

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS B.P.O.E. - LODGE NO. 2477 - THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA



Harry Brockwell
Exalted Ruler



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LET'S DO IT

AHOY MATEY....

inviting all Elks and friends to the....



BUCCANEER BASH

February 5, 2011

6-10 P.M.

\$20

pirate food-- by Catherine & Sally & Marva
drink-games-entertainment

music by Pirate KC Philips

GET IN THE MOOD-YOU MAY COME DRESSED AS A PIRATE OR WENCH---
EYE PATCHES AVAILABLE

*tickets available in lounge-- Elks Ladies Officers--
Sally Claunch-805-495-0577- for table reservations*

*Raffle tickets for 5 party baskets-Keurig brewing system- cruise on
Westlake also available in the lounge drawing Feb. 5th*



Elks Ladies Fundraiser for Major Project



EXALTED RULER

Harry Brockwell



APPRECIATION

Before crossing over into our new Elk year it is incumbent on me to offer thanks to all who have contributed to a year driven by many persons and addressing many superlatives.

Committee chairpersons who while dealing with many issues subsequently delivered responses from which our Lodge benefited. The Trustees, who have alertly attended all that was expected of them and accomplished their responsibilities with our Lodge's good image always in focus.

Our campers group who, while questions exist of their legitimate Elk relationship, always demonstrates a real sense of benevolence and grace towards all that represents our Lodge. Their active support has been, and is, beyond any measuring of value. Their concerns and generosity is also regularly replicated by our Lodge's associated ladies group. Whenever we surmise or suggest we need assistance, both of these bodies are found eagerly standing by to relieve our affliction(s).

Our P.E.R. Association contributes more than is seen by the naked eye. Historically, they have been maligned, but during this Lodge year they have shown themselves to be anxious to actively participate by serving in key positions, as needed. Theirs' can be a daunting while somewhat delicate position since they are restricted by Grand Lodge statutes from expressing any decisive voice in Lodge operations – they are allowed to only contribute advisory comments.

Lastly, our Officer Corps has delivered their best on every occasion. The successes of their oversight while managing a variety of functions must be admired by all. Assurances for our future are relatively easy to project because as our Officer Corps have performed their duties we have universally profited, and are in position to shine even brighter in the foreseeable future.

Not one Lodge member has shown themselves to be so myopic to allow themselves to acknowledge the term failure exists in their vocabulary. Everyone, everyday upon awakening believes theirs' will be a successful day. For that, I wish to highlight by name many of the individual members who have made worthy contributions. Building this roster can be a crapshoot, because I shouldn't risk overlooking anyone, but I feel even that chance is warranted at this time.

David Naccarato, PER; Rick Herrerra; Carl Lanterman; June Leadam; Dick McCann; Joel Erickson; Gerry Gillies; John D'Ambrogio, PER; Steve Woodlief; Mary Woodlief; Boyd

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LEADING KNIGHT

Steve Smith



Well, it's already February, a month of historically notable holidays such as St. Valentines Day and the birthdays of Presidents Lincoln and Washington. What you may not be aware of is that another notable birthday will be celebrated this month. On February 8th, 2011 over 4.5 million young Americans will celebrate the 101st birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. Since we now celebrate all of our presidents in February, I thought you might be interested to know of two who were actually Boy Scouts.

This from the BSA website:

The first Scout to become president was John F. Kennedy, a member of Troop 2 in Bronxville, New York, from 1929 to 1931 and a leader in the Boston Council....Gerald Ford was the first Eagle Scout to become vice president and later president. He began his Scouting career on December 17, 1924, when he became a member of Troop 15, which was sponsored by the Trinity M.E. Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was recognized with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award by the Grand Valley Council at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in May 1970 for his service to the nation and community.

There were other presidents involved with Scouting, but as far as I was able to determine Kennedy and Ford were the only two who were actually Scouts.

I would like to thank Bill Miller, Bill Sternberg and Greg Metzgas for representing Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge in our sponsorship of Scouting. Their efforts in maintaining our relationship with the youth we support and their families is essential to how we are regarded within our community. Happy birthday Boy Scouts of America.

Now, some lodge stuff. Over the past two months I enjoyed a holiday season that was not only challenging, but fulfilling and fun. There were times when I thought disaster might strike at any time, but I was told over and over again, "don't worry it'll get done", and it did. So, thank you again to all of the volunteers and donors at every level for your support.

