



Harry Brockwell
Exalted Ruler



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LET'S DO IT



Elks Ladies Present

Father's Day Champagne Brunch
June 20th 10am -1pm Adults \$10
children under 11 \$6

Menu:

**Juice, Eggs ala Myrna, Bacon,
Sausage, Potatoes, Scrambled
Eggs, Cheese Blintzes,
Strawberries and Sour Cream,
Bagels & Cream Cheese, Pastries**



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HOW TO EFFECT CHANGE

How do you get the Lodge to adopt a new idea? Or, to change to something you really feel will benefit all members?

It truly is not difficult, nor is it simply raising your voice to gain attention. It only requires some planned thinking and addressing the idea with supporting information that describes:

First: Summarizing the values to be gained for the majority of our members. Include ANY philanthropic and/or image enhancing to be gained for the Lodge.

Second: Show as extensive a background as possible to prove that by correcting, or improving, something we will be a better organization. Demonstrate that we need to do something.

Third: Describe clearly the goals and objectives needed to accomplish success in your suggestion.

Fourth: Plan the steps needed to be taken to realize how success will be accomplished – the methods to execute for success. (Fund raisers, other performing of activities, and committee members needed. Who will head the administration and operations? How frequently will detailed reports be generated?)

Fifth: Develop an anticipated budget of costs. Offer as many details as possible.

These steps of consideration should flow in the sequence suggested because its provides a blueprint for logical thinking that everyone involved in the process can easily follow and match the presenter's thoughts while expediting support, or offering worthwhile questions. Since we are an all volunteer membership, often with friends in the approvals process, it is incumbent on an idea's sponsor to provide their ideas in a documented form so when being considered, those responsible to act upon it enjoy it in the same sequence of thoughts the presenter desires.

Because our membership is often fragmented with focused loyalties it is possible for one member to serve our Lodge in a variety of capacities. Consequently, we can experience only a minimal amount of politicizing. Yet, we do frequently hear of some flag waving of distress over someone else's predicaments. That kind of expressed brotherhood is admirable and when appropriate can be employed to help successfully promote each other's causes.

However, it does not negate the needs of an orderly sequenced and logical written presentation to identify the full values envisioned. Our Officers' Corps, wherein the decision making responsibilities lie, want to expand and embrace new worthy benefits that can bring value to every member.

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YOUTH APPRECIATION DINNER



Grant Thistle, Americanism Chair honoring Essay Winner with ER, Harry Brockwell

Honoring



David Naccarato, Hoop Shoot Chair, with contest winners

Our Best



Bill Miller, Scouting Chair with Girl Scout Gold Award Winner and ER Harry Brockwell

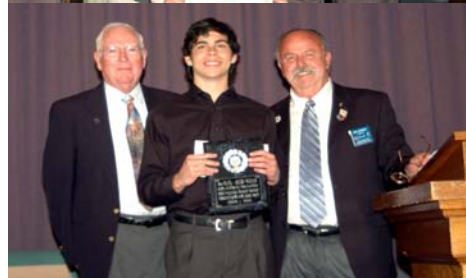
Local Youth



George Meehan, President PER Association, presenting the Frank Rindone Scholarship with Rick Herrera, Scholarship Chair



Bill Miller, Scouting Chair with Girl Scout Gold Award Winner and ER Harry Brockwell



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LOYAL KNIGHT

Leo Rodriquez



LECTURING KNIGHT

Kira Wagner



I would like to thank everyone that really stepped up and assisted with the wonderful Youth Appreciation Awards Dinner that we had on May 7, 2010. Everything seems to work out better when we work like a well-organized lodge. It looks like we're off to a good start this year in the kitchen with all the help I am getting with the Sunday breakfasts and the great Friday night dinners. I look forward to the future meals that are in the works for the coming year. Should anyone of you have an idea for a meal or would like to help, please let me know.

I would like to give Tom Ryder and the many assistants that helped him with Mother's Day Brunch a much-deserved thanks for the wonderful food that they brought to the mothers and the rest of us. Everyone I spoke to was very pleased and happy with the meal. Tom, keep up the good work, for you really out did yourself.

I would also like to bring to your attention the wonderful work that our new Drug Awareness Chairman, John Moran, has done. He has invested much time in producing a great program to help our young adults and children to get a better understanding of drug awareness. I would appreciate any assistance and support you can give him.

