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Exalted Ruler



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Memories From The Past To Rebuild Our Future

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY MARCH 19



\$12 PRE SALE-UNTIL 3/17
\$14 AT THE DOOR

CORNED BEEF DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINGS & DESSERT
PREPARED BY MIKE FLANNERY & CREW

HAPPY HOUR 6 PM



DINNER 7 PM

KARAOKE ENTERTAINMENT BY JIM O'MILLER AND
PATTY MCGUINNESS

IRISH COFFE BAR AVAILABLE
RAFFLES-PRIZES

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BAR &
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FUNDRAISER FOR EL KONEJO KAMPERS

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



EXALTED RULER
Terry Gicking

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THE FINAL FRONTIER

March. The final frontier! These are the stories from the past for the future! I know this sounds corny, but my job this year is done. And as I write this in February for the March Antler, it is DONE. But with a great sense of accomplishment! We, (**and that means all of you!**) have got this lodge going into the '10's of two thousand (2010) on a roll of excitement and great purpose. And this, "MY FRIENDS", is what Elksdom is all about!

Now, let's get on to some serious and important stuff! As of this writing we still have not had 6 days of continuous sunshine, and another storm is here right now! (Feb.) so we have not been able to complete the roof! Dang! That really is causing some headaches! But we know that we live in Beautiful Southern California, and it won't rain forever! (just ask the people in La Canada/Flintridge!). Anyway, that is all I can give you for an update, but who knows what will happen between now and when you read this! Hopefully the roof will be complete! And in time for the Inaugural Ball!

Now speaking of the ball, Our Inaugural Ball is March 27th! And it is at Our Lodge again! And we have had some things change since the last time I typed to you! I think I spoke that I had some spare time on my hands, and that I might do a second term as ER! Some of you know that when I became ER last year, I had said that I would do it for 2 years if we could not find someone who was qualified to step in. Well, we found him! And believe it or not, we could not have found a better person. He has been the Esquire, and has also been Lecturing, Loyal & Leading Knights, and Exalted Ruler! He just never got to finish his year as ER. So what better way to complete this years Motto of "Memories from the past to rebuild our Future", than to have Harry Brockwell as our next Exalted Ruler! I can honestly tell you that we could not have scripted this any better! And our lodge could not have a better leader! His expertise in the food & beverage industry, his leadership in the culinary industry, and his knowledge of


Elksdom, and of this LODGE, can only help this lodge move forward into the right direction for years to come! I truly believe that, and I hope that you will give him the same support that you have given Me! And I will still be very involved with this Lodge and with Harry!

Now having said that, I am sad that this will be my last article. I have truly loved each and every minute of my year as ER! You will never know how much you have touched me with all of the love and support you have given me through-out my year as Exalted Ruler! I will never forget it! And as I don't have enough room in this article to thank everyone who has helped me this year, I want to say from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Changing topics, we also voted favorably in January to amend our by-laws to change from having our Lodge meetings on the first four Wednesday nights of the month, changing it to the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Now along with that, we are going to have our House & Officers meeting on the 2nd Wednesday night, (it used to be on the 1st Tuesday night) and we will have a special fundraising dinner on the 4th Wednesday night. So you can see, we will still be doing things on all 4 Wednesdays. We know this might be a big change to some, but we will still be doing something on those other 2 nights. Something that ALL members can come down and be involved with! We will still have meals on the 3 meeting nights, and then a special FUNdraiser meal on the 4th night! Wow! I bet you wished you had come to a meeting or 2!

So I say very humbly for the last time in the Antler as your ER, Thank You for all that you did to make this lodge the friendliest and the most charitable Lodge in all of Elksdom! That might be a biased opinion, but I feel it in my heart!



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

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

During sickness and distress, which falls under my station, I expressed my sorrow for my Mom (Arlene Tellez) in losing her longtime companion, Dale Grimes. He died on Sunday morning. Please be grateful to one another, we never know how our lives can change in an instant. We always announce sickness, distress and happiness during our meetings. Remember, reports are always in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

This is my last article and my last time as Leading Knight. Really!!! I am very pleased of the new changes we made this year. We have increased our membership and I believe we are on track to laying down a great foundation to build on. We have wonderful Trustees that have devoted numerous hours to balancing our budget, setting guidelines for expenditures and establishing an accurate and useful accounting system.

I would like to see the expansion of the women’s bathroom and the kitchen. I would like to see the lodge room refurbished so we can rent it out more often. I would like to see more committee chairman helping out the officers; the PERs mentoring and helping with the continuity and protocol of the lodge. I would hope that we have open communication with the members that have constructive criticism. I hope we maintain that we are a PRIVATE CLUB and that we protect our membership status. I hope everyone feels privileged to ask a person we don’t know, to see their membership card. I hope they feel privileged to show it!

