



**Exalted Ruler
Steve Smith**

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MEET YOUR NEW EXALTED RULER---STEVE SMITH

Steve Smith was born June 13, 1950 to Jack and Nelda Smith in San Jose, California. He attended elementary school and junior high school while growing up in La Puente. His family relocated to Temple City where he graduated from Temple City High School in 1968. He then attended Pasadena City College majoring in what was at that time referred to as Police Science. During that time he began dating Pamela Palmer who was still attending Temple City High School while he was working for the Pasadena Police Department as a civilian worker in the records division and jail division.

In February of 1969 Steve joined the California Army National Guard as an 11B10 light weapons infantry grunt. He was later assigned to a Headquarters Armored Cavalry unit and working in S2 intelligence. A couple of years later he was transferred to a Military Police unit where he completed his service as an E6 Sergeant.

On the first Saturday after Pamela reached the age of 18 years old they were married in the living room of Steve's grandmother Julia on February 14, 1970. On June 21, 1971 Steve became a Police Officer for the City of Pasadena. On June 24, 1974 he laterally transferred to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff.

In 1972 Steve and Pam bought their first house in Simi Valley. In September of 1974 their first son Patrick was born. In January of 1977 they sold their home in Simi and moved to the house they still call home today in Thousand Oaks. Twelve days after moving to Thousand Oaks their second son Scott was born in February 1977.

Steve and Pam owned and operated a quick print business beginning in May of 1983 known as Printmasters of Simi Valley. They sold the business in January of 1988.

In 1986 Steve's law enforcement career came to an abrupt end due to an injury. He then found himself pursuing a new career working for a private investigator specializing in retrial investigations on behalf of death row defendants. Needless to say an eye opening experience for a former Deputy Sheriff. Eventually, at the urging of his new employer, Steve obtained his own private investigator's license. He then began working as an independent contractor investigating "questionable claims" for insurance companies such as State Farm, California Automobile Club and others.

In 1989 a friend asked Steve to work for his construction company which specialized in tenant improvement construction mostly in high rise buildings located in the Century City area of Los Angeles. Steve took the job beginning as an estimator and eventually as a project manager.

In 1993 Steve found himself at yet another crossroads which landed him in private security. This involved protecting banks considered to be at a high risk of "take over" style robberies working for a company known as Pinkerton's. This lasted until about the year 2000. During that time he also conducted private investigations involving surveillances, locates and interviews. Since then he has continued to work in private security.

Steve became introduced to Elkdom by his Uncle in Cedar Edge, Colorado. He knew Tom Corrigan was a member of our lodge and asked him to be his sponsor. Tom agreed and did so on paper, but it was the late great Jack Loughran who stood in for Tom at Steve's initiation in April of 2003.

It wasn't until sometime in 2006 that, during a moment of weakness, Steve was double-teamed by Catherine Koeritz and Greg Metzgas "convincing" him to serve as Inner Guard. From there Steve continued to serve through the chairs pausing one year to serve as 5 Year Trustee. It was that year as Trustee which gave Steve a whole new appreciation for the challenges our Board faces each and every year.

**EXALTED RULER****Steve Smith**

When Terry Gicking wrote his first Antlers Antics article as Exalted Ruler he began with "PINCH ME! I can't believe it". I woke up on the morning of April 1st and asked Pam, "I DID WHAT!?" Just kidding, I know exactly what I did and I am honored that you have accepted me to serve you as your Exalted Ruler.

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge has been widely known throughout the West Central Coast District as the friendliest lodge in the district. I see no reason for that to change. Over recent years our lodge has experienced some ups and downs. The coming year may be no different. Nonetheless, I intend to emphasize the ups.

Heather Poliskey will be planning another mystery bus tour in conjunction with Simi Valley our sister lodge in October. I'm planning another Laughlin trip on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of August. If all works out we will be going to the Riverside Resort and Casino for a change of atmosphere. Kira Wagner will be planning our lodge picnic again this year and you can expect it to be bigger and better than last year. I will also plan another Day at the Races, but on a more suitable date which will hopefully increase participation over the last trip. This is just a sampling of events to come. You should expect more, such as improved Super Bowl activities, Kentucky Derby days etc.