Looking ahead, we have more fun coming our way. For those of you who enjoyed our Laughlin trip, and those of you who wish you hadn't missed it, I hope you'll join us for a short bus ride to Santa Anita Park for a *Day at the Races*. There should be a flyer in this issue of the Antlers, but I'll go ahead and be redundant. The trip includes round-trip bus fare, adult beverages on board and other refreshments, admission to the Clubhouse Loge near the finish line, a racing program, a buffet lunch during the event and upon our return a spaghetti dinner at the lodge. Plus, we'll have a 50-50 drawing, rippers and other fun "events" on our way to the track. All of this is just \$75.00 per-person. I've tried to pattern this event after the successful Santa Anita trips sponsored in the past by Elks Ladies, but I'm not wearing those long crazy T-shirts.

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LOYAL KNIGHT
Leo Rodriguez



LECTURING KNIGHT
Kira Wagner



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”

Richard Flake, PER

Born 12/30/1929
Initiated 4/16/1952
Died 12/15/2010

Theodore, Leon Lipka "Ted Lipka" PER

Born: 7/29/1946
Initiated 8/6/1980
Died 12/21/2010

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OUR LODGE ON YOU TUBE---HURRAY

<http://www.youtube.com/user/elks2477>



On the right hand side you will see videos.
Just below them there is a link called see all.
Click that to see all of them

Taking a different tack this month, we look at what has transpired with the web. It has been an amazing year as we turn the corner and begin to look at what is next.

The end of January saw a presentation on navigating our website and related internet options. As an admitted technogeek, I am thrilled with the possibilities that exist as we search for solutions that are best for the majority of our members.

Here are a few sites to consider:

- Receiving the Antler Antics, either by email or by getting it online, helps us to keep the mailing costs down. It also allows us to help preserve our natural resources. You will find issues as far back as 2002 in pdf form when you visit <http://www.elks2477.com/blog/antler/> (you'll need to call the lodge if you don't have the password)
- Our calendar can be downloaded at any time here <http://www.elks2477.com/calendar/>. In addition, you can even see what we had planned when you look at past calendars (actual events may have varied).
- Would you like to send a free postcard to our troops? You can, simply visit our Veteran's page <http://www.elks2477.com/veterans.html> and click on the link that says, "Support our Troops".
- If you're interested in seeing new members pictures, finding out what happened at some of the meetings or just general news...visit our blog at <http://www.elks2477.com/blog/>. And yes, we are looking for writers to help out with the content. Let me know if you're interested!
- Are you connected on Facebook? You'll find our profile at <http://tinyurl.com/2477FB> and our group at <http://tinyurl.com/2477FBgroup> (shortened so that you don't have to type as much)
- We even have our own YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/elks2477>. There you'll find over 12 videos that are about happenings around our lodge.
- Finally, if you want to receive weekly updates on happenings at the lodge send me an email at kira@kirawagner.com and be sure to include your name.

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Exalted Ruler continued from page 2

Lindquist; Abe Gamble; Dick Johnson; Al Lenahan; Bill Miller; Randy Mainer; Paul Stein; Tom Hartin; Terry Gicking, PER; Mike Flannery; Robert Koeritz; Jane Watson; Dave Anderson; Patty Queen;; Don "Bugsy" Ansell, PER; John Preston; Billy Gilmore (Simi Valley); Eddie Bianchi; John Nau, PER; Jesse Garcia; Ken Keeler; Dave Grannis; Steve McKee; Jim Moyer; Tommy Claunch; Bill Sternberg, PER; Eddie Rice; Rick Eddy; Jerry Kamm; Dick Flittner; Bill Dyer; Jim Miller (Simi Valley); Steve Buszynski; Jerry Feldman; Jim Mullins; Alvin "Bully" Cadden; Bryan Burns; Richard Wendler; Bill Rodams; Richard Whitmire; Jack Henry, 2xPER; Joan Roper; Ramon Arvalo; Carol Fredericks; Dan Martyn; Dick Churick; Kira Wagner; Paul Nubilo; John Moran; Sam Frankl; Ben Rieger; Leo Rodriguez; David Stull; Janine VanPoppelen; Bill McIntyre; Tom Corrigan (Simi Valley); Reggie Fleeman, PER (Ventura Lodge); Jerry Serota; Jack Paulson; John Peterson; Tom Ryder, PDDGER; Steve Smith; Chuck "Heavy" Busch; Fred Tryzinski; Tony Gomes; Richard Goldner, PDDGER; Bill Burmester; John Leadam; Cherri Peterson; Ed Lukas; Robert Wissusik; Sally Claunch, PER; Brock Younker; Ken Krabel; Bob Arbetman; Paul Wagner; Charles Gregory (Brookings, OR Lodge); Dean Reichle; Jim Allen; Chet Kozlowski, PER; Herb Jellander; Greg Metzgas, DDGER; Karen Martyn; Dorothy Murray; Beverly Reis; Myrna Block; Rick Bennet; Joe Nemtusak; Pat Hartin; Debbie Irish; Al Koemmpel; George Meehan, PER; Chris Prince; Rich Romano; Heather Poliskey; Joe Clancy; Harry Isamen; Max Maxwell; Donna Leary; Grant Thistle; Catherine Koeritz, PER; Joe Smith; Coleen Morris; Jay Schmidt; Arnie Antle; Nick Shiele; Carol Neuner; Barbara Gibbs; Robert Jones; Bobby Williams; Jim Hornung; Julie Cook; Leo Lambert; Bobby Adams; Jay Peterson; Dee Ansell; Jay Block, PER; Ted Poliskey (Simi Valley); Billy Wilkinson; Jon Anderson; Allen Hardie; and Roy Cooper.

