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Exalted Ruler



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LET'S DO IT

HAPPY 
Mother's
DAY

May 9th

Champagne Brunch

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$12 adults

\$6 children under 10



Special Mother's Day Program

11 a.m.

flowers for mothers in attendance

2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



EXALTED RULER
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WHY ?

WHY is often called the keystone of journalism's five frequently referred to W's representing Who, What, Why, When, Where and sometimes How.

It gained the title of "keystone" because when people understand WHY some decisions, changes, and new ideas become reality they don't feel the fear which is commonplace when change occurs. You've heard it said many times, "I don't agree, but I do understand why this is happening." That kind of remark is typically offered by someone who has learned the rationale applied when such a change was introduced and considered.

Change does not come easy. Generally when a change is suggested it gets fair opposition and is discussed long before agreements are reached bringing it to reality.

In completing this time honored process mistakes will happen. If such occurs, there is no need to begin a back biting campaign questioning the integrity of those who participated in the process – I assure you, no one I have ever met has awakened to a new day with the conscious thought of screwing something up. Whether they are elected into their job here in **OUR** Lodge, or appointed, they share a common trait with every other Lodge member – they want to bring benefits that we all may enjoy together.

When a mistake happens, and apparent prevailing values to the Lodge can be ascertained differently, resources are available for members to initiate reversing any determined action. Simply bring the issue and its remedy to the floor of the Lodge at the first appropriate general meeting. We must not forget the Lodge rules and if you are able to convince the general membership a not worthy situation is the result of any decision, that choice can be reversed.

This is **OUR** Lodge! Every member has a voice in developing what benefits we develop and provide. To allow others to ruin our attitudes through disfiguring or disparaging comments only contributes to a lack of pride and purpose. That is just another form of slow suicide.

I ask, and encourage you, adopt the same attitude towards Lodge needs you envisioned in your first week of membership. After all, it is **YOUR** Lodge! We all know what it takes to improve it. Now, let's do it!

Some weeks back, during the scrambling time of finding committee chairpersons and remedying officer positions needing appointments, those committed at the time gathered and shared in some expert knowledge from Zoologists suggesting the reason why ducks fly in a "V" formation. It is to extend their flock's flying time, and thereby gain more distance per flight.

In many management seminars since the nineteen sixties seminar participants have learned that when ducks fly in this fashion they gain as much as 74% more distance per flight. An amazing thought – 74% more effectiveness and distance each time they take to the air.

WHY this happens is that ducks in flight take turns at leading the group and the "V" formation allows resistant wind to pass over their outside wing thereby creating a drafting effect for the next duck in line. The lead duck is the only one who faces a headwind and for that position in the formation a new duck rotates to that position every twenty minutes or so of flying time.

Frequently, an attitude of, "Who gives a flip about flying ducks?" exists. Hunters seemingly want to believe they are being flown over just to avoid their shooting, even if they've baited the known rest stop of the ducks, but in truth this little story tells us that everyone who accepts the added responsibilities of a committee, or another lead position, is in truth the leader of the pack when they are called upon to face the group's (Lodge's) headwind **continued on page 13**

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LAUGHLIN HERE WE COME

Greetings everyone. I hope you all had a good Easter. Easter Sunday was certainly a beautiful day to be enjoyed with family and friends. And speaking of enjoyment, for those who missed it, I must tell you that the inaugural ball was a gala event. And I am especially grateful for the support shown by those PERs who attended the event. And George, thank you for your encouragement, and support.

As I mentioned in last month's article we have planned a trip to the Edgewater Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. Tickets are currently on sale behind the bar. The first two people to sign up are Dick and Gina Johnson.

The Laughlin trip will begin Sunday morning, August 22. We plan to offer the opportunity for you to purchase a breakfast prior to departure, if you so desire. Once we are under way, of course the bar lamp is on. Beverages will begin flowing, and hopefully we will not have to stop at the liquor store at Hampshire Road and Thousand Oaks Blvd. We'll make the usual stops along the way. There will be a couple of stops for potty breaks and smokes as well as one for an afternoon meal. During the trip we'll have fun and games along the way with prizes for the winners and the satisfaction that a good cause was served by those who do not win.

