comp insurance carrier.
- Robert Jones volunteered to take the training to be able to certify other people from our lodge for CPR. Motion made and carried.
- Robert Koeritz stated that the camera system in the office will cost \$551.49 and installation of the 3 cameras will be \$150 each. Also 4 cameras will be installed in the kitchen, the ante room, the front and back doors and the 4 cameras will cost \$877.28 plus \$150 per camera to install.
- Terry Gicking is going to install a new janitorial sink.
- David Naccarato stated that Ben Reiger would take care of the lodge grounds and that he will require \$200 to purchase equipment to do the work with. . Motion was made and carried.
- Corinne Richeson put out the idea that we hire a cook/dishwasher. This was put off until a later date to discuss.
- David Naccarato stated that ADT is still monitoring the office areas.

Officers Meeting

David Pearson stated that the lodge needs a new roof and that we are spending money more rapidly now and that we will need to remarket the lodge. In order to do this we need more information as to how much money we need to spend to remarket the lodge

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

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYER: Bill Wilkinsin leg problems; Norm Panczak had a stroke; our soldiers fighting for us

ON THE MEND: Kira Wagner's sister from heart surgery

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!



Sally Claunch, PER, Editor
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articles are due the 5th of the month
send as a word document

COMING ATTRACTIONS



August 22-Meet, Greet & Eat featuring Motorcycle Show

August 29-Elk Ladies Appreciation Luncheon

Ocotber 17-Simi/T.O. Bus Trip



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

We had a great time at the Exalted Rulers Going away party. PERs Sally Claunch, David Naccarato and I love to entertain (in case you didn't know)! We haven't had Night at the Races in a long time. I'm glad to see such a great turnout.

Our first Greet, Eat and Meet Event was great. We had a great turn out, especially with the car show. The last one will be August 22nd. Please invite anyone who wants to know what the Elks are all about. This is a great time to show our Lodge to our friends and invite them to have a wonderful BBQ lunch.

SPAGHETTI WESTERN NIGHT: Steve Smith has planned a movie night for August 7th (Fri) and we will be having a wonderful dinner with it. Guess what it is??? An all-you eat spaghetti dinner to go along with the Spaghetti Western.

Did you know? On August 17, 1936, Budweiser introduced Bud in a can. Just thought you would want to know.



Dave Naccarato, PER



With the first quarter In the books I want to update the lodge with what's been happening. Our Board of Trustees are moving our accounts to interest bearing and no fee accounts as opposed to banks that charge for every transaction with no interest paid on our money.

We are also getting our kitchen compliant with the county with a new floor covering and fire suppression system.

We had a very successful event at the lodge with the Meet Greet and Eat and car show. It brought out many of our members that don't come down normally.

Greg Metzgus 1939 Pontiac Woody won the peoples choice trophy donated by new member Ralph "Bud" Vashaw.

As of June 29th Members who have not paid their dues and will be dropped in October. They are:

- Mike Asadurian
- Ronald Barron
- Lloyd Carter
- Richard Ibarra
- Dale Iddings
- Dan Johnson
- Marc Kennedy
- Donald Kerins
- Mark Lampenfield
- Donald Long
- Mark Lowe
- Mike Miller
- Susan Montgomery
- Ted Radabaugh
- George Thompson
- Ken Warren

Sponsors if you recognize a name here maybe you can give them a call and find out the reason why they don't want to stay with the organization. We can't fix it if we don't know it's broke.



Acting as ER, Catherine Koeritz accepted a donation by Jim Kellogg for the veterans.

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 ● If you ever enjoyed a cigar out of our cigar box
 ● behind the bar, I want to let you in on a secret. Scott
 ● Dool supplies us with the cigars. He pays up to \$4.00 for
 ● a quality cigar and charges \$2.00 for the cigar while
 ● donating all the proceeds to the Major Project. When
 ● you see him around the lodge, let him know you
 ● appreciate it.
 ● David Naccarato, PER Major Project Chair
 ●

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

WE NEED YOU...

First I would like to congratulate our Exalted Ruler on a successful and productive National Convention in Portland, Oregon last month. Our lodge was represented with honor and distinction at the highest levels of Elkdome. We can all be proud of his efforts.

I took the following from Wikipedia on Volunteering:

Benefits of Volunteering:

1. **Economic:** activities undertaken by volunteers that would otherwise have to be funded by the [Lodge] or by private capital, so volunteering adds to the overall economic output of [the Lodge] and reduces the burden on [Lodge] spending.
2. **Social:** volunteering helps to build more cohesive [organizations], fostering greater trust between [members] and developing norms of solidarity and reciprocity that are essential to stable [organizations].