The impact of these Elks' deeds are too numerous to list, their names have been presented in an "at random" roster to motivate searching for the acknowledgement bestowed upon them, meanwhile recognizing others who have also delivered values for all to enjoy. Each has earned the right to be extended such dignified appreciation, and before my last opportunity slips by, I wish to do so publicly.

Thank you each, and all, very much. Further appreciation is extended to those non-members who have been alongside assuring our members' their support when needed. My spouse, Madeleine, and I wish to sincerely express our appreciation. Thank you.

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All of this so that it is easier to share information about our lodge and to stay informed when life makes it so that you cannot be present. Additionally, all of these options provide the opportunity for instant access regardless of the time or day.

In closing, I know "one size does NOT fit all" and some of you don't even have a computer – that's why you're reading this in print...if you're reading it at all☺. However, with the advances in technology today and the costs of printing and mailing, I believe that we are moving in this direction so if you are able I would like to encourage you to check it all out!

See you at the lodge!

Leading Knight continued from page 2

Ritual practice is in full swing, and your team is working hard to make you proud when your lodge hosts the ritual competition at the Westlake Hyatt Hotel in April. It takes considerable dedication and effort on the part of each team member just to learn the ritual correctly, let alone be competitive. It is also a fun filled experience of fellowship with members of other lodges in our district. This year the competition takes place right here on your own "front porch". Please make the effort to be a part this event which only comes to Thousand Oaks about every twelve years

CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM REFLECTIONS

Undaunted by rain the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 members young and old carried on the tradition of father and son making deliveries to 97 families who are feeling the economic downturn and needed help this Yule Tide season.

Through the hard work of the Elks Ladies who donated, Elk members working BBQs and the Christmas Tree lot as well as the El Konejo Kamper Klub which donated \$1,000 a total of \$9,700 worth of Turkeys, food staples and toys were distributed to last a family for a week.

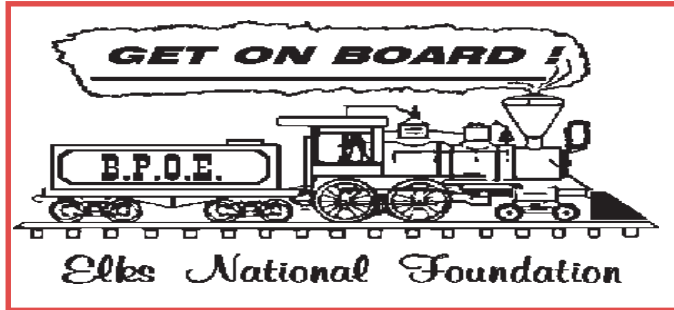
Carrying on the tradition father, son, and now grandchildren (R-L back row) Ken Krabel, Ken Jr., (Middle row) friend Maeve Ramsey, Samantha Krabel, Brandon Krabel happily braved the elements to bring joy to families in need. **Jerry Serota**



On Saturday December 18, 2010, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge members delivered Christmas "boxes" consisting of food and children's gifts to 96 needy families in the Thousand Oaks/ Newbury Park/Westlake area. One of these boxes contained a bicycle for a special child who is a member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation for children. Jonathan (second from right, pictured with his family and 2 Elks) has an extreme life-threatening medical condition. This needy family was recommended to the Elks lodge by a staff member of the California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

Paul Wagner





You the Thousand Oaks Elks Members and Friends as of December 16th 2010 have donated \$3,890 for the 2010-2011 Elks year. That's a per-capita of \$10.08. We have exceeded the Grand Exalted Rulers Goal of \$4.50.