June is shaping up to be a busy month. Please check our calendar so you can join us in some of the wonderful events that are coming your way. ENJOY!!!!

To all our new members, should you feel left out in some of the fun, come on down and join us at the lodge social lounge and meet more of our members at our functions. They are produced to help you enjoy and help meet some of the rest of our membership.

June is bustin' out all over! I hope that June brings you each "seasons of joy" with the summer weather upon us. Father's Day is imminent and Flag Day will be celebrated with a wonderful ceremony at the lodge on Sunday June 13.

Time never seems to stand still and the officers continue to work toward better ways to serve the members through improved communication, additional events to bring members together or just plain friendly hello's. There is a lot going on and if you haven't been down to the lodge lately - please join us for a Friday night dinner & dancing, Wednesday night dinner and meeting OR a Wednesday night fundraising dinner. And speaking of communication - if you haven't seen the new lodge brochure - you can see an "online" version here http://elks2477.com/brochure_web.pdf. We'll have copies at the lodge - hopefully by the time you read this!

We're also starting some new classes down at the lodge - those 3-E Seminars are expanding to include classes on using your computer. We'll be showing you how to do things as "simple" as moving or opening files to...well...if you ask the question we'll work on answering it! There is a sheet down at the lodge for you to ask (write) your questions or you can send an email to elks2477@gmail.com so that we will be sure the information is tailored to YOUR needs. We'll have more on this as we go along.

A special thank you to Rick Herrera and Grant Thistle for their work on the Scholarship and Americanism Committees and for the dedication and heart shown to these young people. The talent and vision exhibited by these award recipients during the Youth Appreciation Dinner just shows that the future of this country is still bright indeed.

Until next time - remember a word of kindness goes a long way toward making this lodge a place we can all be proud of!

Thank you all for your efforts to make this a friendly place to visit and meet new friends!

FEATURED JUNE DINNERS

**June 4-Down Home Fried
Chicken Dinner with all the
Fixings**

**June 11-Family Style Italian
Dinner-3 courses plus wine**

*reservations required
call 496-4550*



3-E Seminar

June 26 10 am-11:30 am

communication & personality
styles for home & business
no charge to members

presented by Kira Wagner

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Our Lodge is blessed with many social factions that are entitled to benefits being bestowed to their respective groups. We have first, the Lodge overall; then the Ladies auxiliary group; the Trustees; the House Committee; the Kampers; the Committees' Chairpersons; past Elks of the Year(s); the Past Exalted Rulers Association (PERS); a Sunshine Committee; the Food and Beverage Operations; and needs for addressing Special Events from time to time.

Within all these groups we have the need to address Personal Development Skills which includes greater, and better, communications amongst ourselves. Soon our Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Kira Wagner will be offering a seminar addressing those abilities. Watch for the date and time announcement. Plan to attend because this is something she does for her living and we can all benefit from her skills.

Beyond the common everyday accepted norms of communication we need to learn the art of constructively and gently criticizing others' expressed plans, not with a sense of belligerence, but with a compelling sense of values for the principal. All too often we hear commentary targeting the person and not the effort they are presenting. Can we share in building favorable outcomes? I feel we can.

For more the almost 40 years of our existence we have allowed some less than dynamic administrative procedures endure when, in fact, we perhaps should have been making appropriate changes that would have developed us into being a much better business model today. In our effort to bring to reality an effort of Food and Beverage management through recognizing it is the single largest source of our income, and yet the need to apply twenty first century methods is strongly challenged. WHY?

Fear! Nobody wants to embrace change. Yet, many have their self proclaimed definitive answers on how this vital part of our existence must function. Meanwhile, some who offer these concerns have no known expertise. Even some who have never experienced the heartbreak and psoriasis of owning or successfully operating in the food or beverages business, voice such fears.

Is it just for a few with "Chicken Little-like" concerns and/or imaginations, and cause another round of "The Sky is falling, the sky is falling" fears?

At all costs, let's not get caught up in a rumor mill. When you desire to question something you've heard, or gain some clarification to satisfy your curiosity, just question any of the Lodge Officers. They are in the know of current events, and if they're not they will probably tell you so. None can gain anything by misleading you, nor do they want to mislead you.