I bring up the subject of volunteering, because I am in need of more help with Wednesday and Friday night dinners and Sunday breakfasts. We've got things handled through the month of August, but we'll need more in the months ahead. Chuck Bush has stepped up to the plate for the Wednesday night dinners in addition to his efforts on the monthly Fish Fry. However, relying on such regular volunteers can become burdensome and ultimately lead to "volunteer burnout".

So, I ask that you put on your thinking caps and come up with ideas for dinner or breakfast. If we can mix it up with more ideas we can keep the menus interesting and inviting. The more who participate, the less burdensome on any one or group of volunteer(s). Keep it simple, easy and appetizing. Although the profits ultimately raised are used for charitable works, bear in mind that not too many members will want to spend six bucks on a Costco cold cut sandwich, but if it is accompanied with an enticing homemade side dish it could be a big hit. We want to draw in as many customers as possible with fulfilling menus which will also make your voluntary efforts worthwhile. Another idea is to create a theme for your meal that would provide an atmosphere of fellowship and fun. Get together

with other members and create your own team. Trust me it's a rewarding experience.

Thanks in advance for your efforts. To reach me please email smithlasdret@gmail.com or call 805-857-9789.



Who would think that you could bring your paper discards down to the lodge and we could raise money? Or that "Box Tops for Education" would include a list of almost 200 items?

We have the opportunity to help our Vision Screeners/Therapists and their children by saving Box Tops For Education. All you have to do is clip the top and bring it in to the lodge – each one is worth 10 cents – and that



adds up fast! Just look for this symbol –

Kira Wagner



Chuck Kudra presented Kira Wagner with a check from Konejo kampers for the new website, while ER Terry smiles for the camera.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.elks2477.com

**Thanks to Kira & Paul
Wagner**

ENTERTAINMENT



August 7-dinner and a movie

August 28- One Last Dance



Corinne Richeson
Bar Manager



NEW BAR HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY:

10:00 am - 8:00 pm

TUESDAY:

10:00 am - 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY:

10:00 am - Closing

THURSDAY:

10:00 am - 8:00 pm

FRIDAY:

10:00 am - Closing

SATURDAY:

10:00 am - 8:00 pm

SUNDAY:

9:00 am - 8:00 pm

The lounge is to remain open until the hours posted above but can be closed at the discretion of the bar steward on duty, due to an insufficient amount of members to warrant the lounge to remain open.

The lounge cannot remain open after 2:00 am.

Holidays are exceptions and subject to change

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Tex-Mex Dinner by Paul Wagner followed by website information, and fun

FUNDRAISER FOR WEBSITE

Polish your chrome Show off your bike

Motorcycle Show...

August 22

10am-2pm



at the Lodge parking lot
as part of Meet-Greet-Eat

- * meet fellow Elks
- * greet community members
- * eat famous bbq
- * view the chrome beauties

Call the office 496-2477 for entry in show or further information



BY-LAW CHANGES

TO BE VOTED ON-AUGUST 12TH

Every Lodge must at least every five years, submit a general revision of all its by-laws- per section 17.060 of our statutes.

Exalted Ruler ,Terry Gicking, appointed a by-law committee, which met on July 1, and these are the recommendations to be voted on at the lodge meeting of August 12th 2009. We will need a majority vote of the members present.

Each change will be read and discussed and voted on. The following are the recommendations:

Article VI section 3 of the Esquire- change "HE" to "HE/SHE"

For the Organist -change "HE" to "HE-/SHE"

Article VII section 5- in reference to the Exalted Ruler change from "HE" to "HE/SHE"

Article X section 1- Lodge will adopt" The initiation fee for an applicant making application prior to his twenty- sixth birthday shall be \$37.50"

Article X section 3- Reinstatement fee for an Elk holding an absolute demit from this lodge will be \$20.00 changed from \$75.00.

The affiliation fee for an Elk holding an absolute demit from another lodge will be \$50.00 changed from \$75.00.

The affiliation fee for an Elk holding a certificate of release from another lodge will be \$50.00 changed from \$75.00.

Article X section 4- Reinstatement Fee for an Elk who was dropped from our rolls will be \$50.00 changed from \$75.00. Also section 4 Our lodge will adopt" reinstatement for two month period of first day of June to last day of July of each year, The fee for reinstatement in this lodge for a member dropped from our rolls will be (1) dollar.