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge is as of this date first in the District in per-capita and through additional fund raising we hope to stay there. Am currently planning a Saturday night ENF dinner and fun fest for some time in March 2011.

Again how is ENF Helping the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA)?

ENF is giving \$1,721,490 for CHEA committees use this year. Not a bad return on a \$673,462 donation last year!!

That's a \$2.55 return for every dollar donated!!

Monies returned use is designated as follows;

<i>CHEA Charities Grant</i>	<i>\$629,290</i>
<i>Special Projects Grant</i>	<i>\$413,950</i>
<i>Bonus Grant</i>	<i>\$239,870</i>
<i>Most Valuable Student</i>	<i>\$292,000</i>
<i>Legacy Award</i>	<i>\$112,000</i>
<i>National Veterans Service</i>	<i>\$ 34,380</i>

You ask as to how our lodge or you can get some of this money, We have to request it from CHEA or Grand Lodge and explain how we are going to use the funds for our good or the good of our community!

Check on Scholarships available for your children or grandchildren!

Tom Ryder –PDDGER – ENF Chairman



OPERATION FACELIFT

Tom Ryder ~ PDDGER

The “**OPERATION FACELIFT**” committee works on projects to improve your facility for the benefit of our members and their guests. Work been progressing slowly. ~ **NEED SOME NEWGRUNTS’!**

(A **GRUNT** is a person having time on their hands and needing a place to expend some energy for the good of the Lodge)

All Projects will be reviewed and approved by the Officers and House Committee

Operation Pride

A most important **Operation Facelift** project! Help keep your lodge buildings and grounds presentable. There is a lot of loose garbage and litter around the lodge. Please help us pick it up! A more presentable facility will attract more new members!!!

Outside Grounds Lighting

Need to better light up the parking area behind our lodge building. Have a plan for some low wattage lighting to be installed on the back fence. Elks Ladies offered to pay for this lighting several years ago. Will check to ascertain if offer is still available.

Additional Picnic Tables

The picnic area alongside the BBQ wagon needs more tables. This area has become a highly used area during our Saturday fund raising BBQs and Elks functions. Families sit there and enjoy the great Elks BBQ. Requested funds from Elks Ladies for 5 additional tables.

Privacy Gate and Fence

The picnic area needs to be more isolated from sight of the road traffic. A plan has been presented to and approved by the Officers and House Committee for installing additional fencing and a gate alongside the BBQ wagon. This will also stop some of the non elk traffic currently using this walkway as a shortcut.

Volunteers/Grunts

Your lodge is in need of volunteers. If you have some free time, consider lending a hand at an upcoming event or project. Contact the office, any officer or me to volunteer.



COMING ATTRACTIONS

February 5-Elk Ladies Buccaneer Bash

February 6- Superbowl Party

February 25- Police and Firefighters
Appreciation Dinner

March 13-Day at the Races

March 18-St. Patrick's Day Party

March 23-Installation of Officers

March 26-Inaugural Ball

April 2- Blood Drive

April 27-May 1-Conejo Valley Days

April 28-30-Ritual Contest at TO Lodge

ENTERTAINMENT



February 4-Open Juke Box

February 11-TBA

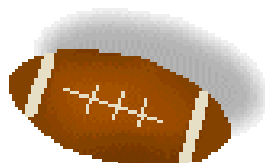
February 18-One Last Dance

February 26-Sing-A-Long at 4 pm



Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager

FEBRUARY 6, 2011



**Super Bowl
Sunday**

VIEW THE GAME
ON MULTIPLE TVS



RAFFLES--FOOD-FUN

**ED BIANCHI'S CHILI
SERVED ALL DAY**

**1 PM-END OF GAME
HALF TIME OPEN JUKE BOX**

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE-RECEIVE RAFFLE TICKET
DRINK SPECIALS**

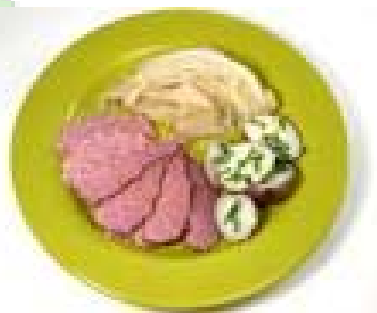
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY MARCH 18



\$13 PRE SALE-UNTIL 3/13
\$15 AT THE DOOR

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

HAPPY HOUR 6 PM



DINNER 7 PM

**KARAOKE ENTERTAINMENT BY JIM O'MILLER AND
PATTY MC'GINNIS**

**IRISH COFFE BAR AVAILABLE
RAFFLES-PRIZES**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BAR &
FLANNERY'S 1- 818-706-0680**