Another up is not so much fun, but just as exciting. We have a truly knowledgeable and talented member among us. You will learn the identity of this officer as soon as we ask you to move forward with YOUR vision for our future. His talent is taking that vision and structuring it into a five year plan that works. No knee jerk reaction, no "gotta get it done now or else", but a structured, focused path for the growth and success of our lodge. You will learn more in the weeks ahead. I encourage you to be a part of the strategy that will develop.

In conclusion, let me inform all of you that our House Committee Meetings and Officer Meetings will be conducted separately effective April 13, 2011. They will also be held in the conference room of the lodge. The House Committee Meeting will commence at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of every month. Once the House Committee concludes, those having no interest in any other proceedings, have the opportunity to be excused. Upon conclusion of the House Committee Meeting the Officers Meeting will commence. There will be two separate minutes kept for each meeting. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in either meeting. If the subject matter slated to be discussed in either meeting causes the anticipation of an audience larger than the capacity of the conference room the meeting will be held in the lodge room. However, NO alcoholic beverages will be allowed.

If you have any input regarding anything I have written above, please call me at 805-857-9789 or come see me at the lodge face to face.

I welcome YOUR input and ideas.

**LEADING KNIGHT****Leo Rodriquez**

As we all know April 1st is the beginning of a new year for the new officers of the Lodge. Now that I've been elected to the position of the Leading Knight, I would like to thank everyone that helped me get through the past year in the kitchen cooking and getting everything in order to get all those parties in the Lodge set up and making sure that things worked smoothly. Without all the volunteers my life sure would have been a lot harder. So once again thank you to everyone.

Under the Leading Knight's station is the one of the most important parts in Elkdom, CHARITY, "the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed, for it should ever rule us in our hearts and in our lives."

Before we know it, we will be having our annual Charity Ball to raise funds for the Charity baskets of food and toys for the families of our community. Also falling under this station will be the Elks National Foundation. The funds raised by the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities which will help provide tomorrow's leaders and our youth with the knowledge that we as a charitable organization. We are here to assist them in having a better quality of life. Let us not forget the Purple Pig, once again it's all for Charity. The gifts we bestow are added to our own riches, the help we extend to those in need is added to our own strength.

I am looking forward to my new position with a lot of energy and hope to have you with me on this journey into helping not only our community, but to make us feel like we are part of the solution in our world by helping others.

I hope to be more in touch with you as the year goes on. For everyone knows the one person can't do everything, but with a little help from our Elk members we can get a lot of things done.



Remember Manna
Collection Bins in Lounge

Food prices are still on the rise. Gasoline is going through the roof. Where Manna is concerned there is a shortage for spaghetti sauce. When you come to the meeting bring a buck or pasta sauce for Manna. It will help fill their void in more ways than one.

Jerry Serota



LOYAL KNIGHT
Kira Wagner



Upon the altar before which you have just assumed the solemn obligation of our order lies the open Bible... it is the emblem of this station – Justice. This has a very different feel than that of brotherly love. Still, “Justice” is one of the many facets of the world of Elkdom and one that helps keep us in balance. I trust that the coming year will find me able to fulfill the duties of this station with continued dedication, enthusiasm and the ability to follow through for the good of the order.

With the restructuring of the committees, I am looking forward to working with the many individuals now connected with the Loyal Knight and excited about the options and possibilities. The calendar, while by no means “carved in stone” is filling out nicely and by April, each of you should be able to find many of your favorite activities and plan accordingly.

With the cadre of officers in place this year and their varied passions for the different charities and functions within Elkdom I know your officer corps will deliver one exciting year. When you’re down at the lodge take a moment to fill out one of the polls regarding the meals – we want to hear from YOU – let your voice be heard where it will count!

Allow me to close with an invitation to come support the Ritual Team here in Thousand Oaks at the end of the month and I look forward to seeing you at the lodge.



LECTURING KNIGHT
Paul Wagner



So...does Lecturing Knight have the privilege of lecturing?Hmmm.

“I welcome you to this station which is dedicated to Brotherly Love.” I take that as the guy whose job it is to compromise, to care for, to listen, to comfort, to lighten burdens, to...well... just listen during the next ritual to what I am to do and you’ll understand this station. Oh, haven’t been to Initiation in a while?—think of it as refresher for your obligation to the lodge—I guarantee you’ll pick up something you didn’t know before and appreciate it.

Now about new members. We’d like more members (That’s what I’ve heard), but we’d also like the right members, those that have “Elk” written on their foreheads. For me, I’m always watching for certain Elk traits before I invite a prospect, and not simply because they’re great party animals, have money, or are just a relative.

