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Harry Brockwell
Exalted Ruler



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LET'S DO IT



Dear Colleagues,

I extend a sincere sense of Appreciation for your selecting me to fill the role of Exalted Ruler during our Elk Year, 2010 – 2011.

Many years ago when previously selected for this same position (1987-88), I encountered demands that required my leaving California for my

work. Since then the desire to complete the objective of being the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler has persisted, however there has not been an opportune time that re-entry into the chairs was appropriate. Other times, through the years, would have necessitated interfering with the plans and efforts of others who were pursuing their dedicated commitments and such an action could be offensive to the ideals of Elkdom.

The current year's change of being left without an Exalted Ruler escalating into the job seems tailor made to allow my continuance. When suggested, I could not afford to let the opportunity escape, and will expend my energies towards generating the favorable image the Lodge deserves. With now Past Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking preceding me and having established routines that have been working very well, and coupled with his dedication, we can all expect life in and around the Lodge should run smoothly.

PER Terry's encouragement and expressed support for this action is most appreciated, and respected. His willingness, and suggestions of guiding me during my days of becoming operationally reacquainted is beyond measurable value.

Truthfully, he can afford this luxury because of the quality of other Lodge Officers with whom he leaves me among. Individually, and collectively, their commitment to representing our Lodge with the highest sense of decorum exists. In our processes determining such valued things as committee chairs; developing Educational schemes to improve the Lodge's operational functions; and displaying an exuberant esprit de corps; each has demonstrated their eagerness towards seeing improvements within the Lodge's persona. I am confident each Lodge Brother will come to realize the benefits these leaders will be bringing forth on their behalf. A very special vote of thanks to Brothers Stephen Smith and Leo Rodriguez, along with Ms. Kira Wagner, our Lodge's side knights.

Providing the side knights and me with their respective business background and observations are our Trustees led by the Board's Chairman David Pearson. Having them in place to review budgetary concerns and contributing their operations experiences will undoubtedly add to the clout and intensity our leadership corps will use.

Special regards to our newly elected Trustee, Mr. Carl Lanterman. We are confident he too will be contributing with a sense of dignity to be enjoyed by all. A farewell needs to be extended to a long timed friend Tom Hartin, who has stepped down from his position which is now being filled by Mr. Lanterman. He is not leaving the confines of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge membership – just kicking back to enjoy the pearls, and perils, of membership without the pressures of being a Lodge Officer. Good luck, TOM!

Our presence and being is somewhat cloistered in its makeup. And while not being tribal I wish to consider that our family of Past Exalted Rulers (PER's) is akin to a comforting council of elders. They have probably

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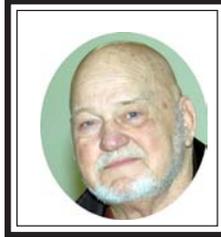
2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



EXALTED RULER
Harry Brockwell

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ELKS TRAINING: Terry Gicking, PER
BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS: Dick McCann
MEDIATOR: Max Maxwell

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experienced all that we will encounter, and their first hand experiences should be able to contribute significantly to our needs, when remedies are being sought.

Many of them I have known for a long periods of time.

Many have given warm reception to new ideas already exposed to them for endorsement. For our Lodge to function with real strength of purpose, their imprimaturs will be needed from time to time. Special requests to them for review, and support should confirm some of the successes of now PER Terry Gicking in honoring his theme of acknowledging our history as being a part of today.

The wisdom we will need from these recognized components of our Order suggests new methodologies for our continued, and growing, accomplishments. The first enhancement we envision is an acute spike in special Education of how to compete successfully with other businesses in the neighborhood whose competitive postures erode our needed profitability. Improved profit seeking hospitality techniques will assure us of a better, more reliable, source of income.

Developing a team concept to better apply our desires in the area of community outreach efforts must be high on our list of "wannabes." A program for better in-Lodge communications, and better person-to-person relationships improving our skills to augment each other's desires and hopes will be presented for all to enjoy. Worthy ideas to pursue are coming in regularly. In next month's Antler Antics we will unveil a comprehensive schedule detailing some of the newbies; and some of the individuals being asked to pursue excellence in acquiring the knowledge and images we deserve with special programs.