I plan to continue my activities in the Lodge, not as an Officer, but as a devoted member. I want to plan more special dinners with my crew, “Wild Women on Wine”, continue to help on the “Crazy Crew”, and offer my services when needed.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me during the year. It has been my pleasure to be your Leading Knight.



Welcome new member Rod Burton with his sponsor Chuck Kudra

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



Thank you PERs and all who attended my appreciation dinner. To Gil-our MC, Tom Ryder and crew for the wonderful dinner, to the waiters- John Nau, Jay Block, and Don Booker to Catherine Koeritz and “bag lady” Sally Claunch , I thank you for all your hard work. I sincerely enjoyed the evening and all the nice remarks about my 28 fun years at Lodge #2477.

Dee Swanson

View the 4 minute video of Dee’s special evening at:

<http://www.elks2477.com/membership.html>

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

HOPING FOR A YEAR OF FUN

Hello everyone. God's gracious blessing unto you all. Okay, you may have already guessed that I'm preparing to assume my position as a Leading Knight, Charity being the motto of that station.

What I am hoping for is a year of fun and fundraising. I am often accused of trying to stuff ten pounds of sand in an eight-pound bag. But here's my goal. I would like to organize several fundraising events most of which will help enhance our per capita goal for the Elks National Foundation. Others will contribute to Major Projects. My wish is to organize several events in likeness simply to allow all of us to enjoy an opportunity to participate. Often times we find ourselves scheduling a particular event or fundraiser once during the year. Many of us have conflicts of a personal nature that interfere with our ability to participate in those events. If we take these events and provide multiple opportunities for everyone to participate I believe we will invigorate an involvement of our membership that will generate not only an increase in fundraising but also a rejuvenating of fellowship.

Here are some of my ideas. A day at the races. A weekend at Laughlin. At least three Mystery Bus Tours. No less than three ENF dinners during the year with varying themes and always with live music. Can we do this? I think so. I know who to go to for the mystery bus tour. I know upon whose shoulder I can tap for the day at the races. I even know who can organize the weekend at Laughlin. Yet, I ask not their involvement, but their guidance. I will commit to the grunt work if they will point me in the right direction. I am directing my plea to not just experts in these areas, but leaders within our Lodge.

Our Exalted Ruler, Terry Gicking, from my point of view, has re-energized the enthusiasm of our membership to a point that is exemplified by the increase in new members. It is my hope to maintain that enthusiasm by increasing the opportunity throughout the coming Elk year for fun and fundraising. Your participation in the activities of our Lodge is essential.

Remember, "Our whole influence in life is determined by good deeds we do" so why not have fun doing it? I look forward to your participation and I welcome your input.

Fraternally and at Your Service,
Steve Smith

In my Hoop Shoot article in last month's Antler, I said that Dave Anderson came in the morning to help us load the equipment we would need. But it was Alan Hardie. Both are a couple of good looking guys. Any one could make that mistake. I apologize for the error.

David Naccarato, Hoop Shoot Chairman

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 conducted their 33rd Annual Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Night honoring six recipients. Our area is served by peace officers of the Ventura County Sheriffs Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, and the California Highway Patrol (Moorpark area office and West Valley area office).

Jerry Serota as printed in Your News



TOP ROW
Member Dennis Gillette, Mayor, Thousand Oaks, Terry Gicking, ER, Scott Dool, Committee Chair. with recipients of the Firefighters and Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner

COMING ATTRACTIONS



- March 19-St. Patrick's Day Party
- March 24-Installation of Officers-All invited--open meeting
- March 26-Elk of the Year-Officer of the Year & Citizen of the Year dinner
- March 27- Inaugural Ball
- April 4-Bugsy's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Bill Smail on the passing of his wife Pat; to the family of Dale Grimes, Associate Member on his passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ginny Gabel is still hospitalized; Molly Chizar; our Armed Forces that keep us safe; Jim Kellogg from pneumonia

ON THE MEND: Bob Saynay; Bugsy Ansell

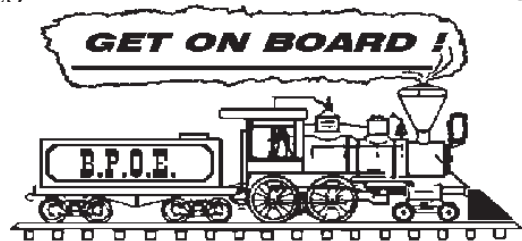
REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!



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

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.