How prospective candidates speak and act when you are with them is a real clue to a future Elk. Do you hear “brotherly love”, “charitable acts” and “justice” even subtly, laced in their conversations? Have they ever mentioned God? Or spoken of doing-good-deeds? Do you think they would come down and help with charity baskets during Christmas?

I still try get my mind around new members who join, wanting to help, never to be seen again. I do appreciate their checks, but maybe it’s really upon us (especially the sponsors) to usher them in kindly, consistently, patiently, purposefully, respectfully. Lord knows how many times Rick Herrera, my sponsor, did that to (and for) me.

And maybe, just maybe, they simply do not know what it is they are supposed to be volunteering for (the list CAN be a bit overwhelming) and perhaps they’re not comfortable enough to make an appearance in the lodge on their own (just to “perhaps” sit by themselves?) After all they don’t know anyone, and being alone is frightful for most of us). I was lucky—I’m a high-end extrovert.

So , sponsors become both powerful influencers upon a new member’s opinions, AND effective partners in helping them achieve successful connections with other Elk members, and the lodge culture in general.

If you see a new face, smile, shake their hand, introduce yourself, and talk about the weather—who knows, you just might make a friend for life. I know I have.

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WEB SITE!

<http://www.elks2477.com>

The lodge would like to thank the persistent and technical efforts of Loyal Knight Leo Rodriguez, and member David Grannis for contributing their time and effort at giving the lodge a new audio/visual system. Using funds made available by Elks Ladies and the technical wizardry of David (Cal Lutheran Director of Educational Technology) and some extra parts that were to be tossed away at Cal Lutheran, these great guys gave us a new system. Now we can all project (with sound) from almost any source including laptop presentations, CD’s, MP3’s, DVD’s, and even mix up to 5 microphones. What an accomplishment! Next: Saturday night movies with popcorn!-Paul Wagner

PAST ELKS OF THE YEAR

Dick Lewis*	1973-74
Ernest Harter*	1974-75
Milt Mortenson*	1975-76
Frosty Miller*	1976-77
John Farhat*	1977-78
Jack Henry	1978-79
Bob Clark*	1979-80
Jerry Tait*	1980-81
Bob McKee*	1981-82
Bill Cairns*	1982-83
Dick Churik	1983-84
Bill Witney*	1984-85
Bob Cissell*	1985-86
Tommy Thompson*	1986-87
Roy Cooper	1987-88
Vern Ogden	1988-89
Vince Bailie*	1989-90
Don Steinhelper*	1990-91
Mac McDonald*	1991-92
Jeff Enger	1992-93
John Evans	1993-94
Tom Ryder	1994-95
Kirk Keeler	1995-96
Chuck Busch	1996-97
Jerry Serota	1997-98
Tommy Claunch	1998-99
Frank Coley	1999-2000
Dave Pearson	2000-01
Ken Keeler	2001-02
Gil Riding	2002-03
Dick McNeal*	2003-04
Ed Rice	2004-05
Tom Hartin	2005-06
Max Maxwell	2006-07
Herb Jellander	2007-08
Jim Allen	2008-09
Terry Baker	2009-10
John D' Ambrogio	2010-11

* deceased

MEET YOUR NEWEST ELK OF THE YEAR

HERE'S JOHNNY D'

Your Elks of the year are chosen by the Lecturing, Loyal and Leading Knights, The Exalted Ruler, and past Elks of the year.

There were approximately a dozen candidates for this years award.

I am proud that we have so many members, who in their own way, have given so much of their time, energies and money to make our Lodge a better and more enjoyable place.

The winning candidate this year won by a single vote. That vote was somewhat convoluted because three of us thought that we were voting for his wife. She makes wonderful dinners – sends delicious goodies with him for the guys.

John is the youngest child and the only boy in the D' Ambrogio Family. His sisters have many

stories about their brother. His older sister, Elaine, was about 12 years older than John and he was always embarrassing her. When he was about 5 or 6 Elaine had taken him to the park; in the park there was a bridge with a small stream running under it. Nature called and he preceded to add to the stream. When he was in his early teens he had a paper route he also, sold papers at the Hamilton Air Force Base. His sister worked in the PX. He would promise the airmen an introduction to her if they purchased a paper.