When I see many members devoting themselves towards exciting and worthy efforts on behalf of all of us, it is enlightening. Let's put our minds into doing those things that can prepare us for a better Lodge in the future.

We need every member's positive attitude, with elbow grease added, in accomplishing the successes needed in becoming the best Lodge in Elkdom. **Let's do it!** Even if you cannot actively participate because of physical infirmities, lend your psychological and vocal support to those who are performing.

It is YOUR Lodge, and they're working for YOU!



NOTES OF APPRECIATION-FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Member Ben Rieger for his many contributions in beautifying the outside areas of our Lodge. His frequent work provides us a view of warmth and comfort one normally imagines with our descriptive name of "Lodge."

Member Ed Rice, Lodge Bar-B-Q Chairperson. When one realizes the enormity of the work effort Ed devotes to this job it will hold you in awe. Specified ordering for different crews, scheduling the different crews, and substitutes, while assuring that all are in place in a timely fashion. Doing what they do best — cooking and making money for the Lodge.

Member Jim Kellogg, Veterans Service Committee Chairperson has maintained an extraordinary intensity in this program even while being nursed back to health from some debilitating conditions. He has kept a vigilant overview of the committee's operations and is now enjoying a return to his personally active role.

Ahhhh! The pleasures received while watching such Leadership in action.

Former Trustee Robert Koeritz, his spouse Catherine, and Member Bob Arbetman for the roles they played in securing the Lodge Officers' uniforms to meet timelines for our new Elk year. Thanks to each of them for using their personal time to complete such a task

Our Lodge #2477's Rituals Competition Team Results:

One first placed winner: Kira Wagner, Lecturing Knight; two each third place winners: Rick Eddy, Inner Guard; and Rick Herrera, Chaplain. All other contestants' scores were high enough to accomplish a very close third place overall finish. (really close!) **CONGRATULATIONS TEAM!**

With rookie coach PER David Naccarato at the helm this team deserves the applause of all in our Lodge.

Because of people like these, and there are many more within our Lodge, we can speak of the pride in having frequent opportunities to brag about OUR membership. We are confident that every faction earlier identified can set their collective minds to realize and appreciate the efforts being made on their behalf.

From our nation's history we have learned the classic tale of leadership offered by General Dwight Eisenhower when preparing for the 1945 invasion of Normandy, France wherein he demonstrated that for sound, and effective leadership a piece of string needs to be pulled not pushed, suggesting that each committee chairperson and elected officer should develop pathways to success for their respective jobs. Consequently change can be more readily accepted, and effective. Suggesting in our Lodge's environment we too must process changes by "pulling the string" rather than trying to push it. I assure you, elected persons are constantly aware of this in their efforts to provide a better Lodge.



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HOW DOES OUR LODGE COMPARE VERSUS OUR COMMUNITY?

Let's do it!

In researching the local demographics that apply we learned that when our Lodge was founded there were approximately 29,000 residents of the Thousand Oaks area. At that time, the City of Thousand Oaks had not really been incorporated, yet this number represented the probable population.

Today when entering Thousand Oaks road signs indicate a population of 124,000 people. This is likely to increase with the current census now underway. Additionally we have added other nearby communities as targets for recruiting incoming members, and now we are available to more than a quarter of a million people. Moorpark, Camarillo, Santa Rosa Valley, Westlake Village, Agoura, Agoura Hills, and the Dos Vientos development have all been part of the growth in the area, and market for us.

These figures suggest that the area where we function has outgrown itself by a factor of 29 times. Has our growth matched this? Not hardly! Current member numbers reflect we have initiated and accepted through transfers from other Lodges a total of less than 2300 persons. This represents our growth, from the original 255 members to be slightly more than 9 times. The numbers suggest we have the fuel for growth. The numbers of the population expansion generates belief that now is as good a time as any for reaping the rewards of membership growth.

Can penetrating this available market for an increased Elk population bring us closer to development of larger facilities and make us a major player in the world of Elks? Many when discussing such believe it is probable and while bigger and better facilities can promote a greater image it can also bring us greater influence in Elksdom,

Can the current downturn in our economy be massaged to help us in a planned growth? I believe so. Many of the folks relocating to our area have, and are, experiencing less disposable income than when they arrived. That translates to their not, as we've seen in past years going into the San Fernando Valley or to downtown Los Angeles (40 miles distant) for leisure and entertainment. Contributing to this new perception includes increased prices at entertainment venues, social "membership" costs, and the higher costs of operating their cars, making such trips cost ineffective. Consequently, many new area residents are prospect to align themselves with a good, worthy, family oriented local functioning body. Membership is not a strange or foreign word for many whom have arrived here. Therefore it is not an objectionable term.