*Elks National Foundation
 DEE SWANSON'S THANK YOU
 AND ENF FUND RAISER*

A great big THANK YOU to all that supported Dee's night and made it the success that it was. After all the paperwork was completed the lodge wrote a check to the Elks National Foundation for \$1,000 and Dee is submitting another check that she received for \$150 bringing the total donation to \$1,150.

Checks received from;
 PER Vern Ogden
 Ed Rice
 Judy Sandham

Prizes donated by;
 PER Don Skinner in memory of PDDGER Bob McKee
 PER Bill Sternberg
 PFL Kathy Ryder
 Elks Lounge – Corinne Richeson

The following persons helped make the fundraiser the success that it was.

- PER Jay Block ~ Waiter
- PFL Myrna Block ~ 50/50 Drawing
- PER Don Booker ~ Waiter
- PER Sally Claunch ~ 50/50
- PFL Marva D'Ambrogio ~ Dessert
- Elks Bartenders ~ Pre Event Ticket Sales
- PER Catherine Koeritz ~ 50/50
- PER John Nau ~ Waiter
- PER Dave Naccarato ~ Cashier
- PER Chet Kozlowski ~ Kitchen
- PFL Kathy Ryder ~ Room/Table set up
- PDDGER Gil Riding ~ Master of Ceremonies
- PER Bill Sternberg ~ Kitchen
- PER Don Skinner ~ Prize Drawing sales
- Tom Walsh ~ Kitchen

Checked with Grand Lodge. Thousand Oaks per capita as of January 31st 2010 is \$10.42 per person. With the addition of \$1,150 from the fund raiser our per capita will be somewhere around \$13.50. Thousand Oaks Lodge is first in the District as of now.

Tom Ryder –PDDGER – ENF Chairman

ENTERTAINMENT



March 5- KC Phillips
 March 12- Open Juke Box
 March 19-Jim and Patty
 with karaoke
 March 26- Bingo with Dave



Corinne Richeson
 Bar Manager

BUSGY'S EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 4TH 1-3 PM

at the lodge--be there by 1 pm to enter hunt
 bring your Easter baskets for the hunt

FREE--ALL INVITED

EASTER BUNNY
 EGG HUNT
 SODAS

PINTA
 CANDY
 PRIZES



ELK OF THE YEAR DINNER



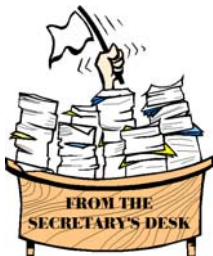
MARCH 26

5:30 PM-7 PM-DINNER
 7 PM-PRESENTATION
 8 PM-POWER BINGO WITH DAVE

FISH FRY PREPARED BY PAST ELKS OF THE YEAR
 \$8

OFFICER AND CITIZEN OF THE YEAR WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND



Dues notices have gone out. Please call the office if you have not received yours. Our Lodge dues are \$120.00 with a State Association of \$6.00 and a Grand Lodge assessment of \$14.00. The breakdown is as follows. CHEA Membership is \$3.00 CHEA Major Project \$1.25 CHEA Magazine \$1.75.

Grand Lodge Expenses and operation (includes \$1.00 National Home Assessment) \$7.50

Subscription to Elks Magazine \$3.50 General liability Insurance Assessment \$3.00. Making the total \$140.00.

Our donations to the Elks National Foundation are making a difference! Our overwhelming generosity allows the Elks National Foundation to carry out our mission. The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge has surpassed the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of a \$4.50 per capita. With your help, the Elks National Foundation gave back more than \$17 million last year and that's almost three times the amount they received in donations.

In 2009, 229 children and grand children of Elks received four-year, \$4,000 college scholarships through the legacy Award program. This past year 49 lodges received Impact grants, totaling \$425,000. More than 1,100 Lodges used \$500.00 Gratitude Grants, which we were one of. 8.6 percent increase in funding for VAVS Representatives, the ENF-funded Elks National Veterans Service was able to provide better care and comfort to the brave men and women who serve our country.

We will Grant more than \$7.22 million back to state Elks associations this year. State Major Projects, Hoop Shoot, and drug awareness is only a few of the programs that benefit from the State Grants.

Now for a clarification, a member who lets his or her membership lapse, is a member not in good standing with the order. They do not have lodge privileges until the dues in the rear are paid. He cannot be signed in as a guest. Reinstatements are treated just like a new member. You have to be investigated and go to orientation, but you do not need to go through initiation. It's not fair to members who pay their dues to have someone who did not pay their dues have access to the lodge.