House Rule changes:

House Rule #2- The clubroom will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Wednesday and Friday 10:00am to closing 2:00 am max Sunday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Add: exceptions to closing to the above can be made by the bar steward at their discretion

House Rule 4- Add exception to this rule- on initiation night the spouse of the candidate can wait in designated area of lounge during the initiation ceremony

House Rule 9- Reword to read " Keeping the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity at the forefront of all Elk related activities, members and guest will refrain from any disruptive behavior with in the lodge. This may also include rude behavior and/or inappropriate language".

House Rule 16-delete

House rule 23- Remove first line" pool table is to be covered at all social events"

House rule 26- Change the name "patio" to smoking area.

If rule 16 delete is adopted rule 17 on to 29 will need to be renumbered



Home Run!!

Saturday June 27th- Meet, Greet and Eat and Car Show was a success.

Thanks go out to Scott and Crystal Drool for their brainchild.

Some members paid their dues. There were some reinstatements and new applications were filled out. Many questions by customers were answered and we accomplished our goal of bringing public awareness to Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge- what the Elks are all about. A big thank you to Richard Goldner who brought a ton of Grand Lodge literature and was on hand to talk to interested parties.

Now on to the show:

We had a good turn out of vehicles for our first Elks #2477 car show. We had every thing from a 1940 U.S.M.C.International troop carrier owned by Paul DeNublio to a 1931 Model A owned by Jim Hamilton.

We had a Peoples Choice ballot for customers to vote for their favorite vehicle and the winner for our event was Greg Metzgas and his 1940 Pontiac Woodie. Some comments about the car were "unbelievable beauty" "great restoration" " truly beautiful inside and out"

2nd place was Bobby William- 1957 Chevy Belair. Comments were "amazing" "the best" and something I can't print.

3rd place was tied between Gerry Gillies- 1953 Chevy Sedan and Bryant Burns 1956 Pontiac. Bryant is a brand new member getting involved with his lodge.

Other participants were John Quinn- 1969 Camaro" very nice"

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Dennis Adler 1970 Mustang- "belonged in the movie the Fast and Furious"

Bob Adams 1955 Chevy Belair-" good factory colors"

Ted Polinsky 1969 Mustang convertible-" very sharp "brings back memories"

Jim Weins 1965 Mustang convertible with pony interior-"very clean, nice color"

We also had a 1965 Mustang that Anita, the widow, of member Rick Gorino had Ralph "Bud" Vashaw bring down in Rick's memory.

Bud also donated the trophy we presented to Greg Metzgas . Anita also asked friends in lieu of flowers to donate to the Major Project in memory of Rick. At this time we presented Anita with the Century Club certificates and pins.

One of the comments for the Marine troop carrier was "that's my dad"

Thank you for supporting our event. Huge thanks to Gerry Gillies for cleaning up the parking lot and helping me with the parking of cars. The electric cart was handy that Saturday with as many trips I made back and forth from the office, to the row of cars and into the lodge room.

David Naccarato, PER
Major Project Chair



Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair

THE IMPRESSIONS ON THE AUDIENCE WERE LASTING

At the Exalted Rulers Going Away Party they were treated to an electrifying performance by the best PER duet in all of Elkdom. David Naccarato and Catherine Koeritz. They wailed the Neil Diamond Barbra Streisand hit song 'You Don't Bring Me Flowers - You Don't Sing Me Love Songs'.

Who could have imagined David would be cavorting around center stage after his last surgery. Yet there he was singing 'Raindrops keep falling on my head'. As our Exalted Rulers wing their merry way to the Portland convention we are sure they will reflect on



David and Catherine entertaining the crowd

what they saw and heard that night. We are sure that as years go by, it will be tucked away in their treasure chest of memories because that was the night that lasting impressions were made for a lifetime.



People's Choice winner Greg Metzgas, DDGER, with his Woodie



Anita Gorino with her late husband's Mustang and picture while Dave Naccarato presents her with Century Club certificate



June Leadam getting in the fan mode for David Naccarato



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Ricardo Gill with ER, Terry Gicking standing in for sponsor Heather Maddox



Lynn Rodriguez with sponsor Myrna Block



Jill Munich with sponsor Mike Flannery



David Hobert with sponsor Wayne LaFarr



ER, Terry Gicking with the newly installed Treasurer, Cheryl Templeton. Cheryl is a member of the Konejo Kampers. With her experience as a business owner she brings valuable knowledge to the office.