I encourage all to carry a blank Elks application, and prepare to present the values of becoming a Thousand Oaks Elk so prospects can instantly visualize themselves participating with us.

Imagine how much more impact we can have on our area with more members who will share their expertise, knowledge, and commitment.



BBQ Notes.....

The Chili Cook-off, our usual Saturday BBQ's at the Lodge and the Conejo Valley Days BBQ's sometimes known as "hell week at Conejo Creek" but what should be called the Eddy Rice Show, no make that the Eddy Rice Gala Extravaganza. All were very, very successful, and to boot, one heck of a lot of fun. I cannot express my gratitude for the many hours that Ed puts in contacting the various people in charge of our off campus events, and on top of that dealing with local government officials and ordering all the food product and supplies. It is a big job that demands countless hours every year. Thank you Mr. Ed. And thank you to all the volunteers, both from the BBQ teams and other Elk endeavors that make all we do possible. One more special thank you goes to gentleman Jim Mullen, who spent long hours every day at both events.

Some of the fun stuff: Wednesday, especially in the late afternoon, the wind picked up and it got pretty cool outside. I wished that I had brought a heavier coat, while Jim in running around in shorts and a pretty pink - to match his hat - polo shirt. I seldom ever have a problem with too much company around the BBQ. Late that afternoon Ed told me that I better put a few more racks of baby backs on. I said, "Ed, I can't even get near the BBQ. There were ten people leaning against it trying their best to get warm. Thursday brought more wind. The little popup sun shades were blowing around the yard, tables and chairs got blown over, trash flying everywhere. People were getting a sandwich and hiding behind anything that gave them shelter, including Andy Gump's. It must have been a sight.

Friday evening brought big crowds and more kayos. We ran out of bread so sandwiches were made on anything that looked like bread, even hot dog buns. Dan and Karin Martyn, who have been superstars on Keelers Krew both missed the show that night because Dan's band was providing entertainment at the Lodge and Karin helped me with 'Cook ur Own', which by the way went very well. Saturday is all hands on deck day at CVD. It was also a big day at the Lodge BBQ. Sunday, which normally would be a day that we pick up things and get ready to put it all back in the box, or for the crew members who haven't had a chance to wander about the CVD site. It didn't happen. The CVD BBQ was busy from the get go. Jim had gone to our bread supplier in Oxnard early that morning, bringing back two dozen loaves instead of sixty, plus two dozen tri-angular shaped rolls. All that was sold before three PM. Then we got the news that CVD wasn't closing at six, but at seven-thirty. Out of bread again, I went to the store and bought every loaf of French bread they had save two. It was also evident that we were going to need more fire wood, so off to the wood lot to get more. By the time I got back with the wood we were out of bread again. Jim went back for more burger buns, and so it went until closing time.

Once again thank you to all the people who helped with the BBQ's, our get acquainted booth, and the people who worked on the gate, and to Gerry Gillies, who, on a whim brought the Elks Train over. That too was a big hit, and leads to thoughts of incorporating the idea at other events. Thanks to all you volunteers, we had a great Conejo Valley Days.

Max Maxwell

COMING ATTRACTIONS



July 2-ER Going Away Party
July 21-SVP Visitation

August 14- Elk Ladies Appreciation Luncheon

August 21-Member Car show

August 22-24-Bus Trip to Laughlin

ENTERTAINMENT



June 4-Moon & Sol

June 24- One Last Dance



Corinne Richeson, Bar Manager



Special Kids Day at the 2010 Conejo Valley Days

Conejo Valley Days are over for this year and it is time to recognize what our Family of Elks have done for the "Special Kids Day" for this year and at least the last 12 years that Shirley and I have been involved. Zonta Club tells us how many kids they expect and we do our thing and no questions asked.

In attendance were 225 children with Special Needs and Disabilities with an equal amount of volunteers to help them. Attendance was down this year because Zonta's donations were down and they were unable to reserve the buses to go outside of Thousand Oaks. We served 600 hamburgers and 500 bags of chips.