Upon our arrival at the Edgewater, we check in, and the fun begins. Remember there is a buffet dinner included in this trip. I do not know exactly how it will be organized. It will probably be a voucher for each individual to eat at the time they so desire. Come Tuesday morning, we load up and head for the Lodge. Again, we'll have the usual stops for personal needs breakes and smokes. There will also be the usual stop, I believe in Little Rock. Upon our arrival at the Lodge, Chuck Bush will have a pot roast dinner waiting for us as we sit down and count our winnings. I hope you'll join us. I'm sure it will be a fun time. And remember, this is for a good cause- scouting.

Don't forget Mother's Day is just around the corner. I, as most other people, have only one mother.

Let's make sure we honor them appropriately with the love they deserve as they have loved us all of our lives. As Rick Herrera is our Mother's Day chairman I'm sure he will be planning something very special.

Also in May, comes the CHEA convention. This will be my first experience with such an event. I intend to represent our Lodge in the most dignified and honorable fashion possible. I will make every effort to absorb as much knowledge about Elkdom at this level as possible. I look at this as an opportunity to prepare myself to assume even greater responsibilities in service of the membership of our Lodge. I pledge to you that my effort will be utmost.

I will also be looking for new opportunities for our Lodge to prosper and grow as a formidable entity in our community. As a community service organization in the Conejo Valley we have made our footprint. It is time for that presence to grow. This I believe is Exalted Ruler, Harry Brockwell's goal. With proactive committee action, this can be a reality. Please join us in this endeavor. Give of your time. Help this footprint grow and grow and grow and grow.



As you know when you bring a guest into the lodge, you and you alone are responsible for him or her. The IRS or ABC can send any of their agents in at any time. When you use your key card to gain entry and are asked to to show it again at the bar it's imperative that you do so. Do not get upset at the person or persons asking for your card, just reach in your wallet or purse, and show it. This holds true even though the bartenders or officers may ask you more than once. Thank you for your cooperation.

David Naccarato, PER Lodge Secretary

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

Where does the time go to? Another month, so many things to do and so little time. As, we all know the first week of May has been designated as Elks Youth Appreciation Week. On May the 7th we will be having our annual Youth Appreciation dinner to honor our scholarship winners, scouts, and essay contest winners. We have sent out invitations to our local leaders to join us in celebrating the best and brightest young people in our community. Every member should make an effort to come and celebrate this wonderful occasion.

It is also the time to remember all the wonder things about our mothers and how much they did for us, for some they still do. With Mother's Day approaching mark on your calendars for our Mothers Day brunch buffet here at the lodge.

As lodge activities and lodge entertainment are under my station this year, I am open to any assistance in selecting what we might want to do or have in our lodge this year. We do have good activities and entertainment in our lodge but I would like to have some that would bring more of our membership here to enjoy, so if you have any suggestions or recommendations please let me know what you as members would like to do

Ritual Contest in Paso Robles will be over, and the results are not available as I write this article but I know that with all the help from Dave Naccaraato, Richard Goldner, and Tom Ryder, we will do very well.

Last but not least, remember should you get the urge to cook, we are still looking for any one that would like to cook Friday night dinner or to help in the kitchen. Feel free to contact me or our kitchen facilitator Corrine Richeson.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Jim Wagner, a Charter and Life member of our Lodge, passed away March 8, 2010 in San Luis Obispo after a long battle with cancer. As his daughter Jane shared with me, he was free of pain and "had his wits about him" up to the day he passed on to a better place.

Jim and Alice, his life partner (they were married on June 27, 1947) were both well known in this lodge and Jim will always have a special place in our hearts.

James Wagner (he preferred to be called Jim) was born in Waukegan, Illinois on May 9, 1926. Jim had always allowed time for community volunteering in the YMCA, Boy Scouts and Little League, so when the opportunity was presented to him, Elksdom looked like a perfect fit. He was proposed to the order by Gary Jackson on April 28, 1971, during the time Marvin Smith was the Exalted Ruler. Jim was initiated into our lodge on March 25, 1972 and given membership number 15.

Jim worked in the insurance business. An excellent carpenter, he also loved swimming, hunting and auto mechanics. As far as sports went, it appeared to Jim that if you're an Elk then you must play golf and while he "gave it a go" it simply didn't take.