Bob Arbetman (r) presented Trustee, Robert Koeritz with a bag of peanuts as the introduction of a new snack in the lounge-but no shells on the carpet

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE--ER GOING AWAY PARTY



ELK LADIES HOSTING FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH





**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

SANTA BARBARA IN JUNE – HOW SWEET IT IS!

Chet and Shirley, again, did an awesome job as Wagonmasters.

There was NO June gloom in Santa Barbara – couldn't have been more perfect.

Good Grief - - where to begin.

Bill and I were just returning from Gene Ewald's wedding in Red River, New Mexico. When Bill was behind the wheel of the motorhome - - he was a man possessed! We arrived in Red River a day early and then in Santa Barbara a day early. Fortunately our space was available so no problem. Hope ya'll checked out the pictures on the website of the wedding. I could probably write an entire article about that alone, but that's not the purpose of this article. LOL

There were several happenings this month. First of all, it was unbelievably great to have Darlene Chinery out camping with us again. That woman is awesome, not only her abilities with her rig and tow car (which she uses for her closet) but her sense of humor and entertainment value has been sorely missed. **GOOD TO HAVE YA BACK GAL!**

Then the Ericksons - - as they were about a half a block from their home planning on an early arrival in Santa Barbara - - blew an engine plug! **NOT GOOD.** Fortunately, it was repaired in about 24 hours and they arrived without further disaster.

Interesting, we had friends of Ron and Iris (who hasn't been seen in months) trying out our group. Ben and Helene Morris (I think) tried out the group. They seemed to enjoy the campout but the jury is still out on whether or not they will become members.

We did pick up two new members, John and June Leadam - - glad to have you on board. Joe and Judy Nemtusak, friends of Steve and Molly also joined our group and promise to be a great addition. (even if their dog Cookie - hates me LOL)

As usual, when we visit the Santa Barbara Lodge, we were treated extremely well, what awesome people exemplifying everything Elks stand for. Their lunches are fantastic, the Friday nite menu changed, and the hamburgers and hotdogs on Thursday night were delicious, and condiments of bleu cheese and olive relish were amazing.

I swear this Lodge has some of the hardest working members I've ever encountered. I mean these people hustle. I was a kick to see the ER painting the wooden trim - - two stories up. Of course, I

realize we currently have a very hard working ER - - but I haven't seen a performance like this (giggle).

Of course exploring Santa Barbara's numerous sites, restaurants, beaches, you name it - there's never a lack of things to do and see.

The poker players were bummed - not enough players. I think I've mentioned this before; it is laughable to hear these grown men, all well pasted 21, whine. Whadda think - - 10 or 12 years old, perhaps less?

They felt totally betrayed cause Ed Colleran had the audacity to be off on a family reunion cruise. I've heard they had a fantastic time. Ed even got to show off his geocaching (don't ask) technique and share some finds with his family. Okay - please don't get annoyed - - cause I'm jumping on my soap box!

Kampers you need to realize the only way we can continue our support of the Lodge is to have **PARTICIPATION.**

This means, not only, at our campouts, but with other activities also, including the Kampers breakfast. After losing the AA's for breakfast, this is one of our few fund raisers. We are, again, down to the same crew, with a few changes monthly. Folks this isn't brain surgery nor do you need to be a gourmet cook. Over and above that, the kitchen crew has a lot of fun. (If only Kudra would learn not to beat the daylight outta the pancake batter!) Darlene Chinery showed up with her own anti-bacterial soap, gloves and washing tools to do dishes.

If you act as a server, you become more familiar with Lodge members who aren't Kampers. Not a bad thing!

The Kampers are tossing around ideas for fundraising events, to continue our ability to support the Lodge - be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem. All suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

OH speaking of campout participation - when you fail to attend campouts, important things are discussed/decided and non-participants have **NO IDEA** of the history and basis for decisions being made. Misconceptions run rampant. Stay informed people! Those of us who do attend are not sinister and planning to do anything which is not in the best interest of the group.



Upcoming Campouts

August-7-8 Oak Park, Simi Valley
 September -11-12-Palmdale Elks Lodge
 October-9-10-Tapo Canyon, Simi Valley
 November-13-14-Kenney Grove
 December 13-Brunch-Grand Visita Hotel

visit the website:
<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



May 1995- Bill Lloyd is sworn in as State Vice President at CHEA Convention.