All of the girls looked after him. His middle sister (Lorraine) loved to “Mother”. She was the one that like to feed him. She still loves to introduce him as her little brother - he is 6’4” and she is about 5’3:

Born in Petaluma California and raised in Novato, he attended San Rafael High School. The only thing I know that his high school is famous for is the phrase 4-20. A code that the hippy generation used that meant lets smoke giggle weed after school.

While he was going to carpenter apprentice school at the college of Marin, his navel reserve unit was called up, and after boot camp he was stationed at Port Hueneme. He met his wife to be at one of her friend’s home and found out that she worked at Hueneme. During her lunch breaks he would hang around her office like a big farm boy digging his toe in the ground. He was a tall strapping good looking youth, with sophisticated pick up lines, like “ya wanna watch me play baseball? “ Besides being in love with her, he loved her mother’s cooking and would do chores just to get a bowl of chili beans.

They were married in Saticoy, California. August 14, 1955 and soon afterward moved back to Northern California, returning to Ventura County in 1958.

Their marriage produced two boys and a girl and while the children were growing he was always active with them in the Cub Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Little league, Girls softball and working the chains at the boys football games so he could get a front row seat. Being a grandfather and watching the second generation playing their sports is a great joy to him.

He joined the Elks 1982 and demitted to our Lodge in the 1996-97 Lodge year. As an Elk, he was an Assistant Esquire, Esquire, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, and Exalted Ruler and five years as a Trustee. He helps on the BBQ teams and was awarded the prodigious “Customer of the Month Award” by Sam’s Club, for buying the number of loaves of bread that he does. He has worked on every door in the Lodge, times two – replacing most of them without charge to our Lodge. John and his lovely wife put on a 5 course Italian Dinner for New Year’s Eve party goes and recently raised almost \$900.00 for a Leukemia patient. And he loves Snicker Doodles.

Johnny D..... would you please join us on stage.

Max Maxwell, MC

Johnny D’ with wife Marva & daughter Desire at the Elk of Year Dinner



COMING ATTRACTIONS



April 2- Blood Drive
 April 15-Pin Night Dinner
 April 24- Easter Egg Hunt Party
 April 28-30-Ritual Contest -TO Lodge

May 4/8-Conejo Valley Days
 May 7-Kentecky Derby Party
 May 8-Mother's Day Brunch
 May 13-youth Appreciation Dinner
 May 14/15- Relay for Life Walk
 May 18/21-CHEA State Convention
 May 21-Plant Transplanting Seminar
 May 28-Legends in Concert-CATDAVE Prod.

June 3-BBQ Appreciation Dinner
 June 10-Officers Night at the Races
 June 12-Flag Day/Flag Retirement Ceremony
 June 19-Father's Day Brunch by Elk Ladies

July 2-Saturday Night at the Movies
 July 13-State VP Visitation
 July 15-ER Going Away Party to Conv.
 July 16- Blood Drive
 July 17/21- Grand Lodge Convention
 July 29/31-ventura County Stand Down

Aug. 20-Car Show & Meet & Greet
 Aug. 24-DDGER Visitation
 Aug. 28/30-Laughlin Trip

Sept. 5/9-National Patriotism Week
 Sept. 9-Jr. PER Roast
 Sept. 10-Meet & greet w/ Flag Retirement
 Sept. 17- Lodge Picnic

Oct. 14- Spirit of America Award Banquet
 Oct. 22- Charity Ball
 Oct. 29- Meet & Greet

ENTERTAINMENT



April 1- Moon & Sol
 April 15-One Last Dance
 April 22- Bingo w/ Power Dave



Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager



KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY
MAY 7TH
2 PM

PRIZES FOR THE BEST HATS
SNACKS



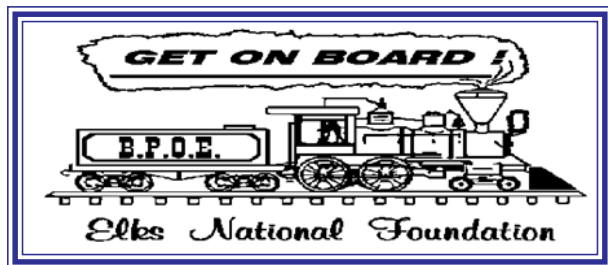
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Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:Our Armed Forces who are keeping us safe:

ON THE MEND: Shirley Kozlowski; Roy Cooper is home at last from rehab

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!