Donations from the Lady Elks, El Conejo Kampers and individual PER's donated the funds for this event and then the Elks provided the volunteers to prepare and serve the lunches and Corinne our Lounge Manager ordered all of the food and made sure we had it when we needed it.

Now it's time to thank all those Elks who pitched in and made this lunch very special. I would guess all of our volunteers would thank me for asking them to help on this special morning. When you've been here and seen these special kids you could only say that but for the Grace of God go I.

Preparing the Hamburgers and packing them in containers at the Lodge was Tom Ryder. Heather Maddox brought them to the Carnival and from there we took over. Packaging and distributing the Hamburgers, Potato Chips, Strawberries, Cookies, water and Juices. We being Jeanne Sandt, Sharon Baker, June and John Leadam, Don and Barbara Booker, Walter Ogden and Jessica Stull. And a few unknowns. Shirley Kozlowski and Heather Maddox directed traffic and made sure the food lines were stocked. Ed Rice and Terry Baker made the Streaker Wagon available to us. Tom Hartin the perpetual and resident volunteer set up the tables and worked wherever he was needed. I just stayed out of their way and watched. Thanks to all of you and we'll see you next year.
Love you all, Shirley and Chet Kozlowski

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-494-0330

Carl Lanterman

OUR CONDOLENCES: to Don Ansell, PER on the passing of his sister

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: our Armed Forces that keep us safe; Jim Kellogg; Ginny Gable

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!

pull tabs



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 are the Metzgas family, Dorothy (Big Mama), Julie Upshaw, Abe & Carol Gamble, David MacFarlane, Jim & Lee Wiens, Dee Swanson, Georgia Vargo-Otto, John & Sharon Mello, Joel & Beverly Erickson, Leslie & Elaine Smith, Carol Stewart, Brooke O'Kray (Corinnes daughter, three large bags), Jon Preston and John Hermanio from Aspen School. Thanks to all.

Remember all donations large or small count.

Gerry Gillies

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



George Siglile sponsor Ben Morris



John Gentzvein sponsor Steve Smith



Richard Romani sponsor Thomas Varden



Al Koempfel sponsor Thomas Varden



Donna Leary sponsor Karen Martyn



**Jerry Serota accepting awards for
Public Relations Area 7 - Best Image of Elkdom
Fifth Place Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation**



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

APRIL AT CAMP COMFORT - MANY FIRSTS

Not sure which FIRST to mention, so let's begin with Ed Bianchi arriving with Arnie Antell along. It was heart-warming to see Arnie enjoying camping again after a long, long absence. Ed was the perfect host, making sure Arnie was well taken care of. Ed is quite a good cook as some already know, his homemade ice cream was to die for. There was a family in the campground with KIDS - I think they thought they had been blessed with an awesome treat when Ed called them to come 'n get it!

A next first, Toni and Pat Hartin showed up for the first time in (test of memory) about two years. Pat made sure that Arnie got to hang a line in the ole fishin' hole, but they both came back empty handed. Haven't a clue how wagon master, Mary Flannery conned, coerced, threatened or whatever to get Toni to act as sheriff. The gal has a great sense of humor and did a fabulous job. The malicious look on her face as she doled out the fines was hysterical.

Then Jim Mullen arrived alone. When asked where Ruth might be, we were advised she had several conflicting commitments, none of which concerned/ included Jim. He just stated, "I'm going camping!" Between Jim and Kudra there seemed to be a sign on my back "Pick on Pat". Little do they know, my dad began teasing me from the time I could understand the language. SO - Shoot your best shots, boys".

We had another camper join us - since we hadn't filled all our spaces. A gal named Dani, had been occupying a space but was planning to leave, however, was very happy to hang around with us. What a fun person. She's a full-timer and her plans were heading for New Mexico. I gave her my email address and hope to hear from her sooner rather than later, dang I didn't get hers. She remarked that our group is one of the friendliest bunch she's run into - which was very flattering. But then again, we ARE a fun, friendly group.

Seems the RV Gods have not finished with this group yet - yup we lost the awning on our rig - winds can be vicious - right John / Cherri? When we got ours to Coast RV - it was one of FOUR there for awning replacement. Let me tell you, that is one scary experience.