December 1st/2nd - Thousand Oaks host CHEA President, Anthony Mauro's visitation to the West Central Coast District.
 December 1995- Chairpersons David Pearson and Tommy Claunch along with their wives and crew deliver over 80 food baskets to the community's needy families.

March 1996- Kirk Keeler is Elk of the Year.

April 1996- Jack Loughran becomes the 25th Exalted Ruler.
 September 16th 1996- T.O. sponsors celebrity golf tournament at Spanish Hills with the Simi Elks for Major Project.

December 1996- Lodge delivers 86 food baskets to the needy with the Pearsons and Claunches as chairs again.

January 1997- Scott Dool chairs law enforcement and fire fighters night.

March 1st 1997-George Klingelhofer passes away at age 94 (our oldest member). George will be missed by the ladies for his love of dance.

March 1997-Chuck Busch is announced as Elk of the Year.
 Kirk "Hoss" Keeler is the Elks 1997 candidate for Grand Marshal.

March 22nd 1997- The 25th Exalted Ruler is completing his term and John Kelly is standing by to assume the role as the 26th Exalted Ruler

The next 25 years is under way. We are already at 2009 with much more history to report, however next month some fun facts about the B.P.O.E.



OUR HISTORY

Dave Naccarato, PER

as researched by Tom Ryder, PDDGER

April 1 1993- James Wallace takes over Exalted Ruler position.

May 1993- Trustees begin efforts to purchase property and house on Los Feliz Dr.

May 17th 1993- Very active member Vince Baillie passed away. His hammer and nails will be missed as the carpenter to the Lodge.

July 1993- Tommy "The Author" Thompson passed away. He was an editor of the Antler Antics.

September 1993- Thousand Oaks PERs donate money and labor to build new enclosed patio alongside the lodge. It was a very needed addition.

October 1993- Mortgage burning party was a huge success with a three day celebration.

March 1994- John R. Evans becomes Elk of the Year.

April 1994- George Pekow assumes office of Exalted Ruler.

May 1994- PER, Frank Rindone, is sworn in as CHEA Three Year Trustee

October 9th 1994- Richard McCann, event chairman conducts Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge's first flag retirement ceremony at the lodge. This was a community wide event with many dignitaries in attendance.

November 1 1994- John Farhat, charter member, passes away.

March 1995- PER Tom Ryder is honored as Elk Of The Year.

April 1995- Gilbert "Gil" Riding takes over as Exalted Ruler.

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!

* ER Terry Gicking, Tommy Tyler, Max Maxwell, Jim Mullen for installing the new kitchen floor.

*Cherri Peterson and Trustees for putting our financial records back in order

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LECTURING KNIGHT Leo Rodriquez

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

AMERICANISM: Grant Thistle
FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:
 Robert Jones
SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera
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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

OLD GLORIES PUT TO REST-

On Sunday June 14th the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks recognizes this day as Flag Day. This is the day we recognize and pay tribute to the flag of our country. There were 75 members and parents of the scouting groups that Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 sponsors. The scouts presented the colors and replica flags that have graced our nation from the beginning until today and also is included the MIA flag.

After the Flag Day Ceremony a Flag Retirement took place outdoors starting with Terry Gicking, Exalted Ruler, and everyone else who wanted to retire a flag was encouraged to do so. There was an ice cream social concluding the day.
 Jerry Serota



Esquire, Robert Jones, retiring OLD Glory at the flag retirement ceremony while Bill Sternberg and scouts look on.



On June 7, 2009 an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held for Kevin Staley the son of Chris and Lillian Staley at his home because of family illness. There were 75 family and friends in attendance. Kevin is a member of BSA Troop 754 which is sponsored by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477. Representing the Lodge was Bill Sternberg, Grand Lodge Scouting Chairman, Bill Miller, Committee Scouting Chairman, and Greg Metzger, DDGER designate.

Kevin started in scouting as a Cub Scout in 1997 and achieved Eagle Scout status on October 23, 2008. He held leadership positions as Patrol Leader; Asst. Patrol Leader; Den Chief; Troop Guide. He earned 27 Merit Badges and Special Award Merit ~Achievements for BSA Lifeguard Award and a total of 54.5 Total Service Hours.

Kevin's Eagle Project benefited Newbury Park High School's Visual Arts Department, as their storage room needed a complete makeover. The project consisted of removing 30 years of clutter, painting walls and installing eight free standing shelving units. With the outstanding help of his fellow scouts, friends and family, the project was completed in two days and 54.5 volunteer hours.

He plans to further his education by majoring in kinesiology.