Once a Leading Knight always a Leading. Catherine Koeritz was my Leading knight and she had my back all year. Near the end of my term when my spinal cord was damaged, she was always there to help me. Well here we are 3 years later and she is still there carrying my dinner for me, aligning my chair, and getting stuff out of my truck. But this year it's a little more difficult for she has Terry's back and still waiting on me. Thank you Catherine from the bottom of my heart)

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

Dave Naccarato, PER



You have or may be receiving your 2010-2011 bill for your Lodge Dues. Please note the slight increase from the previous year. The break down is in my other article in this Antler. Dues must be paid by April, 1 2010. Included in the bill is a reminder not to forget our charities- Major Project & ENF. These are tax deductible donations.

Major Project supports our children so they may walk talk see and play. ENF supports Scholarships, Veterans, Hoop Shoot and Major Project.

If you HAVE NOT received a dues notice by February 28th please call the office: 496-2477. It also holds true for receiving your Antler. You have a choice of by mail or by e-mail. We want you to stay informed.



WOW, wow, what a great month for the kids and families at the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House. The Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley Elks donated 42 pounds of pull tabs (that's 53,256 tabs folks) and a large quantity of toiletries, plus 34 new stuffed animals and dolls. What a great example of Elks Care, Elks Share. Great job everyone. The known contributors were, Dorothy Murray, Georgia Vargo-Otto, Kathie and Dean Reichle, Dolores Swanson, Julie Vashaw, Abe and Carol Gamble, John and Sharon Mellow, Lilly and Lee, Bob and Laura Morse, Dick Schwab and Helen Bair. Please keep collecting tabs and toiletries. All donations large or small count up.

Thank you, **Gerry Gillies**



OUR NEWEST JOLLY CORK---- KIRA WAGNER



Members,

The 2009-2010 Grand Lodge computer update credited all members the year you joined as “year one”, regardless of the month in the Elk year. If you showed four years in 2009-2010, your new card 2010-2011 will show six years. You missed your five year pin. All other years are figured the same way nine became eleven. You missed your ten year pin, and so on.... Plus all members who were due pins in 2009 did not come up in the system. You also were missed. To make a long story short, we are holding Pin Night on **May 28, 2010**. This is a list of recipients for 2009-2010. If you see an error or feel we missed you again, please call the office. We will fix it and get you your pin. There will be more about Pin night in future bulletins.

David Naccarato, PER
Secretary

5 Year

David Anderson #2107
Terry Baker #1688
Myrna Block #2078
Denise Brady #2127
William Burmiester #2156
Michael Burnton #2169
Daniel Carpenter #2176
Lloyd Carter #216
Joe Clancy #2055
Olivia Corio #2189
Juanita Feamster #2113
Stephen Finnerty #2118
Michael Flannery #2144
Bill Gochford #1887
William Goff #2182
Anthony Gomez #2097
Peter Gordon #2081
Alan Hardie #2138
Steve Harrison #2177
Robert Iritano #2102
Sharon Kagy #2094
Chuck Kudra #2114
Gary Lacasella #2185
Mark Lapenfeld #2070
June Leadam #2183
Nancy Leathers #2191
Mark Lowe #2095
Barbara Metzgun #217
Rubye Metzgun #2172
John Michael #2103
Mike Miller #2038
Dorothy Murry #2192
Rick Narajo #2014
Cherri Peterson #2086
Don Peterson #834
Jay Peterson #2089
Erin Pierle #2077
Kevin Porter #2168
Christopher Prince #2133
David Puente #2124
Robert Revell #2163
Dean Riechle #2087
Joan Roper #2157

10 Year

Dennis Anderson #1885
Edward Ayril #1904
Jay Block, PER #1865
James Bodenhamer #1966
Garry Burcham #1937
Richard Case #1866
Sally Claunch, PER #1924
Richard Eddy #1952
David Ely #1882
Mike Ferragamo #1877
Abe Gamble Jr. #1896
James Hamilton #1917
Jeff Harriott #1897
Debra Hawthorne #1949
Bob Hart #2178
Ronald Hull #1899
Ken Krable #1893
Tony Lerner #1976
Heather Maddox #1868
Lou Mages #1909
William Maxwell #1968
Steve McKee #1950
Chris Metzgun #1954
Kevin Metzgun #1912
Jack Murray #1875
Robert Phillips #1892
James Rochford #1887
Susie Ross #1901
Steven Sewell #1972
Dale Smith #1953
Bart Vanderlip #1890