Jim became our Organist in 1982 and played through my year as Exalted Ruler. All he asked for was a back rest on the bench of the organ which was quickly handled by the members of our lodge.

Jim lived in Simi Valley and moved to San Luis Obispo to be near family only when his health became an issue in his life.

During the Vacant Chair ritual held for Jim, we also learned that Jim was an ordained minister and married Terry Gicking to his second wife. Other memorable comments shared by the members: Rick Herrera called him a sweetheart. Richard McCann said he was the nicest person you'd ever want to meet. Richard also shared that he has a shirt with Jim Wagner's name on it which he will wear to the next meeting in his honor. At one time Richard had wanted to impress the lodge with his singing ability but only knew Irish songs. After speaking to Jim about his dilemma Jim studied and learned a considerable number of Irish songs and, as a team they went on to impress the lodge.

David Naccarato, PER



IN MEMORIAM
 THE CLOCK OF THEIR
 DAY HAS STOPPED AND
 ACROSS ITS DIAL A
 MOTIONLESS SHADOW
 MARKS THE HOUR OF
 ELEVEN, WITH US--
**"THE GOLDEN HOUR
 OF
 RECOLLECTION"**

Jim Wagner



COMING ATTRACTIONS



May 1-Kentucky Derby Party
May 7-Youth Appreciation Dinner
May 9-Mother's Day Brunch
May 12-15-CHEA convention

August 22-24-Bus Trip to Laughlin

ENTERTAINMENT



May 7-Karaoke
May 14-Moon and Sol
May 21-Bingo with Power Dave
May 26-Bingo with Power Dave
May 28-One Last Dance



Corinne Richeson, Bar Manager

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-494-0330

Carl Lanterman

OUR CONDOLENCES: To the family of Jim Wagner (see obit on page5)

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: our Armed Forces fighting to keep us free: Ginny Gabel from a car accident; Lydia Moccaldi from a broken pelvis; Jim Kellogg is hospitalized with lung problems

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!

EDITOR'S CORNER



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

During the month of May, there is a formal event that has special meaning to me as a retired teacher and also to our Lodge. On May 7th we will be honoring the best of the best youth in our community who have won Elk sponsored contests. It is always a delight to see the youngsters and their parents welcomed and feted by us. It makes me proud to be an Elk. At the affair a Youth Proclamation from the city will be read and the chairpersons will introduce and present monies and plaques to the kids. Those recognized will include scholarship winners, Americanism essay winners and Boy and Girl Scouts. Please show your support for their accomplishments by attending and applauding their feats. I know I will be there proudly wearing my Elk badge.

*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.

Kentucky Derby Party
Saturday, May 1st
2 p.m.
Watch the sport of kings
on multiple tvs
you may wear your fanciest hat
snacks provided

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS





**TERRY BAKER,
ELK OF THE YEAR 2009-2010**

by Jerry Serota

This year's Elk of the Year has been a member of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge for 16 years. George Pekow was Exalted Ruler.

This Elk was an Engineer Technician which came in handy for the lodge. He has served in the officer corp, worked on the BBQ, worked Sunday morning breakfast and any other special event that needed a crew. He also has worked on Conejo Valley Days, Special Kid's Day , Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot. His sponsor was Gil Riding who is also a Past Exalted Ruler. I guess if you were being sponsored by someone who was to be the Exalted Ruler the very next year, then your future in Elkdom has kind of been laid out for you. However our selection for Elk of the Year was up to the task. When asked to put on a Friday night dinner the answer was yes, as long as he could prepare his specialty which was comfort food- mac and cheese.

He also met his soul mate in 1962 when she was 16 years of age. He worked for Rocketdyne and Northrop Corp, served in the Army and had a tour in Vietnam. He was also a member of the Moose, but soon saw the errors of his way and moved over to an animal that is strong of limb fleet of foot quick and keen of perception. A lot like our Elk of the Year. Other hobbies include an interest in NASCAR, and auto mechanics. He always has a car to tinker with in the driveway. In fact he worked as the mechanic on our train which was entered in parades to bring awareness to our handicap children's charities. In the officer corp he has served as Tiler, Trustee, Lecturing Knight, and Chaplin. Our choice for Elk of the Year for 2009-2010 is Francis "Terry" Baker.