As of now, we're still in the search mode for finding those who desire to commit to chairing a committee. We will endeavor to provide each volunteer a description of expectations when, and before, establishing an appointment. This is OUR Lodge, and therefore all are entitled to the dignity of knowing what they are expected to do before committing to meet the Lodge's needs. Our ambition is to

have a different active member chairperson for each defined committee. The sizes of committees will be determined by the appointed chairperson.

OUR LODGE NEEDS YOU – NOW!

We have some extraordinary people with fantastic talents let's establish the keys to mixing and matching them to become the finest Elks Lodge on the west coast.

Thank you for being a member here in Thousand Oaks!

Harry Brockwell, Exalted Ruler

THE SECOND TIME AROUND IS LOVELIER

His Elk service began after joining our Lodge in 1980, becoming Esquire in 1984 and progressing through the chairs, becoming Exalted Ruler 1987-1988. Roughly six months into his term work demanded a move to Las Vegas, thus not allowing him to complete the year as Exalted Ruler. Since his return, he has maintained his membership and has served on special assignments for the Exalted Ruler. This year allowed Harry the unique opportunity for to fulfill a full term as Exalted Ruler.

On a personal note he and Madeleine have been married almost 49 years and have two children- Scott and Yvonne and the apple of grandpa's eye Madeleine, named after grandma.

Harry has also served his country as a member of United States Air Force and the culinary world as a nationally known award winning chef. He is a published food writer and a Southern California based foodservice consultant who focuses on writing about diverse foods, related industry topics and recipe development. Among his many culinary affiliations is the ACF/Channel Islands chefs Association, American Academy of Chefs and The Culinary Historians of Southern California.

In addition, Harry is the immediate past chairman of the Family and Consumer Sciences Statewide Advisory Committee for the California Community Colleges system, member of six advisory committees for California secondary and post secondary education and writer for two industry email forums.

2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LEADING KNIGHT Steve Smith	2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG: David Naccarato, PER SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Carl Lanterman INVESTIGATION: Bob Arbetman ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Tom Ryder, PDDGER HOSPITALITY: Catherine Koeritz, PER		CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Steve Smith INDOCTRINATION: Terry Gicking, PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.: David Naccarato, PER CVAC: Tom Hartin COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Paul Wagner CHARITY DINNERS: Steve Smith

LET THE FUN BEGIN!!!!

Hello, everyone and welcome to a new Elk year. With Charity being the motto of this station my main focus this year will be fundraisers. I hope to make them fun and adventurous. I have already scheduled a mystery bus tour. Mark your calendars early for October 16, 2010. We will be heading in a completely new direction this year. Since we will probably be organizing this trip with the Simi Valley Lodge be prepared to make your reservations early as soon as they become available because we expect tickets to sell quickly. A sign-up and prepayment list will be available behind the bar soon.

I am also working with our contact at Santa Anita race track in order to organize another day at the races. As of the writing of this article we have been playing phone tag and a date has not yet been set; however we anticipate the third Sunday in March 2011.

Does anyone remember Laughlin? This is another trip I am organizing. Mark your calendars for August 22, 2010. This will be a two-night three-day trip at the Edgewater. Look for that sign-up list and prepayment roster behind the bar as well.

In addition to our regularly scheduled ENF fundraiser it is my hope to schedule two additional fund-raising dinners for ENF. I am hoping to make these dinners themed events. Now mind you, I am notorious for trying to pack 10 pounds of sand in an 8 pound bag. The list of events I have just mentioned has actually been trimmed down from my initial wish list. Nonetheless, I hope that these events along with our regular fundraisers throughout the year will create a more active and vibrant atmosphere in our Lodge.

Much of the money raised from these efforts will be used to boost our ENF commitment. However, I expect to earmark a significant portion of the funds to other causes as well; such as Veterans (Mystery Bus Tour), Purple Pig (Day at the Races) and Scouting (Laughlin trip).