15 Year

Edward Bianchi #1737
Donald Booker, PER #1767
Carlos Carbajal #1676
Rick Goldner #1673
Tom Hartin #1691
James Larve #1781
John Leadam #1780
David Maddox #1762
Mike Markey #1734
William McIntyre #1694
Lamont Mcnamara #1708
Michael Murry #1768
William Pinner #2237
Carmine Prizzi #1770
Bill Sternberg, PER #2098
John Tapking #1685
Thomas Tyler #1705
Henry Vega #1757
Richard Whitmire #1746

20 Year

Bob Adams #1506
Bob Arbetman #2193
Charles Archer #1493
Paul De Nublio #1578
Jeff Enger #1494
Dale Haas #1544
Dan Johnson #1492
Vernon Jossey #1512
Kirk Keeler #1428
Charles Maslin #1435
Dick McCann #1471
Greg Metzgun, DDGER #1406
Pete Padilla #1461
Bill Ratcliffe #1518
Gil Riding, PDDGER #1500
Bill Sandham #1541
Nick Schiele #1563



PIN NIGHT RECIPIENTS

5Year-continued

- Steve Santa #2174
- Ron Schwartz #2175
- Carol Stewart #2054
- Jim St. Ores #2125
- John Tracy #2067
- Janine Van Poppelen #2137
- Christopher Vrakaclos #2120
- Thomas Walsh, Jr. #2152
- Ron Watkins #2136
- Glenn Wellman #2111
- Mary Woodlief #2184
- Steve Woodlief #2096

25 Year

- Bruce Cameron #1143
- Jerry Case #1317
- Wilson Dyer #2225
- I.B. Jensen #1273
- Thomas Knibbs #1324
- Chuck Morsa #1152
- Keith Orr #1337
- Marshall Schreiner #1344
- Thomas Wolfe #1819

30 Year

- Harry Brockwell #866
- Clarence Brown #907
- Charles Busch #902
- Frank Coley #1645
- John D'Ambrogio, PER #1765
- Walter Eagan, Jr. #919
- Dick Hejlik #977
- Chet Kozlowski, PER #133
- Fred Kozlowski #857
- Al Lanahan #972

35 Year

- William Jones #734
- John Kelly, PER #512
- Harold Rasmussen #526
- Leroy Sapp, Jr. #560
- John Watts #1657

20 Year-continued

- Bill Smail #1473
- Joseph Smith #1513

40 Year

- Kenneth Krabel #949
- Joseph Churik #153
- Roy Cooper #210
- Richard Flittner #79
- Dennis Gillette #100
- Jerry Gilmore #29
- Jack Henry, PER #10
- Robert Huffman #134
- Robert Jennings #176
- Kenneth Keeler #169
- Jan King #174
- Alton Larson #1753
- George Meehan, PER #1812
- Glen Miller #149
- Bernard Reiger #1381
- R. Routh #552
- George Vivlamore #14
- James Wagner #15

45 Year

- Eric Briggs #1486
- Richard Herrera #273
- Marshall Knowlton #1692
- Robert Scudder #2208

50 Year

- Earl (Tony) Dyer #1649
- Marshall Matz #199
- Leslie Smith #2205
- Thomas Varden #1894

60 Year

- Erle Pittman, PDDGER #2
- William Wagner, PER #4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 HAVE A DRINK ON THE
 LODGE
 DURING YOUR BIRTHDAY
 MONTH
 COUPON ON PAGE 17



Elks - Partners In Scouting



Our Westlake Hills Pack 3776 activities. I particularly like their Flag Ceremony. Where is Norman Rockwell when we need him?
 Bill Miller, Scouting Chair



Inaugural Ball

At Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477

Sat. March 27th 2010

6 pm

Dinner 7 pm



Music by The Original Renegades

Catered by Country Harvest Restaurant

Choice of:
Top Sirloin

or

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Rice Pilaf

Vegetable

Rolls & Butter

Apple Crisp Dessert



Tickets for sale behind Lodge Bar, March 1st 2010

\$25.00/per person

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



John Moran with sponsor Daniel Martyn



Julie Cook- with sponsor Heather Maddox



Katie Hawn- with sponsor Catherine Koeritz



Pattie Queen- with sponsor Heather Maddox



Phylcia Bulmer with sponsor Catherine Koeritz



Scott Bulmer-with sponsor Catherine Koeritz



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

JANUARY AT VALENCIA - TRAVEL VILLAGE

Just never can tell about the weather! One year we froze, literally, water hoses had to be thawed out before putting them away. This year it was absolutely "pleasant", making for great participation round the campfires.

Course we had spots with huge leaves. I raked some away from the picnic table - - but can you believe - Chuck Kudra arrived with his own LEAF BLOWER? ? ? ? What the heck else does he carry in his rig?