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|-------|--------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 73-74 | Dick Lewis * | 92-93 | Jeff Enger |
| 74-75 | Ernest Harter* | 93-94 | John R. Evans* |
| 75-76 | Milt Mortenson* | 94-95 | Tom Ryder |
| 76-77 | Floyd 'Frosty Miller* | 95-96 | Kirk Keeler |
| 77-78 | John Farhat* | 96-97 | Chuck Busch |
| 78-79 | Jack Henry | 97-98 | Jerry Serota |
| 79-80 | Bob Clark* | 98-99 | Tommy Claunch |
| 80-81 | Jerry Tait* | 99-00 | Frank Coley |
| 81-82 | Bob McKee* | 00-01 | Dave Pearson |
| 82-83 | Bill Cairns* | 01-02 | Ken Keeler |
| 83-84 | Dick Churik | 02-03 | Gil Riding |
| 84-85 | Bill Witney* | 03-04 | Dick McNeal* |
| 85-86 | Bob Cissell* | 04-05 | Ed Rice |
| 86-87 | Tommy Thompson* | 05-06 | Tom Hartin |
| 87-88 | Roy Cooper | 06-07 | Max Maxwell |
| 88-89 | Vern Ogden | 17-08 | Herb Jellander |
| 89-90 | Vince Bailie* | 08-09 | Jim Allen |
| 90-91 | Don Steinhlper* | 09-10 | Terry Baker |
| 91-92 | Sherwood 'Mac' McDonald* | | |
- * Gone but not forgotten



Sharon and Terry Baker enjoying the moment



Past Elks of the Year waiting to welcome Terry Baker as one of them. (L-R) Jim Allen, Jerry Serota, Max Maxwell, Dave Pearson, Marilyn Cissell, (widow of Bob Cissell) Herb Jellander, Kirk Keeler, Chuck Busch(blocked by PER), Terry Gicking, Tommy Claunch, Ken Keeler, Gil Riding, PDDGER, and Tom Hartin



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 Murray #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



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 #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



I've gotten a lot of inquiries on why my name was not on the list. Now the list just keeps on growing. This just in:

Mike Budenski 5yr
 Richard Ibarra 5 yr
 Harry Isaman 5yr
 Kevin Gullick 5 yr
 Tom Hellar 5yr
 James Andrews 5yr
 Mike Ramirez 5yr
 Grant Thistle 5yr
 Steve Ogden 10yr
 Dave McClure 15yr
 James Larue 15yr
 Jacob Panzcak, PER 15yr
 Paul Denubio 20yr
 Bart Manzo 20yr
 Ed Bianchi Jr 20yr
 Christopher Cambell 20yr
 Jim Horning 20yr
 Lester Height 20yr
 Steve Gettleman 25 yr
 Timothy Kelly 25 yr
 Bobby Williams 30yr
 Fred Trzcinski 30yr
 Clifford Jones 35yr
 R. Routh 35 yr
 Leroy Sapp Jr 35 yr
 Jay Schmidt 35yr
 Timothy Hinsche 35yr
 Kenny Krabel 40 yr
 David Burrows 50yr

Remember no formal invitation will be sent. If you are an achiever or see these achievers remind them that on May 28th they are invited down to the lodge to receive their pin. I'm told dinner is cook your own steak, but I will provide dessert. If you plan to attend please RSVP to the office. Not everyone shows up and I do not have 175 pins, but I have enough. If we miss some one I'll have IOU's available. **RSVP would be very helpful.**

**David Naccarato, PER
 Secretary**



ELKS - Partners In Scouting

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Karen Naccarato

by Jerry Serota

She has been a great sport in taking on tasks that the ER, Leading Night & Secretary, along with the Treasurer have thrown her way!

She helped piece together a chaotic office of transition, all the while having to deal with her husband who had back surgery and was in rehab at one hospital, then her father goes into another hospital, then when she gets her husband back, her mother goes into another hospital!

YET SHE still managed to get us through the budget, The Ritual competition, State Convention, let alone the rest of the Year!

This Year's Citizen of the Year 2009-2010 is Karen Naccarato!