Now let me say that I am honored to have been selected as your Leading Knight. I will make every effort to commit to this position and provide the

membership with the service they deserve. Congratulations to our Exalted Ruler, Harry Brockwell. The timing and circumstances were perfect for Harry to bring this chapter of his life as an Elk to a close. Harry's knowledge and experience will no doubt provide our Lodge with yet another growth pattern that will enhance the enjoyment and pride of our membership. I look forward to learning from his organizational skills which should provide our Lodge with a solid foundation, emphasis on committees.

Speaking of committees, I strongly urge you, especially this year with Harry's guidance, to become involved at the committee level. And to our newer members, this would be an excellent opportunity to be a part of the charitable works of your Lodge.

God bless you all and I look forward to working with you in the coming Elk year.



ER, Terry Gicking, presented Heather Maddox with a watch for sponsoring 11 new members



ER, Terry Gicking, presented Chuck Kudra and Catherine Koeritz with a certificate for sponsoring 3 new members

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

2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LOYAL KNIGHT

Leo Rodriquez

2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LODGE ACTIVITIES: Sally Claunch, PER
SCOUTING: Bill Miller
HOOPSHOOT: Abe Gamble
WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Leo Rodriquez
DRUG AWARENESS: John Moran
SOCCER SHOOT: Bryant Burns



MOTHER'S DAY: Rick Herrera
WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Rick Eddy
LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION: Tom Hartin
PRESIDING JUSTICE: Richard McCann
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox

First of all I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to become your 2010-2011 Loyal Knight.

This year we have changed our meeting to twice a month and that will probably make it a little harder to get information out to everyone. So everyone should try to make sure to come the meetings and enjoy the company of all the other members in having fun on Wednesday nights.

As Loyal Knight the responsibility of the kitchen will be under this station, so I would like have anyone that can help putting on a great meal on a Friday evening to contact me or just to let me know that you would like to volunteer to help on a Sunday breakfast. As you can see I am working my way up to ask you kind people to help with a Wednesday meeting night meal. Please contact me with the date you might be available to put on a meal.

I will try to inform you about some of the other duties that fall under this station as the year goes on and on how you might be able to assist in helping me do a better job. Should anyone have any suggestions about anything that will help me please don't hesitate to talk to me, and I will listen.

April will be a busy month, Easter Sunday, tax deadline, and ritual contest. This being my first communication as Loyal Knight I have touched on some of the responsibilities that I have to get done, but I know with your willingness to help me I will survive. See you at our Wednesday meeting nights.

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

*generous Elks for the donation of furniture in the Anteroom

*Boyd Lindquist and John Peterson for overseeing the roofing project contracts



Elks - Partners In Scouting

On Sunday afternoon March 7th our Lodge hosted a Blue and Gold dinner for Cub Scout Pack 3785 from Westlake, CA. They had a very good turnout and lots of fun was had by all - including a few Elks who wandered in for a taste of the winning entries in the kids/dads annual cake decorating contest.

Other Lodge Scouting activities included our brand new Venture Crew #9999 Drum Line in Simi Valley who entered their first ever competition on Saturday, March 6th AND WON FIRST PLACE IN THEIR DIVISION! They often have local fund raisers for equipment, uniform expenses and competition entry fees and we will post information regarding those as received. Your support is encouraged.

At the Jan 30th Cub Scout PowWow training day. Our Lodge #2477 furnished 120 BBQ tri-tip sandwiches and chips for the event. Helpers (from the Lodge) included Bill Dyer, Al Hardie, Bill Sternberg, Jeri Miller and the PER BBQ team. The sandwiches were quickly devoured.

Bill Miller, Lodge 2477 Scouting Chair.

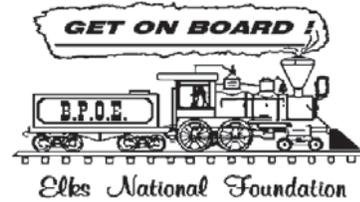


COMING ATTRACTIONS



April 4-Bugsy's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
 April 25- Chili Cook Off
 April 28-May 2-Conejo Valley Days

 May 10-Mother's Day Brunch



**THOUSAND OAKS ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION
 2009-2010**

YOU THE THOUSAND OAKS ELKS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS HAVE EXCEEDED THE GRAND EXALTED RULERS GOAL OF \$4.50 PER MEMBER ! !