Proceeds from raffle benefit Christmas Charity Basket Program
Remaining proceeds benefit Alpha-1 Lung Foundation

Sponsored by El Konejo Kampers

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE-AWARDS



60th Anniversary Pin Major Project (front row) David Naccarato, PER, Heather Poliskey Steve Finnerty (back row) Greg Metzgus, PDDGER, Kira Wagner, Bill Sternberg, PER, Harry Brockwell, ER, John Anderson



Grant Thisle, Americanism Chair, presented Dick McCann a Special citation for flying the flag 24/7



Terry Gicking, PER presented Kira & Paul Wagner, 1st place in Web Design Contest

PER, Dick Flake

One of the driving forces from State Farm in the inception of BPOE #2477. He was a leader in every respect. Old timers remember him as Leading Knight for his sharp pen when noting infractions and fining the members for the good of the order. He would fine you for being very correct just so you would not feel left out. He was a member of the Conejo Brothers that helped secure the loan to buy our present Lodge by using his home as colateral and wanted to make sure we did not default on the loan.

Dick was our 3rd PER 1974-75 and editor of the Antler Antics and while living in Newbury Park his house was struck by lightning sending his TV and appliances in chaos. He later moved and transferred to Green Valley Elks Lodge in Arizona and went through the chairs again. He and Carolyn were married for 25 years and was 80 years old when he passed away from pneumonia. **Jerry Serota**



PER, Theodore Leon Lipka

Theodore Leon Lipka was known as "Ted" to his friends. Born July 29, 1946 in New Egypt, New Jersey, Ted was initiated into our order at the Whittier Lodge #1258 August 6, 1980. Ted took a demit to our lodge January 26, 1984 during the time that John Nau was the Exalted Ruler and proceeded to join the officer corps as our Lecturing Knight in Elk year 85-86. Skipping over the position of Loyal Knight he then moved up to Leading Knight and became our Exalted Ruler in 1988-1989. Taking a very short break Ted then got back into the officer corps and completed the chairs assuming the Loyal Knight position in 1991-92 and was our Officer at large in year 93-94. By profession Ted Lipka was a Deputy Sheriff and moved to Las Vegas in March of 2004. Ted passed away December 21, 2010. **Kira Wagner**



Steve Gettleman

Steve Gettleman was born July 13, 1943. He joined the US Air Force after high school where he was stationed at Hahn Air Base, West Germany, with the "Home of the 50th Air Police, K-9 Section" in the early 1960s. Steve joined our lodge on January 27, 1987 and took a demit to Canoga Park Lodge #2190 in 1991. He later was reinstated into our lodge in 2002 then moved up to Paso Robles and became an associate member of Paso Robles. Steve kept his ties here at our lodge and in January 2006, when he heard of the need for a new log splitter for our BBQ team, he sent down a cashiers check for \$350.00 to get the fund started. Steve passed away on Dec. 4, 2010 in Thousand Oaks.

Kira Wagner



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

HOLIDAY BRUNCH AT THE GRAND VISTA

Steve Chiszar is a constant amazement. When he took over the activities as our own Master of Ceremonies he did an awesome job. Since his friend, Denise, was called out of town due to her father's illness, (we learned he is doing well) Steve's brother, Will, came along. Didn't even know Steve has a brother.

As usual the Kampers rally round to get the raffle prizes displayed and organized. Quite a display. Deb Drake is an incredible organizer as well as a decorator, who with a little help from her friend, Sue, did an beautiful job of creating the table center pieces. Even though she wasn't particularly pleased with the items Mary Flannery and I had picked up on sale last January - the end results were terrific. Deb also makes items for Manna contributions. These are always beautiful also. The lady seems to have no end to her talents.

Our faithful elf, Sally Claunch, was on hand to handle 50/50 or raffle tickets. Kathy Moye was also circulating along with a couple others, whose identity escapes me at the moment.

Although I suffered criticism for advising the group of Veronica Robichau's condition as well as her mother, Kay Leveque, this was to remind all of us to be extremely grateful for our good health and abundant blessings.

Good to see Gladys Ennis and her lovely daughter, Jackie, who appeared to be enjoying the festivities.