Thank you Karen!!!!



Karen Naccarato receiving certificate from Grand Lodge from then ER, Terry Gicking for her achievement.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Kira Wagner

by Jerry Serota

We had many officers to choose from but, one stood out among them all! The Officer of the Year has been a very committed person in this Lodge. This person has taken on anything that the ER has asked help on. This Marine, has brought many a smile to all who try to sing in the meetings. She has only been a member a little over a year, but took on the role of China Doll Inner Guard. Along with her husband Paul, whom she met over the internet, has taken our Lodge website to the 21st century!

Kira could you take care of this for me? Kira could you put a prayer together in 2 seconds, Kira could you help in the kitchen, Kira, what do you think of this? Kira, will you be Lecturing Knight?

So it comes with great appreciation for all that you did this Lodge Year, Kira Wagner is the Officer of the Year!

Thank you Kira!



Kira Wagner receiving certificate from Grand Lodge from the ER, Terry Gicking for her achievement.

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

 April 28-May 3
Conejo valley Days
Sign up Sheets in the Lounge

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Richard Wendler with sponsor Scott Dool



Dan Fuller with sponsor Catherine Koeritz, PER



Bob Wyman with sponsor Carl Lanterman



Madeleine and ER, Harry Brockwell entering the Lodge for the Grand Entrance at the Inaugural Ball



outgoing ER, Terry Gicking with his date Debbie Irish all smiles for the camera



ER, Harry Brockwell twirling his granddaughter Madeleine around the dance floor



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

NEWPORT DUNES - MARCH 2010

Absolutely amazing - 49 rigs and 7 cabins. Deb & Jeff Drake and Kim Reidiger pulled this whole thing off without an apparent hitch. The Simi Valley Lodge campers showed up in large numbers and are eager to join us again.

A lot of people arrived on Wednesday and some stayed till Tuesday and a few more stayed till Wednesday. The majority intends to return next year.

Next year, we'll be going in April - although the weather was not "perfect" a coupla days, it was very close.

Talk about food - I was afraid to get on the scales when I got home and was greatly relieved to find no damage done. We had the entire clubhouse, it isn't small, this year the long food tables were nearly wall to wall, sweets and desserts occupied another table along the outside wall.

The group was so large - Friday night we had 4 fire pits going and Saturday night we had FIVE.

This year we had two groups for the Segway tour of the Balboa Peninsula. The majority of the "newbies" went out in the first group. It was questionable if Scott Dool could stand for the entire trip although that wasn't a problem, Scott managed the almost impossible - he FELL off. Still not clear on exactly how that happened.

The Collerans and Bill and I were early for the second group, occupying our spare time Geocashing. Our paths crossed the "newbies" all along the way, what a kick, we weren't spying, it just happened that way. When we saw the group the first time, it appeared they had the "flying nun" along. Turns out it was Anne Pearson with the helmet over her white broad-brimmed sun hat. First glance and I knew - that one has to be Anne.

Segway Scott is so well informed with all types of knowledge of the area, although our group had taken the same tour last year, we elected to do the same this year. It is unbelievable the changes that take place in a year. The dollar sums for the properties and the incredible EXTRAS, it is extremely difficult to wrap one's mind around the numbers. Seems one of the new property owners since last year is some REALLY BIG WIG from Italy. He has the largest boat (more like ship) in the harbor. In a recent conversation, Scott learned the man had just purchased his own jet. When ask if it was parked at John Wayne

Airport (the closest), Scott was told "No" the runway is too short. As I recall the plane was a 747 or something of that type. HUGE!

Saturday night raffle drawings seemed to take forever, about an hour and a half, but with nearly 150 people it was unavoidable. There were two 50/50 drawings, one for Simi and one for El Konejo Kampers. Mike Flannery drew for Simi and the Simi Campers President won - interesting, no? The Simi Pres drew for Thousand Oaks, Jimmy Miller won that pot.

Of course the poker players had their time also. For a dramatic change Bill vW came back to the rig with his bag a bit heavier than when he left, he was a pretty happy camper.

Jessica Stull is still trying to accept the antics of a young kitten. KC is a rather rambunctious little fellow, especially when Jessica found him on top of the valance in the bedroom. We had to keep reminding her - - he's still a baby.