As of this issue, Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge has donated to ENF \$3,990 for the 2010-2011 Elks year. That's a per-capita of \$10.34. We have bettered 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. 2010-2011 ENF donations deadline is March 31!

PEAL YOUR OWN SHRIMP feed was a fantastic success! After all accounting was done and the bills paid. we raised \$700 dollars for ENF and the people that attended had a great time. Special thanks to Myrna Block for running the 50/50 drawing and to Don Ansell for the merchandise sale and donation. Thanks to the servers and kitchen help (too many names to list).

You ask as to how our lodge or you can get ENF Funds, We or you have to request it from CHEA or Grand Lodge. With the request for funds an explanation of how the funds are going to be used must be included.

Grand Lodge ENF to distribute \$27.1 Million in 2011-2012. These funds will allow Lodges to strengthen their communities through the recently expanded Community Investments Program, help students attend college with ENF scholarships, fund hoop shoot and Drug Awareness programs as well as veterans programs. More to come!

Go online at www.elks.org and check under ENF for available Scholarships and requirements for your children or grandchildren!

Tom Ryder – PDDGER – ENF Chairman

OUR LODGE ON YOU TUBE---HURRAY



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



OPERATIONFACELIFT
Tom Ryder ~ PDDGER

The “**OPERATIONFACELIFT**” committee is on the move. Projects are looking for volunteers. You know ~ **GRUNTS! NEED MORE GRUNTS - GET INVOLVED**

Operation Pride

All Elks are asked to join **Operation Pride!** Your lodge buildings and grounds need to be presentable. Please help us pick loose garbage and litter. A more presentable facility will attract more new members!
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Parking Lot Repair/Coating/Striping

Completed! Looks good! Well done troops! Makes the facility look better and it is safer to walk on.

Conference Room

Work in progress on enlarging the conference room in the office building. Will give us a bigger, more usable room for holding committee meetings, community meetings etc. Some new furniture is being purchased. Funding for this project is being donated by the Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers (PDDGERS) of our Lodge. Thank You.

Additional Picnic Tables

Terry Baker awaiting arrival of newly ordered picnic tables. Again thank you Elks Ladies for funding to purchase the additional tables for our picnic area!

Privacy Gate and Fence

.Plans and funds for the privacy fencing and gates has been approved. Currently soliciting **GRUNTS** to get the job underway.

Outside Grounds Lighting

Need to better light up the parking area behind our lodge building. The Officers/House Committee are working on a plan for installing some new lights in the back parking lot.

All Projects are reviewed and approved prior to start by the Officers and House Committees.

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.

There is something for Everyone to help with. Its your lodge ~ **Volunteer** ~ Talk To An Officer or me! !

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE FIGHTERS APPRECIATION DINNER

The Police and Firefighters night came off without a hitch. With Ed Rice and his handpicked team putting dinner together, how could we miss? The dinner was an out of the park home run, Good By Mr. Spalding. The reaction to the dinner was the most I can remember. Ben Rieger put his own personal touch to the ribs and Richard Goldner had some type of chicken which he had specially bred just for this event. But it didn't end there. Ed Rice put together Western beans, Jim Mullen created a Scallop Potatoes menagerie that we never had before and Tom Hartin cooked up his famous garlic bread. It was sealed with a strawberry shortcake that was great. With a dinner like that how could I do anything wrong that anyone would notice.

We honored the new sheriff of Ventura County, Geoff Dean. I was able to tell the story of Dean back in 1971-2. He dated my sister and to get anywhere with the sister he had to be nice to the brother. I made him sit through all my magic tricks that I would try out on him. I had some fun with it.

We also Honored the Deputy Sheriff of the Year, Deputy Lars Johnson. When Lars was 9 years old he and his family were out boating on a lake and the boat capsized. Lars held his mother and swam her to shore and went back for his brother who happened to be down in the bow of the boat. Larz pulled him out and got him to shore and started first aid and saved both family members. He was meant for a service career.

The Lodge also presented a large plaque to the East Valley Sheriff Station to show our appreciation. We invited and honored Fire station 31 on 151 Duesenberg Dr. This was different from how we did it in the past. We presented the whole station with a plaque of appreciation from the members of the Lodge for their service to the community.

It just so happens that on January 9th here at the lodge, I had a reaction to the medication and fainted and fell out of my wheel chair during ritual practice. The members of the Ritual team got me comfortable and called 911 It was Station 31 that came to the rescue. Many of the firefighters recognized me and asked "Hey did we just come here and pick you up" I said yeah that was me.