The start of 2010, a new beginning - for some, it seemed to be a repeat of times past.

In July, while heading out for Santa Barbara, the Ericksons experienced a problem with their motor home - - it blew a plug or something of that nature. This, however, was a relatively short time required for repair, so they were only delayed one day.

When returning from Kenney Grove after New Year's, Joel's rig began experiencing some sort of problem - unfortunately, the repair required this time was a bit longer. Thus they were only able to come to Valencia on Saturday. Because Bev had not been released to drive after her surgery and Joel doesn't drive a night, they had to leave on or before 3:00 p.m. Thanks for coming, even for a short while.

Although turnout wasn't what we would have liked - we had use of the rec room all day and evening. Good thing, football play-offs ya know! It also kept our poker players very happy. We learned that Marlene Walsh plays poker and joined the group this time cause there was NO SMOKING around the table - - you go girl!

While sitting round chatting with those who had worked the Kampers Breakfast for the AAs in December, we learned that the servers, though quite creative, had a major problem identifying the tables to deliver the attendees' orders. They had numbered Styrofoam cups to indicate which table was which. Didn't seem like a real desirable solution, but with a bit of difficulty they made it work.

Mary Flannery and I set off to find a better (we hoped) solution to the table identification. First stop being Wal-Mart in Valencia - no luck there! We had determined that smallish clay flower pots might be a viable solution as a base - - but then what? Appears that flower pots are a seasonal thing at Wal-Mart - - so the search would continue.

HOWEVER, while a Wal-Mart we learned they had an organization providing Flu Shots. Mary hadn't had hers yet. (Ya ever been with that woman when she's TRYING to make a decision? LOL - I'm surprised she was able to make the decision to marry Mike!) She finally got her shot and we were on our way to find flower pots. AH HA! Michaels - a craft store - - ya think??? Figuring the pots alone weren't much better than Styrofoam cups - what now?

Okay - turn those suckers upside down - add doweling and a cloths pin. HOT DANG - problem solved. Not so fast there buster - - this story could go on for a long while - - but the end result is something I'm quite proud of - - and you can see them at the next AA breakfast while you're helping the crew! ! !

Donna and Ed Colleran were wagon master, but Donna couldn't quite figure out exactly how that happened - appears if you were wagon masters in 2009, it was ASSUMED, you'd be the same in 2010. NOT! As usual they did a fantastic job - - but not again next year!

Donna had chosen "Italian" as her theme for dinner. We truly do have some amazing cooks. Although I'd gotten an "authentic" recipe for spaghetti sauce - - I'm afraid it missed the mark as far as I'm concerned, but everyone else thought it was quite good. Where the heck are Marva/Johnny D when ya need advice.

Having spoken/written about the AA breakfast - - remember folks, this is the Kampers' major fundraiser. If the Kampers are to continue their support of the Lodge, and we certainly want to do that, being crew chief and crew member is NOT brain surgery.

Walt Ogden and crew stepped up to the plate for the December breakfast, but the usual, bouncing back and forth between Joel Erickson and Mike Flannery has become a bit burdensome. **We need help!** Although I was there in January, mainly to "do my thing", it was good that I stuck around. I helped serve, we had ELEVEN tables - almost all full, and several rows of chairs. **I had a blast** - our kitchen crew was turning out the order as fast as they possibly could and two servers weren't enough.

GREAT NEWS - February campout - filled all reserved site - plus YAHOO!

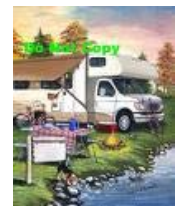
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This year alone, to date, the following Drug Awareness prizes were distributed to the 3rd graders with eager minds, participating in this exciting program:

Elks Drug Awareness Soccer Balls - 105

Elks Drug Awareness Basketballs - 82

Elks Care - Elks Share caribiners with compasses - 250

Elks Drug Awareness Coloring Books - 210

Elks Drug Awareness Elroy the Elk on-line Marvel Comic Teacher Lesson Plans for use during 3rd Grader Information Technology classes - 50

Several LIVE videos have been recorded with the plan of editing and merging segments into an instructional piece which will be included on the GL PR Toolkit and www.elks.org/pr website. The video will also include recognition captured on the Government TV Channel and the televised Pleasant Valley School Boards meeting at which the Superintendent of Schools (Dr. Louis Villegas) discusses the merits and value of the Elks programs to the educational community.

Richard J. Goldner
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National Chairman, Public Relations



L-R Rear
Richard Goldner, Grand Lodge Public Relation Chairman, Elroy,
Luis Villegas, Jr., Pleasant Valley School Superintendant, Terry
Gicking, Exalted Ruler.
The Childrens names requested confidentiality. The children answered questions at the end of the presentation and won Elk Soccer Balls.