Upcoming Campouts

May 14-15-Kenney Grove-Chili Cookoff

June 9-12-Santa Barbara Lodge

July 2-3- Channel Islands Harbor

August 13-14-Oak Park

September 17-18-Santa Barbara Lodge

October 8-9-Tapo Canyon

November 12-13-Kenney Grove

December 12-Grand Vista Hotel-brunch

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When such a situation exists for us, at that time you are substitute for the Exalted Ruler, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and all other leaders of the Lodge.

Others see the Thousand Oaks Elk Lodge when they meet you. You are representation of all the name Elk implies. Take opportunity to represent all others here in OUR Lodge with dignity and earn the respect we desire.

You are a Thousand Oaks Elk, be proud to say it.

Some whom have gone to extremes to show it include:

PER Sally Claunch who has constantly given of herself to ease us through the transition of another Elk Year. Her fingerprints are virtually everywhere.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Kira Wagner and her spouse Paul, who are neck deep in preparing a worthy Public Relations brochure which will develop a better image of us, and the work we pursue throughout the community.

Our corps of Trustees (guardians of our Lodge Treasury), have been diligently developing OUR budget for the coming year. Contrary to some expressed opinions they too are Officers in OUR Lodge.

Brother Pete Padilla, who has availed himself to doing the needed portraits of all our Lodge Officers with a very favorable pricing schedule.

Brother John Peterson, contributor of those terrific oversized and expanded monthly calendars we see in OUR Lodge. They're especially keen for "old" eyes too.

Many other contributors have performed to give back to our needs. They too will be honorably recognized as we progress and their stellar efforts are bringing us comforts and pleasures. It is vitally important to express appreciation for the contributions being made regularly.

SPECIAL PARKING CONSIDERATIONS

The red painted curb along the driveway adjacent to the main building has been instituted to identify a safety zone, and is encouraged by fire department officials. There are a couple of significant reasons to promote it: One, parking along the driveway can impede traffic for emergency vehicles we may need for any required response. And, two: Parking in this area increases the potential of someone colliding with a vehicle because of the close distances allowed for other cars backing out from nearby designated parking areas.

Additionally we regularly have oversized trucks making needed deliveries to, and picking up from our facilities.

We encourage being mindful of these conditions by respecting the parking ban. Also since our property is frequented by City of Thousand Oaks code enforcement

officers from time to time we cannot offer protection against a vehicle being towed away, or receiving a citation, for violating the intent of the needed clear driveway.

CLARIFICATION

During the recent installation meeting some were suggesting that in my business life I am a Certified Master Chef (C.M.C.), and that is not correct. In this country there are only 71 C.M.C.'s; the highest awarded certification available to any culinarian, worldwide. That number includes Certified Master Pastry Chefs (C.M.P.C.'s).

The level of certification I hold is the next highest and is known as a Certified Executive Chef (C.E.C.). There are approximately 2,000 of these certificates in the United States. My culinary participations cross into eight different societies, some international.

I apologize for any confusion that may have existed.

CONCLUSION

Just a simple note to express appreciation to everyone for all of the courtesies extended our entire Officer Corps during this transition. YOUR attitudes create the dynamics for all of us to seek and provide the best pathways to a richer and good year ahead.

YOUR LODGE SERVING THE COMMUNITY

- *Providing monthly outing and activities for veterans at Sepelveda and Santa Paula facilities
- *Participants in Conejo Valley Days
- *Providing lunch for Conejo Elementary School teachers
- *Supplying and serving food for Special Kids Day at CVD

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LECTURING KNIGHT**Kira Wagner**

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LIVE THE MOTTO

It has smiles and laughter for us in seasons of joy and it sits with us in the shadow and weeps in the hour of bereavement. The charge delivered from the station of Brotherly Love sounds a lot like the love of a mother. In a few short weeks we'll be celebrating Mother's Day so take moment and reflect on that love and nurturing character and see how you can add more of that quality into your daily activities.

As the days roll by it continues to be an education and opportunity to serve the wonderful members of the lodge. The committee chairs that do so much of the work to keep our community involvement flourishing deserve continued accolades. Between the scholarships, essay contests, the all too soon holiday activities and more, I am indebted to them for all of the work they do. Please take note of the names listed above and tell them "thank you" for their efforts on your behalf the next time you see them.