In the past there have been some question as to the value received at the Grand Vista. Several years ago, a committee checked numerous other facilities from the San Fernando Valley and Westlake. The results of this investigation were staggering. One facility required \$4,000 for the use of the room ONLY. We really do get the most bang for our buck at the Grand Vista. If there is anything missing for anyone's appetite, have no clue what it might be? All the service staff are attentive and very pleasant.

It was truly great to see some of you Kampers we don't see frequently. Perhaps you believe we don't miss you, but we really do. It would be very nice if ya'll would check out the Kampers schedule on the website and plan to join the group. We have a terrific time.

It had been since July, I think, since we have seen the Wigmanichs and I'm ashamed to say, I failed to recognize them. Sorry guys, just goes to show, we need to see you more often.

Our new group of officers, Joel Erickson, president, Jim Moye, vice-president, Deb Drake, treasurer and Jessica Stull, secretary. Everyone encourage Jessica and David's attendance at campouts - cause I'm tired and I don't what to fill-in (giggle).

Jim Moye is really inspired and from what limited knowledge I have at this time, is planning some campouts where we haven't been in a while. Jim is very open to suggestions, so if you have a constructive idea, let him know.

his other duties, perhaps he'll find time and energy to have it available next year.

Remember to check the Kampers website for all upcoming events.

Also, I'm sure you all may just a bit tired to hearing this song, but we need some new volunteers for our Sunday Breakfast.

Also a reminder that plans are in the wind for Mike Flannery to do a St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner in March. If you haven't had his corned beef, etc., you have no idea what you are missing. The plans include a sit-down dinner with service to your table. (is that redundant?) Mike will be requesting donations for raffle prizes and hoping we'll have more than we did last year.

By the time ya'll read this, Christmas and New Year's will have come and gone. Nonetheless, all the Kampers wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Healthy, Happy New Year, God Bless One and All.

On Wednesday December 15th the El Konejo Kamper Klub of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge#2477 delivered to Manna the local food bank a pickup truck of groceries and a check for \$1,000.

Making the delivery to Mike Matthews the CEO of Manna was Joel and Beverly Erickson.



Upcoming Campouts

February 11-12- California RV Acton
March 11-12-Camp Comfort
March 31/April 2-Newport Dunes
May 20-21-Kenney Grove



visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- * Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly
- * Doing bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital monthly
- * Delivering dictionaries to third graders in Pleasant Valley School District during meaningful assembly
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner for for police and firefighters

BE PART OF THE ELK VOLUNTEER TEAM

CALL THE OFFICE OR COMMITTEE CHAIR TO PARTICIPATE



Third grade assembly at Pleasant Valley School District complete with Elroy and Heather Poliskey representing our Lodge



“There but for the grace of God.....” How often do we say this when we are faced with some ones elses adversity and breath a sigh of relief that it is not us.

You are driving your car and come to a stop sign and see a poor creature with a sign that says “lost my job, lost my house, am homeless.....” Do you feel repulsed and drive away or do you throw a buck out the window, feel better and say “There but for the grace of God.....”

Go by Manna and see people less fortunate than ourselves and say I feel better because I had a hand and helped. The next time you attend a meeting we will pass the hat for Manna and you can leave a buck or a can of food and you can feel better by saying to yourself “There but for the grace of God.....”

Jerry Serota

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CHECK OUT OUR

articles

calendar

Antler in color



<http://www.elks2477.com>

ANNOUNCEMENT

Comming soon
 Legions in Concert goes
 COUNTRY
 Another CAT-DAV production
 Look for us this spring.
 (need cowgirls who want some fun in Blue Jeans)



Call 375-1089 to sign-up for this skit.



Bill Miller, Lodge 2477 Scouting Chair.

A Court of Honor to celebrate the award of Eagle Scout to Harrison Ang was held on December 20th 2010 and was attended by several Elks from Lodge 2477. Harrison is the 60th scout to earn this award from Troop 754 since it's origin in 1972 and his name tag fills the Eagle Board normally on display at the Lodge. Shown in the photo are (l-r): PER Terry Gicking; Eagle Scout Harrison Ang; PER Bill Sternberg, the first Troop 754 Scoutmaster; PER Greg Metzgas, a two-time 754 Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout; and Bill Miller, Lodge Scouting Chair. A portion of Harrison's moving "Thank You" speech is reprinted below:"



People always quote the "only 4 scouts out of 100 get their Eagle", and I was always curious as to why. It really isn't that hard is it? You learn to tie a few knots and lashings, go on a few camping trips and prove that you know a few concepts, all the while having fun and making friends, why don't all 100 scouts get their Eagle? It wasn't until later in high school when I realized what makes it such a rare achievement. Classes get harder, sports become more demanding, your social life and time with your friends begin to look ever more inviting. So many other commitments and distractions begin to take over, and this is the point where a Scout's dedication truly matters.