It is hard to imagine that it has been less than 18 months since Paul and I walked through the doors of the BPO Elks Lodge #2477 here in Thousand Oaks. When I think of everything that has transpired and all I have learned about the group as well as the members in this short time – who knew?

Who knew that the Elks do so much for the children? There is the Purple Pig, as I've come to know the CHEA Major Project, which helps children with disabilities at no cost to their families. Who knew that through the efforts of the members we help ensure a Merry Christmas throughout the Conejo Valley with food and gifts as well as a Christmas Party hosted by the Elks Ladies with Santa visiting the lodge to hand out additional presents? Who knew that the lodge sponsors two Scouting Troupes, two Cub Packs, three Venture Crews as well as the Girl Scouts throughout our area and countless Eagle Scout activities? Who knew of the thousands of dollars awarded each year in Scholarships right here in the valley? I didn't.

Who knew that the Elks are proactive in the support of our country with activities like the annual Americanism essay contest and the American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Lodge, which highlights the history of our flag? Who knew of the support our lodge provides to the Veteran's with monthly Bingo, hospital visitations, meals, celebrations honoring our Vet's, and who knew that they really mean it when they say "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them"? I didn't.

Who knew that Saturday's there would be a crew at the lodge serving the best tri-tip, chicken or ribs I've tasted since I was in Texas or that the other meals would be so tasty and the time passed filled with camaraderie, commentary and just plain fun? I didn't.

Who knew that the members of the lodge would be such a group of supportive, caring individuals who are a blessing to this community in small and large ways? Or that I would look forward to seeing every face down at the lodge when I'm there? I didn't.

I know – if you're reading this YOU probably knew. Nevertheless, I didn't. I moved to Thousand Oaks in 2003 and had no idea this "home away from home" was here. Fortunately, this gentleman we met as a referral for a landscaping job, asked one day if we'd like to be members and I'm grateful to Rick H. for that moment – more so than the beautiful backyard!

Since our initiation that night, I've had the pleasure of meeting some wonderful folks here and learning about their history both individually and collectively. It's been an education made possible by jumping in with both feet and asking the question: how can I serve? Moreover, while I know more today about this wonderful group of people, I am sure there will be many more opportunities to learn, and I'm humbled by the kindness and consideration shown to me on a daily basis.

I have to say that if there were anything written here that YOU did not know and I've left out a LOT – take some time and check it out – if you discover only half of what I've encountered – you'll be blessed beyond measure.

Thank you...

Sincerely,

Kira Wagner

2009-2010 Inner Guard, Keeper of the Online Calendar, and Co-Webmaster

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Leo Rodriquez

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MEMORIAL SERVICE: Grant Thistle
NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg
KIDS XMAS PARTY: Sally Claunch, PER



GOLF TOURNAMENT: Dave Pearson
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MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member
CHRISTMAS TREES: Terry Baker, Ben Reiger
EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Mike Flannery

THANKS....

As this year-end approaches, we look forward to our new officer corp., and ritual practice beginning. I would like to take the time to say what an honor it has been for me to serve as Lecturing Knight, the station of 'Brotherly Love'. I would like to thank all those members who have volunteered their time and their fantastic support and commitment with the events that come under this station. These events could have never been successful without all of you, the members helping to support the lodge. We cannot do what we need to get done without everyone's help. We had a notable year for new members coming into our lodge, let's make next year even better.

I would like to personally thank all of my Chairperson's and their committee's who worked so hard this past year, your services were not unnoticed:

Grant Thistle for Americanism
 Robert Jones for Flag Day/Flag Retirement
 Rick Herrera for Scholarship
 Scott Dool for Government Relations
 Grant Thistle for Memorial Service
 Jim Kellogg for National Services
 Sally Claunch, PER for Kids Christmas Party
 Every Lodge Member for Membership
 Herb Jellander, Bill Sternberg PER and Terry Baker for Christmas Trees
 Mike Flannery for El Konejo Kampers

I would like to thank Exalted Ruler, Terry Gicking, for having an important effect upon not only the officer corp. under him, but also all of the members of this lodge. He has set an example as to how members working together result in successful accomplishments. I am very privileged to have served under his outstanding leadership.

Please support your officers for the upcoming year no matter who they may be. Without officers we cannot exist. Remember when called upon to serve on a committee, please look at it as your way to support our lodge and all of Elkdom.

I look forward to serving the members as an officer again next year and look forward to another great year for our Lodge.