A great big THANK YOU to all OF YOU who supported ENF for this lodge year! Be proud of yourselves. Thousand Oaks per capita is first in the District and 16th (out of 177 Lodges) in the California- Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA)

Donations recorded at Grand Lodge thru February 28:

Donated;	\$4,755 for a per capita of \$13.74
Additional donations have been received;	
Thousand dOaks PERs	\$500
ThousandOaks Elks Ladies	\$200
DavePearson	\$100
SallyClaunch	\$100
Julie Cook	\$20
GregMetzgus	\$ 17
Wed March 10 Meeting Charity Pot	\$ 93

This brings Thousand Oaks totals for the year to:
 Donated; \$5,785 for a per capita of \$16.72
 I personally refer to ENF as the "Elks Helping Hand". From your donations, ENF provides money for Scholarships, Drug Awareness programs, Youth Activities, Veterans programs, Elks Community projects and General community projects. These funds are made available to the State Association and to the Lodges. At the Lodge level money is provided as Grants. A lodge has to request and justify to Grand Lodge ENF Programs Appropriations as to how the money is to be used in order to receive a Grant. Money is available for our Elks projects all you have to do is ask for a Grant! They look at lodge per capita donations when they review requested grants. A lodge can get back more money then they donated!

An often overlooked scholarship is known as an Emergency Educational Grant (EEG). The EEG was created to help families where a parent is deceased or has become totally disabled and their student is in financial need to continue their college education.

Tom Ryder –PDDGER – ENF Chairman

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-494-0330

Carl Lanterman

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Dick McCann's son has colon cancer; our Armed Forces fighting to keep us free

ON THE MEND: Ginny Gabel, Jim Kellogg

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!



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

- *House Committee meets the second Wed. of the month at 7:30 p.m.**
- *Trustees meet the second Wed. at 6 p.m.**
- *Your input is valued.. Your attendance is welcomed. Come for dinner and stay for the meeting.**

ENTERTAINMENT



April 2-One Last Dance
 April 3-Karaoke 3-6 pm
 April 11-Karaoke 3-6 pm
 April 18-Power Bingo
 April 30- One Last Dance



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
 bringing your Easter baskets for the hunt

FREE--ALL INVITED

EASTER BUNNY
 EGG HUNT
 SODAS

PINTA
 CANDY
 PRIZES



PASTA - BILITY BAR

APRIL 2ND

\$10

*FEATURING MEAT AND
 MEATLESS ENTREES

*SALAD

*GARLIC BREAD

*DESSERT



BY PER GALS AND PALS
 CATHERINE & SALLY

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS

496-4550

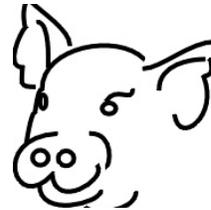
LIMITED TO 80 DINNERS

April 28th -Wednesday

Ritual Team Hosts....

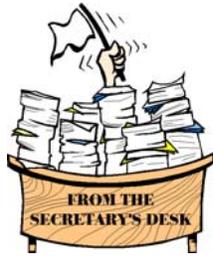
first 4th Wed. nite dinner

featuring pulled pork \$7



All proceeds go to Purple Pig





Dave Naccarato, PER



As we are entering a new Elk year I want to remind you that we are a private club. If the front door is propped open, we are no longer private. Please keep the doors closed. I understand we are having some special events that require entry of non members. However at all other times the door closed. Besides the dead bolt is cracking our door jam. (maintenance crew).

Also Terry Gicking and this lodge has had a good year in bringing in new members. Some members that have not been around awhile are coming back also. Be prepared, if the bartender or duty officer does not recognize you, you may be asked for your membership card. Please it's nothing personal. They are just doing what the house committee has instructed them to do.

If you bring in guests, the member must buy the drinks. Also members sign in your guests when entering the lounge. Thank you! That is all.