Ideas are in the works for the Lodge picnic and we're also beginning a new series of seminars for the members. The 3-E's Seminars will provide education, enlightenment and entertainment beginning later this month with Paul Wagner and Cheri Peterson helping members stay connected and in control with QuickBooks and Microsoft Outlook. We already have two more on the way, one on communication and another on horticulture. These seminars will be 90 minutes and free to members—if you would like to share your expertise let me know and we'll work it out.

Until next time – remember to speak kindly and lend a hand when you have the opportunity.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

By now you know the new Elk year is upon us. The key card readers have been switched over to read the red cards. If you have not paid your dues for the fraternal year 2010 thru 2011 you are considered a member not in good standing. You are not allowed lodge privileges. Being buzzed in to use the facilities is not fair to your Brother Elks who have paid. Plus your dues monies are taken into consideration when the Board of Trustees put the year's budget together. Also it presents a problem when bills are due to be paid.

The State Association and Grand lodge assessments are paid for every member we have on our roster so if you don't pay your dues that money is just gone. Our situation is much different than other service clubs. Unlike the Masons or the Moose, they don't have facilities to maintain. They meet in restaurants or school cafeterias. Some meet in churches so many expenses they don't have to endure.

Our order started by the Jolly Corks met in a pub. Keeping with that tradition, most Elk lodges have a pub where members can get together and "everybody knows your name".

The networking that goes on when we meet is unsurpassed. When I was ill and my yard work got to be more than I could handle, word spread and guys came over and got it done. When it looked like the lodge was going to ask me to be your secretary, the hat was passed on a Friday night and a 50/50 and a electric cart was purchased for my use from the office to the lodge room. This is just my account of what this lodge means to me. Others have stories. Being a member of this organization is better than AAA. If you're traveling a visit, the local Elks lodge is a great source of lodging and restaurants in the area. Through networking with your brothers and sisters many have found jobs and housing. If a problem is out there, we just need to know about it. Jim Kellogg needed help and we passed the hat. Years ago a boy needed an eye operation and our lodge raised \$25,000. All this is only \$10.00 per month plus \$1.66 assessment. The Elks lodge "the best deal in town."

David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary



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Congratulations to Cheryl Templeton for winning the 50-50 drawing at our March meeting. Karen Naccarato name was drawn for the bubble. Since she was not present next month's drawing will be worth \$40.

Also congratulations to Karen Naccarato for being named Elk's Citizen of the Year.

Time does not stand still nor do the Elks Ladies; Conejo Valley Days are back again, and the Elks Ladies are fortunate enough to be working the gates once more. Come one and all to enjoy the fair!

On April 2, 2010 we had a farewell party for Eula McKee. We wish her well in her new adventure. She will be dearly missed.

This of course is the great month of May. It just so happens to be my favorite month of the year. It could be because of the warm weather or all the new plants and flowers springing-up or maybe because it's Mothers Day. Originally, a festival dedicated to the Goddess Cybele in ancient Greece, today we know it as a day of candy and flowers for mothers the world 'round. The Elks will be having a wonderful Brunch this Mothers Day on May 9th so come to our version of the festival and enjoy the company of family and friends. Be sure to bring Mom! Have a great month.


God Bless,
Alice Kennedy

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Barb Metzgus-7
Patti Serota-17
Diane Isaman-20
Alice Kennedy



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Amen

Eula McKee (sitting) with her friends Carmine and Angie Prizzi at her farewell party



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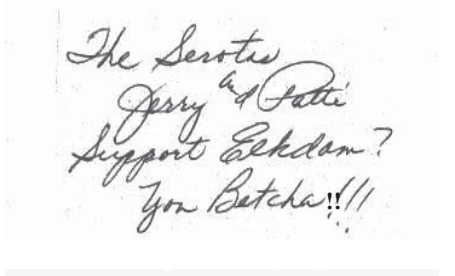










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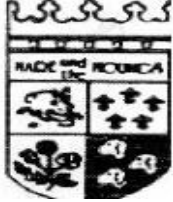
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