Jerry Serota, Public Relations

JAY NAU, ER, ELECT
 Grass Valley Elks Lodge #538

Grass Valley Elks Lodge #538 nominated and by acclamation voted in Jay Nau as their Exalted Ruler for the coming year of 2010 - 2011.

Jay was their Chairman of the Board of Trustees when they honored him to be their next Exalted Ruler. Jay is the son of Mitzi and John Nau, PER, 1983-1984. Jay was just seven years old when his dad started in the chairs. Jay eventually joined the Boy Scouts and for his Eagle Project secured Christmas trees, lights and food for 5 families to go with the for Elks Christmas baskets. Money was generated by recycling aluminum cans and there was \$200 left over which was donated to the Elks Major Project, Purple Pig, Aid to Disabled Children.

Jay is in law enforcement and married to Eva, they have 2 children, daughter Emree 9 years old and Jonathan 3.

Going up for his Installation and installing him will be John Nau, PER, and Tom Ryder, PDDGER will be installing one of the officers and Dick Churik who was John's sponsor into Elkdom will be joining them.

Life has milestones and we were lucky to see some of those happy moments come to pass. We are very proud of Jays accomplishments and proud to have a father and son PER and ER elect to point to with pride



The 2010 Elks Training Class with diplomas

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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

The winner of the 50/50 was Patti Serota \$27; Colleen MacFarlane's name was drawn for the bubble and since she was not present the bubble will be worth \$40.00 at the next meeting.

The elections are right around the corner, so please come to the meeting and vote. The ladies running this year are:

- Patricia Peterson – President
- Myrna Block – Vice President
- Alice Kennedy – 2nd Vice President
- Lynn Rodriquez – Secretary
- Charlotte Gessler – Treasurer

Keep March 9th open for the swearing in of the new officers and see who will get this year's appreciation award!

There are so many things that must be done to make a successful event, from making raffle baskets, selling tickets, decorations, food preparation, serving the meal, the list goes on and on. Niki Case has been doing a great job planning the Major Projects Event. We cannot tell you how much your hard work and planning is appreciated. A very special THANK YOU goes out to all the people that helped with the Major Projects event. You are the GREATEST!

We lost one of our long time and very supportive members of the Elks Ladies. Pat Smail passed on Jan. 16th. Our prayers are with Bill and her family. We will miss her.

God Bless,
Alice Kennedy

(l-r) Beth Kozlowski, Niki Case and Pat Peterson at the Lsdies 70's party



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Rubye Metzgus-1
- Angie Prizzi-1
- Phyllis Riding-5
- Dee Ansell-6
- Jeanne Stermolle-23
- Jessica Stull-25



TEMPTATIONS ARE FOREVER
Marilyn Cissell



Temptations are forever, Lord,
that's why you've made us strong.
There will be inward battles,
we will know right from wrong.

So why do we still struggle, God,
You listen to us when we pray.
No matter what our problem is,
we praise you, love you and will obey.

Amen

Thank you note from me to our kitchen help...was Beth's lasagna recipe. Dan Kozlowski and Rich Case baked them. Also thank you Myrna and Jay Block for the great antipasto salad, and our kitchen servers Alice Kennedy and Marilyn Cissell!
Thanks,
Niki Case

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Paul De Nubio-1	Kevin Metzgus-16
Harvey Flam-1	Michael Idol-17
Rubye Metzgus-1	Phillip Johnson-19
Steve Plymale-1	David Puente-19
Leslie Smith-1	Don Peterson-20
John Tapping-1	Douglas Bevan-21
Ronald Collins-5	Denise Byrnes-21
Jack Henry, PER-7	Jay Schmidt-21
Thomas Hartin-8	Gary Erland-22
Mark Rediger-8	Richard Goldner, PDDGER-24
Pete Jackson-10	Kevin Porter-25
George Meehan, PER-10	Robert Revell-25
Bryant Burns-11	Rod Burton-30
Robert Thornton, PDDGER	William Jones-30
Tony Lerner-12	Richard Case-31
Carmine Prizzi-12	
Timothy Kelly-14	
Jerry Kovach-15	



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Exalted Ruler, Terry Gicking, presenting Greg Metzgus, DDGER with a plaque from ENF for his \$1000 donation

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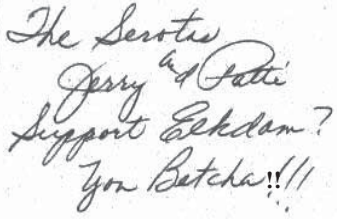











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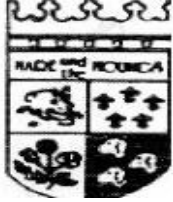
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