The Dues notices for 2010-2011 have been mailed and the office is receiving them daily. We are processing them in a one day turn around. If your card is missing a sticker you would like on it give me a call to see if we have that one and I will get it to you. We do have the "Veteran" sticker in the office. Along with The dues notice was a reminder of other charities we are involved with. Many of you gave extra to these programs and we want to thank you and have you get recognized for it. Those who gave to the Major Project or Purple Pig will be on the honor roll. Here are members that donated to the Elks National Foundation "ENF"

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Cherri Peterson | Tommy Claunch |
| John Peterson | Jay Schmidt |
| Steve Smith | Bill Von Wittenburg |
| Rubye Metzgas | |
| Steve Ftnnerty | |
| Salvatore Argo | |
| Jerry Serota | |
| Dennis Anderson | |
| Bobby Williams | |
| Stephen Buczynski | |
| Louis Thomas | |
| Doug Carroll | |
| Eugene Letourneau | |
| Jerry Gilmore | |
| Ken Keeler | |
| Thomas Knibbs | |

Thanks everyone for your continuing support of the Ronald McDonald House pull tab program. Thanks to the Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley Elks I was able to deliver 36 pounds of pull tabs, plus several bags of toiletries to the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House. The known contributors last month were the Metzgas family, Julie Upshaw, Dorothy (Big Mama) Murray, Abe & Carol Gamble, David MacFarlane, Jim & Lee Wiens, Dee Swanson, Georgia Vargo – Otto, John & Sharon Mello, Joel & Beverly Erickson and John Hermanio from Aspen School. And many un-marked bags. Thanks to all.

Remember all donations large or small count.

Gerry Gillies

YOUR LODGE SERVING



OUR COMMUNITY

- *Attending and participating in B.S.A. Eagle Court of Honor
- *Hosting at the Lodge Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinner
- *Providing monthly outing and activities for veterans at Sepelveda and Santa Paula facilities
- *Having leadership roles in Conejo Valley Days planning committee

BE PART OF THE ELK VOLUNTEER TEAM

CALL THE OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE



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. **CALL THE OFFICE TO RSVP , IF ATTENDING THE DINNER**

David Naccarato, PER Secretary

5 Year

David Anderson #2107
 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 Ayrall #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

Terry Baker #1688
 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

5 Year-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 #169
- 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**

**NEWEST MEMBERS OF CENTURY
AND 52 CLUBS**



Dorothy Murray and Robert Jones-Century Club



Max Maxwell, Debbie Irish, Kira and Paul Wagner and Kirin Spreights 52 Club



B. S. A. HISTORY

David Naccarato, PER

For the past Antlers I've been printing some of the history of the lodge. Scouting is a big part of our Lodge and in Elkdom. Scouting is celebrating their 100th anniversary. Here is some Scouting history:

- *1905 Daniel Carter Beard created a program called the Son's of Daniel Boone. He had from 2,000 to 20,000 boys joining and organized themselves into "forts" or now known as "troops" or "dens"
- * 1908, Baden Powell published "Scouting for Boys" and formally launch the Boy Scout Movement.
- *Around 1902 Ernest Thompson Seton started the "Woodcraft Indians" and over 8 years 100,000 to 200,000 boys joined the group.
- * 1906 Ernest Thompson met Daniel Carter in London and to make a long story short they put their heads together and came up with the Boy Scouts of America. Seton becomes Chief Scout while Beard and others became National Scout Commissioners.
- * Feb.8 1910 William D. Boyce incorporates the Boy Scouts of America.
- *1911 34 year old Washington, D. C. attorney James West becomes the first Chief Scout Executive.
- *1911 BSA publishes 300,000 copies of the first edition of the "Handbook for Boys"
- *1912 Arthur R. Eldred of Troop 1 in Oceanside, NY becomes the first Eagle Scout.
- *1912 Sea Scouting is established to serve older Scouts interested in boating.
- *1912 BSA purchases Boy's Life Magazine, which had been started a year earlier by George S. Barton of Massachusetts.
- *1913 Norman Rockwell is hired as an illustrator for Boy's Life
- *1913 Scouting magazine debuts
- *1913 registration of Scouts begins; the annual fee is 25 cents
- *1913 The U.S. Congress votes unanimously to give the BSA a federal charter. Scouting publishes the first 57 merit badge pamphlets containing topics such as camping, conservation, invention, and automobiling.
- *1917-1918 In support of the war effort, Scouts plant 12,000 victory gardens, sell more than \$355 million in liberty loan bonds and war saving stamps, collect 100 railroad cars of nut hulls and peach pits for gas-mask manufacture. Rotary International becomes the first service club to sponsor Boy Scout Troops.
- *1919 President Woodrow Wilson establishes National Boy Scout Week.
- *1920 The BSA send 301 Scouts to the first world Scout Jamboree in England where they join Scouts from 33 other countries.