The definition of a LOYAL KAMPER. Jim and Patty Miller had not one but two "must-shows" on Saturday. Did that prevent them from coming - not at all. So early Saturday morning they departed - could say leaving a trail of destruction behind - but that's not quite fair - Jimmy just does his very best to keep the group entertained.

Since the Millers were co-wagon masters with the Flannerys I thought Mary might have a melt-down when left alone on Saturday but she held up amazingly

well, despite the fact that they ALMOST had to bring the grandkids. Now Casey is not much of a problem but I understand the twin boys are a bit of a handful. Then the big dispute - if a child is born on the 3rd of the month - can that month be counted as the first month of life? Will leave you to ponder that bit of trivia!

Being in the vicinity - a trip to Bart's Books is almost a LAW, especially if you are a voracious reader. This is a very unique, one time residence, now a bookstore without comparison. It is so well organized and categorized, there's almost nothing in print that can't be found there. Spending time there is an adventure in and of itself, and one can truly lose track of time. Needless to say, I left there with a shopping bag full.

We are still in need of wagon masters for up-coming campouts. The biggest task in this job is getting the flyers out. After that, it's whatever you want it to be. This should really appeal to all you control freaks out there (giggle).

Speaking of needs - BREAKFAST CREWS! Crew-chieffing has been alternating between Joel Erickson and Mike Flannery. They need a break. Again folks, this is not brain surgery and being part of the crew is FUN. Even John Peterson got into the act for the April breakfast, although he really doesn't want that fact known. However, he is thoroughly checked out on the toaster and kept up with the orders very well. Ed Bianchi, previously noted for his cooking ability, has got the hash brown technique down to perfection and his pancakes are right up there at the top also. Would it be insulting to say, "If Ed can do it - anybody can!" It certainly is not intended that way.

Come on in - the water's fine. Hope to see you soon!

Acting ER, Terry Gicking, PER, accepting checks from Mike Flannery, President of El Konejo Kampers \$1,000 Scholarship, \$500 Veteran Saticoy home for Veterans, and \$678.66 Major Project -THANK YOU KAMPERS



Upcoming Campouts

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



visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



David Naccarato, PER



Our Ritual Team went up to Paso Robles to compete in the ritual contest as we do every year. . Our Lodge officers went to contest against eleven other lodges(Santa Ynez did not compete) Our team came in third overall with Chaplain Rick Herrera bringing home 3rd place hardware and Rick Eddy, who is new to the officer corp. and only had maybe 7 practices came in third place also. Our China Doll, I mean Lecturing Knight, Kira Wagner, came away with first place honors. Leading Knight Steve Smith took 4th place. Our whole team did great and I was proud of all of them. Robert Jones who was a repeat was not eligible to receive awards but his score put him at 2nd.

When I first joined the lodge the Ritual was a big part of this lodge. When we went to contest we were asked to call the Lounge before we go on, and to call when it was over, and to call after the awards were given out. It seems we've gotten away from that. First it's a big commitment for some one to become an officer of our lodge. Most are still holding down a full time job and they have to deal with the duties of their office. Next we spring on them 3 days a week practices of the Initiation Ritual. The Ritual is the first impression that new members see of our lodge. If we can impress them with it, it will go a long way to keeping them and getting them involved. Come down to an Initiation and see what I mean The Elks are a volunteer organization and we need involved members.

But let me get back to my article. Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge is the host lodge for the Ritual contest next year and I am the chairman. I will require much help. Tom Ryder, Terry Gicking, Sally Claunch and ER Harry Brockwell have already got on board. When the time comes we'll need help with setting up tables and we will be open for dinners and lunches and Sunday breakfasts to be available to the other lodges. Could be a big weekend for our lounge. The awards dinner would be held at a hotel that can handle 220 people. Our lodge is just too small.



Proud Ritual Team displaying 3rd place plaque-
(l-r) Rick Herrera, Leo Rodriquez, Paul Wagner, Terry Gicking, PER, Robert Jones, Kira Wagner-sitting
David Naccarato, PER

Thank you to all members who have paid their dues. We do appreciate it. If you have not paid your dues, you are not eligible to enter the lodge, nor can you be signed in as a guest. So it is in your favor to pay your dues and get off the delinquent list. You may only enter the lodge if you intent to pay your dues, or you may go up to the office between 10 am and 3 pm.

Normally we are here later most days.