Jerry Serota-Public Relations Chair

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

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER
SHARE THE EXCITEMENT

2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	THE ELKS LADIES Patricia Peterson	2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
VICE PRESIDENT: Myrna Block SECRETARY: Lynn Rodriquez TREASURER: Charlotte Gessler AUDITOR: Beth Kozlowski TELEPHONE: Patti Serota		PARLIAMENTARIAN: Jessica Stull CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell MAJOR PROJECTS: Niki Case SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski HISTORIAN: Carol Fredericks CVD: Alice Kennedy & Marilyn Cissell

My name is Charlotte Gessler and currently I hold the position of Treasurer for the Elk Ladies. I have been a member of the Elk Ladies for quite some time. I am widowed and have four children and five grandchildren. Three of my children and three grandchildren live in the Conejo Valley, my other daughter, her husband and two children live in Arizona.

I enjoy participating in Elk activities and eagerly await the barbeque sandwiches on Saturday afternoons. Elks prepare and serve the best food ever.


Don't forget the Ladies Appreciation Luncheon August 29. When you get your invitation don't forget to vote for the Elk Lady that you think deserves the People's Choice award.

Winner of the 50/50 was Carroll Stewart. The bubble drawing was Frances Bodenhamer since she was not present – the bubble drawing for next month will be \$40.

Older than Dirt Quiz:

Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about.
Ratings are at the bottom.


1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops or diners with tableside juke boxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines on the telephone
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. TV tests patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (there were only 3 channels(if you were fortunate))
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S & H greenstamps



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Baker-2
 Beth Kozlowski-2
 Marie Wagner-2
 Niki Case-9
 Jeanne Sandt-10
 Myrna Block-26
 Gladys Ennis-30

YOUR BLESSINGS ARE CONTINUAL GIFTS



Forgive us Lord if we forget that all our blessings come from you. Repeatedly we're given things with little thought where credit's due.

We know there's no coincidence, these many gifts for us you've planned. So much is yet to come for all like brightest stars and seashore sand.

Amen

16. HI-fi's
 17. Metal ice trays with lever
 18. Mimeograph paper
 19. Blue flashbulb
 20. Packards
 21. Roller skate keys
 22. Cork popguns
 23. Drive-Ins
 24. Studebakers
 25. Wash tub wringers
- If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young
 If you remembered 6-10 = You're getting older
 If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age
 If you remembered 16-25 = You're older that dirt!

I might be older than dirt but those memories are some of the best parts of my life.

HONOR ROLL



Greg Metzgas, DDGER
 Rubye Metzgas (Century Club)
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 Max Maxwell
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 Robert Jones
 Gus Chinery, Jr.
 Karin Speights
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Darryl Kopacz-1	Steve Ogden-11	Bill Burimester-26
Jim Mullen-1	Frank Coley-14	Gil Riding, PER
Erle Pittman, PDDGER-1	Jan King-14	Dan Johnson-29
Janine Van Poppelen-1	Don Skinner, PER-17	Dan Kozlowski-31
Max Maxwell-2	James Barker-18	
David Naccarato, PER-2	Jane Watson-20	
Mike Ferragamo-3	Jay Peterson-22	
Doug Routh-3	Bart Vanderlip-23	
William Doody-4	Joel Erickson-24	
Mike Asadurian-9		

FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON:

August 12, 2009

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CRYING TOWEL



6/3	\$25	Harry Isaman
Lucky 13	No Winner	
6/17	\$75	Jane Watson
Lucky 13	No Winner	
6/24	\$100	Toni Hartin
Lucky 13	No Winner	

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 Good Monday-Thursday
 Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477

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INSERT YOUR NAME AND ENJOY ONE ON US

We would like to celebrate your birthday with you
 Bring in this coupon and receive a
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 Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge

We look forward to seeing you!!!
 Bring driver's license as proof of birthday

Offer good during your Birthday month. Limit one drink per member

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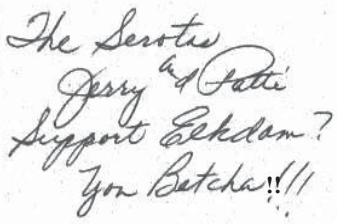











Drop off at Wed. meetings or at Sat. BBQ by rear entrance to the bar parking lot

Thanks- Rich Herrera Scholarship Chair.








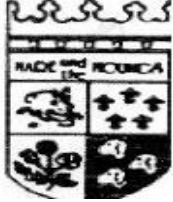


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