*1923 The Hibbing Area Council in Minnesota begins organizing canoe trips into the boundary waters along the U.S.-Canada border that evolve into the Northern Tier High Adventure Program.

*1924 Scouts with physical disabilities earn the first achievement badges that take their disabilities into account, offering then a separate path to the first Class rank. Norman Rockwell paints the first of his Boy Scout calendars, showing a uniformed scout bandaging a puppy's leg.

*1925 Membership in the BSA tops 1 million.

*1926 The first Buffalo awards are presented for distinguished service to youth. Receipts include Powell, Beard and Boyce.

Our Lodge has a mascot the Purple Pig. We also have a resident cat that keeps the mouse population down to a minimum. The cat's name is "Dork"

Now don't get me wrong this cat is unlike any cat I've seen but let me tell you about this cat.

This cat sleeps about 20 hours a day. His food is prepared for him. He can eat whenever he wants 24/7.

His meals are provided at no cost. He visits the Doctor once a year for his check up, and again during the year if any medical needs arise.

For this he pays nothing, and nothing is required of him.

He lives in a nice neighborhood in a house that is much larger than he needs, but he is not required to do any upkeep.

If he makes a mess, someone else cleans it up.

He has his choice of luxurious places to sleep. Like Terry's bed

He receives these accommodations absolutely free.

He's living like a king, and has absolutely no expenses whatsoever.

All of his costs are picked up by others who go out and earn a living every day. I was thinking about all this and I thought we call him "Dork"????

David Naccarato PER

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Latest graduates of Elk Training- Cheryl Templeton, Bill Kirin Spreights



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

THE CALIFORNIAN RV PARK AT ACTON IN

Although we had snow last year and some of us were hoping for snow again - - not this year. The weather was quite tolerable.

The operators of this park are so accommodating it's mind boggling. Although I had taken some Valentine decorations, they weren't one bit necessary. The staff had the room totally decorated right down to Valentine themed table coverings.

When Margaret Thornton began feeling not so good, (she doing fine now) Bob determined they needed to leave early Friday morning - we were not charged for their space. Nearly unheard of in the RV Camping world.

The Leadams were scheduled to come, but early in the week John was having a health problem and had to cancel. Hope you're doing well now, John.

The vehicle gremlins continue to plague the group. I had several errands in this area before driving our Saturn to Acton. Hardly limped in to the Simi Post Office parking lot. Long story short - after being towed to our faithful mechanic, the alternator being replaced, I finally arrived about 7 p.m. Wednesday. AAARRRRGGGHHHHH!

Thursday morning Joe and Judy Numtusak came smoking - literally - into the Park at a snails pace. Then they were off to a nearby diesel mechanic - for a relatively uncomplicated repair.

Come Monday morning, getting ready to depart, the Drake's tow car developed a major (?) problem, the tow company arrived and after a while was able to get the car attached to their motor home so they could get it back to Simi.

ENOUGH ALREADY - - OKAY? ? ? ?

Back to the fun and games.

I've often commented on our "eclectic group" of Kampers. We all know what a "worrier" Mary Flannery can be. This time it was Doris Newcomer. Got a phone call from her after she'd heard that Acton was being evacuated and insisted I call the Park to find out what the situation might be. I told her the burn area of Acton was WAY east of the Park, had to call anyway to make sure. It's OKAY Doris, if anything the evacuees would be coming to the park - not leaving.

Speaking of Mary and Doris - the Newcomers had not more than parked their rig on Thursday and Mary was instigating a visit to a local Margarita watering hole. Off they went - they sure have a good time.