I think it's sometimes easy to think of Eagle Scouts as the perfect, cookie-cutter person, a total package complete with all the bells and whistles. But if there is anything I've learned through Scouts it's that I still have SO MUCH to learn. I am not perfect, far from it, and I still have problems and things that I need to work on. Scouting has brought this realization to me, through experiencing the challenges that most people don't face until later in life. If I have any advice to the younger Scouts present, life is about balance. Scouting shouldn't be about rushing to get your Eagle as quick as you can, or completing requirements for the sake of completing them, nor should it be about making an appearance only for the fun outings but never bothering to contribute otherwise. Take your time, enjoy the adventures and the experience, make friends and cherished memories, but never lose sight of your goals and what is truly important to you. If you take that principle with you, as I plan to do, you will be happy and successful not only in Scouting, but in all walks of life.

Thank you.

David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary

Just another reminder. Last year a motion was made at a regular meeting to change our By-Laws to reflect changing our lodge meetings back to first 4 Wednesdays. A motion was made to modify the first motion to making the 2nd Wednesday House and Officers meeting. Both motions passed and we received confirmation from our Area 7 Judiciary, Robert Duitsman, that we can change our meeting days "forthwith". I said all that, to remember our new meeting days, are now 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays. The 2nd Wednesday is reserved for Officers and House Committee meetings. Any 5th Wednesday will be a dark night.

Our Lodge achieved the \$4.50 per ca-pita E.N.F. goal set by the Grand Exalted Ruler. For our efforts we can and have applied for a \$1,000.00 grant from ENF. ENF is what funds our charitable activities at the state and national levels.

Dues Notices will be going out in February and by the amount of Antlers that are returned, I see that many Elks moved this year. We are not receiving updated addresses. I don't want to get back any dues notices due to wrong address. Please contact the office with your updated information Thank you

Membership report as of December 31st is total members paid up in good standing 398. We Initiated 30, reinstated 6, received 1 demit. We have one waiting for investigation, one waiting for balloting and three for Initiation.

Important February Dates in WWII

February 1st is National Freedom Day

February 1- 1943 The all Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team is activated. It became one of the war's most decorated units.

February 4- USO founded 1941. 1945 Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin discuss plans for Europe after the war. Stalin agrees to declare war on Japan. In the Pacific, the Allies finally retake Manila.

Feb 8, 1943- U.S troops complete the capture of Guadalcanal from the Japanese.

Feb 13, 1945- The Allies begin firebombing Dresden, Germany killing 135,000.

Feb 15, 1943- Japan invades Singapore.

Feb 19, 1942- President Roosevelt signs Executive order 9066 which sent 120,000 Japanese including many U.S. citizens, to internment camps. 1945 American forces stormed ashore on the volcanic island of Iwo Jima. The Island was of vital importance. On the 23rd The U.S. Marine 5th division reached the summit of Mt. Suribachi, the island's highest point. There they raised the flag, signaling that the mountain was now under American control. Later that same day a second and larger flag was raised to replace the first. The action, captured on film by photographer, Joe Rosenthal, became the most famous image of the war.

Feb 20, 1944 -The Allies begin a massive bombing campaign of Germany. In 1945 in Europe, the Allies capture Saarbrücken.

Feb. 22, 1944 The USSR bombs Stockholm, Helsinki.

2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	THE ELKS LADIES Patricia Peterson	2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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WHO? THE ELKS LADIES.

WHAT? THE BUCCANEER BASH.

WHERE? THE ELKS LODGE.

WHEN? FEBRUARY 5th.

WHY? MAJOR PROJECT.

AHOY MATEY! Put your PIRATE and WENCH clothes on and let's party. This will be the event of the year, so YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE. If you don't have your ticket yet, the cost is \$20.00 and they are available at the bar. See you there!

On March 4th – the Elks Ladies will be hosting the Friday night dinner, entitled March Madness. Come out and support Sally Claunch in her endeavors.

We will be having our officer elections and installation in March, so come to our March meeting and vote in your new officers for 2011.

At our last meeting, the winner of the 50/50 was Alice Kennedy and Patricia Peterson was the winner of the bubble drawing for \$100. Next month's drawing is worth \$20. God Bless,
Alice Kennedy

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Grace Wallace-1
Pam Smith-8
Kathy Ryder-10
Karen Naccarato-14
Margaret Thornton-16
Kathy Jenkins-23



WE EXHALT YOU, FATHER GOD



Our Father God, we thank you,
You've given us this grand new year,
With promises and blessings,
Your Bible tells us not to fear.