We have many new members that have taken committee chairmanship positions of lodge programs and we are grateful for you to take on that responsibility. This is just a reminder to new and repeat chairman that reports are due. Reports that are due monthly are: Americanism, Indoctrination, Membership, Membership Retention, Public Relations, Lodge Progress Report, Major Project (Piggy Bank), Elks Training (after material is delivered).

Quarterly reports are: Bequest and Living Trust, Government Relations, Hoop Shoot, Lodge Activities, ENF, Ritual Training, Scouting, and Audit Report

Oral reports will be given at the State Vice President's visitation on July 21 at 5:00 in the conference room. DDGER will request a report on September 15th

National Services

David Naccarato, PER-Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

April 1, 2010	383
Initiated	4
Reinstatement	1
Total Added	5
Dropped	1
Transferred	1
Delinquent 1 month	44
Applicants waiting investigation	1
Applicants waiting initiation	5



2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	THE ELKS LADIES Patricia Peterson	2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Myrna Block 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Alice Kennedy SECRETARY: Lynn Rodriquez TREASURER: Charlotte Gessler AUDITOR: Beth Kozlowski TELEPHONE: Patti Serota		PARLIAMENTARIAN: Jessica Stull CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell MAJOR PROJECTS: Sally Claunch SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski HISTORIAN: Carol Fredericks CVD: Alice Kennedy & Marilyn Cissell

June! I can't believe that the year is almost half over. The kids are getting out of school and we will be starting to plan our summer vacations. June is also the time we honor our fathers, and so the Ladies are having their annual Father's Day Brunch. We would love for you to join us at the Lodge. If you need to reserve a table, especially those of you that have a large family, please phone **Myrna Block at 492-4016** and she will fix you right up.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that worked Conejo Valley Days, not only at the gate but also the Streaker Dog Wagon and the Booth. Everyone did a wonderful job.

A nice note from Conejo Valley Days is that Marilyn Cissell won the top prize for her badges. The sad note is that she believes this will be the last year she will co-chair the CVD committee. We thank Marilyn and Dee Swanson for the many years they worked at the fair.

June Leadam won our raffle drawing \$19 and the bubble was Betty Vega—who unfortunately was not at the meeting. Our next bubble drawing will be \$60.

God Bless,
Alice Kennedy



Marilyn Cissell proudly displaying her winning vest



Pat Peterson gladly accepting CVD check from chairs

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Pat Peterson-2
- Mary Woodlief-4
- Ginny Gabel-9
- Cherri Peterson-11
- Marge Britton-16
- Pat Jellander-16
- Anne Ogden-17



Thank You Lord, For People

At times we may feel shaky
And find it difficult to stand
Then, as if out of nowhere
Appears a stranger with an outstretched hand.

We thank you Lord continually
For kindly deeds from loving friends
You've put these people in our lives,
Such genuine friendships never ends.
Amen



A happy Exalted Ruler, Harry Brockwell accepting a donation for Major Project from the Elk Ladies

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Dwight Williams-2	Lydia Moccaldi-17
Bob Adams-3	William Stukes-17
Ronald Barron-3	Misty Boykin-18
Henry Germain-3	Chuck Costigan-18
Jon Anderson-4	Jerry Gilmore-18
Abe Gamble-4	Charles Maslin-20
Mary Woodlief-4	Walter Ogden-20
John Watts-5	Steve Harrison-21
Woody Hammer-6	Sharon Kagay-21
John Peterson-6	James D Allen-22
Elise Murray-9	Scott Dool-24
Jim St. Ores-9	Anita Gorino-24
Lamont McNamara-10	Howard Johnson-25
Lee Westenhiser-10	William Rodarme-25
Cherri Peterson-11	Robin Foley-28
Thomas Knibbs-13	Peggy Andersen-29
Kimberly Rediger-13	George Hees
Steve Smith-13	James Horning-30
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Alan Hardie-15	
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June 2, 2010



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Carol Neuner	Heather Maddox
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4/7/2010 capsule drawing Peter Gordon not present.
 Lucky 13 Richard McCann— winner
 4/21/2010 capsule drawing Mike Asaurdarian not present
 Lucky 13 no winner





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Kira Wagner

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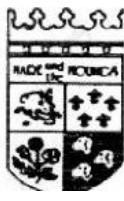
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***Your input is valued.. Your attendance is
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Come for dinner and stay for the meeting.

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