The poker players had a good time in the Rec room, at one point Bill came back to the rig looking like he'd lost his last friend. However, after all was said and done, he became a happy Kamper, having won the two last pots. OH Mary Flannery AGAIN - the woman gets nearly hysterical over BIRDS. Out on the patio there was a very tame dove (I think). She was all over the place trying to avoid that poor little bird. A hummingbird gave her the "terrors" also.

It was very fortunate she wasn't in with the poker players when the bird came in and perched on Don Newcomer's head. Don was able to carefully stand and slowly move to the open door to remove the bird from the room. Could you just imagine the hysteria that would have provoked. LOL.

It was great to have Carrol and Pete Stewart out with us again. I had a stacked rack of bowls with handles in the raffle. Thought there was gonna be a cat fight over those. Doris wanted them too. I was being badgered by both FRIENDS - if I won them they each wanted them (I'd have thrown my ticket back). Thank goodness I didn't have to deal with that problem Carrol drew the first number - - HER OWN. Whew - escaped that uncomfortable position. BUT I did know where the set was purchased in Napa - and fortunately found them online, ON SALE, in a local World Market for Doris. I think everyone was happy and I was off the hook!

Seems luck prevailed for another Kamper. Wednesday nite, the Erickson's small electric heater - DIED. Come raffle time, yes I had one, Joel won it. Guess you'd say the raffle made several people very happy.

We sometimes wonder about Joel's sense of humor - as sheriff, he did an awesome job.

He'd learned that Jessica Stull had received a kitten for Christmas. Yup brought KC along in his carrier, safely strapped in with a seat belt - with Jessica sitting next to carrier, reassuring KC - everything was fine.

Saturday nite, I was pooped but Deb Drake is a fantastic organizer - got the Left, Right, Cup game going on in the Rec room and I believe it lasted quite a while. Thanks Deb

Eight of us stayed over Sunday nite, again at Mary Flannery's instigation, we all went to Don Cucos for dinner. Great planning Mary.

JUST HAVE TO COMPLIMENT OUR BREAKFAST CREW. Joel & Bev Erickson, Sally and Tommy Claunch, Mike and Mary Flannery, Patty and Jimmy Miller (he makes an awesome omelet) Ed Colleran (come in from North Hollywood, Doris Newcomer and ME! The blueberry pancakes are a tremendous hit, also. These people hustle their hinney-boos off. Again, I had an absolute blast serving. The AAs are SO appreciative - and I leave feeling so good - I'll more than likely become a regular - providing we're in town and my hands & arms hold up.

FOLKS - this group REALLY NEEDS SOME RELIEF. How about it - again this is not brain surgery, and personally I find the reward more than worth the effort.

PLEASE LEND A HAND!

Hope to see ya'll REAL SOON!

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A representation of the majestic head of the male, with its spreading antlers, was adopted as the first badge of the Order, and is still the most conspicuous element of its copyrighted fraternal emblem

We all know the value of volunteering for any organization, and Thousand Oaks Elks are "top cabin" in that area. We are grateful for all of you that have given your time and talent for events and projects throughout the year. We would not be able to provide activities and give to charities if you were not active members of our Elk family for the past 38 years

Our members have willingly put in many hours to activities so we could raise money for our charities. Elks National Foundation and the Major Project are the biggest charities we fund. Plus we raise money at the Charity Ball to fund our Christmas Cheer Program. The ENF program funds many other programs including Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot Contest Soccer Shoot Contest, Veterans Service Commission, Scholarship programs and Grants to State Associations. Last year Elks donated \$6,459.467 and the program spent \$14,486.639 in touching only the interest. And I can't say enough about our Barbecue teams that cook at the lodge every Saturday. Its through them that this lodge is in the black. Each person participating in these programs richly deserves recognition.

The New Elk Year is upon us - **HERE WE GO AGAIN.**
David Naccarato, PER, Secretary



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Here we are starting the 2010-2011 year and I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Lecturing Knight this coming year. It has been exciting to jump in and see what would happen – little did I know. But then, as I wrote last month, “who knew”?