We know we'll never be alone,
No matter what our situation,
You love, protect, provide, console,
Hear NOW our praises of exhalation.

Amen



Isn't only about basketball.....

It's Elks Ladies Friday Nite Dinner-
March 4th

featuring:

crazy chicken peculiar potatoes wacky veggies insane salad
delirious dessert



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OFFICERS 2010-2011

EXALTED RULER - Harry Brockwell
 LEADING KNIGHT - Steve Smith
 LOYAL KNIGHT - Leo Rodriquez
 LECTURING KNIGHT - Kira Wagner
 SECRETARY - Dave Naccarato, PER
 TREASURER - Debbie Irish
 TILER - Paul Wagner
 ESQUIRE - Robert Jones
 CHAPLAIN - Rick Herrera
 INNER GUARD- Rick Eddy
 ORGANIST- Kirin Spreights
 OFFICER AT LARGE- Terry Gicking, PER

TRUSTEES

Sam Frankl 1 Year
 David Stull 2 Year
 Chuck Kudra 3 Year
 Richard Whitmire 4 Year
 Carl Lanterman 5 Year

MANAGERS

BAR MANAGER- Corinne Eddy
 KITCHEN- Loyal Knight-Leo Rodriquez
 WEB- Kira & Paul Wagner

2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Exalted Ruler

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 ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:
 Tom Ryder, PDDGER

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MOTHER'S DAY: Rick Herrera
 WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Rick Eddy
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 PRESIDING JUSTICE: Richard McCann
 YOUTHACTIVITIES:

2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight

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 SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera
 GOVT. RELATIONS: Harry Brockwell, ER
 MEMORIAL SERVICE: Rick Herrera
 KIDS XMAS PARTY: Sally Claunch, PER

GOLF TOURNAMENT:
 LODGE PICNIC: Kira Wagner
 MEMBERSHIP: David Naccarato, PER
 CHRISTMAS TREES: Terry Baker
 EL KONEJOKAMPERS: Joel Erickson
 NATIONAL SERVICES: Carl Lanterman

HONOREES

ELK OF THE YEAR- Terry Baker
 OFFICER OF THE YEAR- Kira Wagner
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- Karen Martyn
- Karin Speights
- Greg Metzgas
- Max Maxwell
- Darryl " Duke" Kopacz

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dick Flitner-1 | Robert Iritano-17 |
| Terry Gicking, PER-4 | Robert Phillips-18 |
| Suzanne Osgood-4 | Charles Christensen-20 |
| Nick Schiele-4 | Toni Hartin-20 |
| Rick Eddy-7 | Robert Huffman-20 |
| Bart Manzo-8 | William O'shea-20 |
| Rick Herrera-8 | Terry Baker, Elk of the Year-21 |
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| Joe Smith-11 | Earl Dyer-29 |
| Jdee Christensen-12 | |
| Arnold Antle-13 | |
| Richard Whitmire-13 | |
| Dave McClure-14 | |
| Jim Weins-14 | |
| Jimmy Jo Brown-16 | |
| Charles Pedersen-16 | |
| Dean Reichle-16 | |
| Louis Thomas-16 | |



COME BY AND RECEIVE
YOUR FREE BIRTHDAY
DRINK

Help Fund Our Scholarship Program



Bring your aluminum cans,
plastic and glass bottles to
the Lodge

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

Please do not drop off non deposit plastic items
for recycling.

for example:

Milk bottles

Engine oil bottles

Plastic alcohol containers (IE Tequila)

Medicine bottles

Plastic cups

Salad dressing containers

Aluminum foil

Thank You for your continued support, Rick



FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON:

February 2, 2011



James Porter Jr. Sponsored by Jim Porter

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Lucky 13 Dick McCann no winner.



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10 am-8 pm

Wednesday & Friday
10 am- to closing

Sunday
9 am-8 pm



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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.

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1976-77 John E. Henry	2002-03 Don Booker
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1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2005-06 Sally Claunch
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2006-07 David Naccarato
1981-82 * Robert Hardy	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2008-09 George Meehan
1983-84 John Nau	2009-10 Terry Gicking
1984-85 Vern Ogden	
1985-86 Dan Snyder	By Affiliation:
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1988-89 Ted Lipka	1999-00 * Ralph Vester
1989-90 Don Skinner	
1990-91 Don Ansell	
1991-92 Gary Sleight	
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	
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