I am happy to be working with our committee chairs to further the support of our youth and Veteran’s in the area as well as being grateful for those of you who fill these positions, you bring continuity and effectiveness to the inner workings of our lodge.

I would like to offer my congratulations and best wishes to our new Exalted Ruler Harry Brockwell. I’m looking forward to serving with and getting to know him as well as continuing to work with Leo and Steve and keeping the membership growing.

Reflecting on the charge of the Lecturing Knight: “Let us do good unto others for we pass this way but once. We cannot retrace our steps nor call back the days that are gone, but the passing moment is our long enough to grasp a hand in friendship, to lighten each other’s burdens, to bring rest to the weary and to comfort those who mourn. This is Brotherly Love.” We have 525,600 minutes a year to make a difference in someone’s life. Within the life of our lodge circle, we have almost 400 members and their families; that is a lot of smiles, good wishes, warm handshakes and shoulders to lean on. Moreover, each person I’ve met has exemplified the essence of Brotherly Love. Thank you again.

Should you need to reach me for any reason I’m no further than an email, kira@kirawagner.com or a phone call, 805.405.5127.

Here’s to another incredible year!

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



A first---Robert Koeritz 4 Year Trustee became an honorary member of the Elk Ladies. Who will be next????



Geri Miller basking in the spotlight as being chosen at receiving the Elk Ladies Appreciation Award

Did you Know?

- The Elks provided over \$160 million in charitable works last year.
- Over \$3.4 million in college scholarships is awarded annually by the Elks.

2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	THE ELKS LADIES Patricia Peterson	2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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I just love spring. This is a wonderful time of year, new beginnings for the Elks and Ladies new officers and life itself. Eggs, blossoming flowers and newborn animals all symbolize newness and rebirth, all apart of spring. April 4th is Easter this year and the lodge will be having their Easter Egg Hunt. Have you ever wondered about a bunny bringing colored eggs?

About the Easter Bunny:

According to legend, the pagan goddess Eostre (goddess of spring and fertility) took pity on a wounded bird that was no longer able to fly. She transformed it into a white hare (an animal near and dear to her heart) and blessed it with the ability to lay eggs in all the colors of the rainbow, but only one day a year. When the hare later angered the goddess Eostre, she banished it to the stars as the constellation Lepus at the foot of Orion the hunter. The hare was only permitted to return to earth on Eostre's feast day each year to distribute its special eggs to the children.

Come join in the fun of the Easter Bunny's Egg Hunt. At our last meeting, the winner of the 50/50 was Patty Serota and Shirley Kozlowski was the winner of the bubble drawing for \$40. Next month's drawing is worth \$20.

Come out and meet the new board.
 Patricia Peterson – President
 Myrna Block 1st Vice President
 Alice Kennedy – 2nd Vice President
 Lynn Rodriguez – Secretary
 Charlotte Gessler - Treasurer
 Hope to see you at our next meeting.
 God Bless.
 Alice Kennedy

Mare Adornetto the seventh Elks Ladies President passed away in Las Vegas. She had been experiencing poor health the last few years. A gold seal has been placed on her picture hanging in the Anteroom

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ginny McNaboe-14
 Mertice Nichols-14
 Theresa Kingsland-21



NATURE GOD'S PERFECT CREATION

Sleeping plants now bursting forth,
 Awakened by our God's sweet rain.
 Long stemmed buds toss gentle heads,
 And soon, with spring, will bloom again.



God's majesty now magnified,
 His beauty in nature we'll proclaim.
 And thank him for such blessings,
 To glorify his holy name.
 Amen



Congratulations Elk Ladies officers(l-r) Alice Kennedy, Lynn Rodriquez, Myrna Block and Pat Peterson

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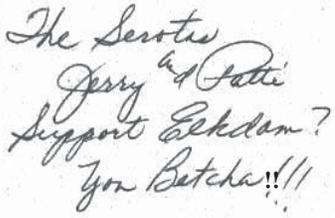


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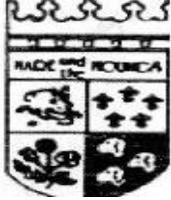
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