We also honored the Firefighter of the year whose name is Paul Torres. He was from Station 31. Paul was fighting a house fire here in the Conejo that had live ammunition discharging while the firefighters were there in the house. It's probably easier to watch for falling timbers than to watch for bullets flying. Paul unfortunately was shot in the eye and lost his sight in that eye. He had to show that he could do the job and re pass all the test which he did with flying colors. We served all the firefighters of Station 31 that night. They are: Captain Mark Acevdo, Captain Brian Dilley, Captain Chad Cook, Engineer Jeff Mauer, Engineer Mark Carrillo, Engineer Mark Carrillo, Firefighter Paul Torres, Firefighter Kevin Bart, Firefighter Clint Bart, Paramedic Noah

White, Paramedic Peter Botz, Paramedic William Thomas, Paramedic Andy Cipollini and Paramedic Guy Brown.

Station 31 was on Erbes Rd. but after Station 30 across from the Oaks Mall was built, 31 moved to the present location on Duesenberg Dr. in 2003. The single engine station was paired up with a paramedic unit. We also had Thousand Oaks city officials present at the dinner. With us were City Manager, Scott Mitnick and Council Member, Thomas Glancy who presented Paul Torres and Larz Johnson special certificates from the city.

From the Sheriff's office we were blessed to have with us Assistant Sheriff, John Crombeck and Deputy, Bill Ayub and not to be outdone we had some brass from the Fire Department. In attendance were Fire Captain Brent Kerr, Rod Megli, County Fire and Ted Smith County Fire. It was a fun night with plenty of seats left for more members to attend and give thanks to the men who put it all on the line for us. We have many retired fire fighters here in this Lodge. They have a host of stories to tell. Ask them for one.

I would also like to thank my wife Karen Naccarato. Without her this would never had happened. She and Myrna Block set the tables and decorated. Alice Kennedy and Geri Miller delivered and cleared. Had lots of help on the take down Beverly Reis, Robert Wissusik. Thank you to all who attended
David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary



Police & Firefighters Appreciation Awards Dinner Pic1 (also attached): Thousand Oaks Elks lodge 2477 proudly sponsored the Police and Firefighters Appreciation Dinner at the lodge last Friday. Receiving the "Officer of the Year" award was Deputy Lars Johnson. (L-R) Captain Bill Ayub, Asst Sheriff John Crombeck, Capt Brent Kerr Deputy Lars Johnson, Sheriff Geoff Dean and David Nacarrato, PER

Alice Kennedy & Jeri Miller acted as hostesses for the dinner



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



James Porter, Jr. with his sponsor-Dad James Porter, Sr.



The February tradition--PERs do the Initiation (l-r) John Kelly, Terry Gicking, Catherine Koeritz, David Naccarato Jacob Panczak, Greg Metzgas, Tom Ryder, Bill Sternberg, George Meehan

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE-AWARDS



Officer of the Year Award--goes to Rick Herrera for his work as Scholarship Chair



Citizen of the Year Award--goes to Bill Miller for his work as Scouting Chair



Americanism Chair, Grant Thisle, presents Rick Herrera with an award for flying the American flag 24/7



District Major Project Chair, Terry Gicking, presents Coleen Morris with a certificate for her Major Project contributions



Elks Ladies President, Pat Peterson, presents June Leadam with the Appreciation Award



Pat Peterson was given the Elk Ladies President's Plaque by Myrna Block



Proud Grandpa, Gerry Gillies with Granddaughter for Girl Scout Award



Newly elected Elk Ladies Officers



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

THE CALIFORNIAN RV PARK AT ACTON IN FEBRUARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENOUGH ALREADY - - OKAY????

Back to the fun and games.

I've often commented on our "eclectic group" of Kampers.

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

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

The poker players had a good time in the rec room, at one point Bill came back to the rig looking like he'd lost his last friend. However, after all was said and done, he became a happy Kamper, having won the two last pots.

OH, Mary Flannery AGAIN - the woman gets nearly hysterical over BIRDS. Out on the patio there was a very tame dove (I think). She was all over the place trying to avoid that poor little bird. A hummingbird gave her the "terrors" also.

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

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

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

We sometimes wonder about Joel's sense of humor - as sheriff, he did an awesome job. He'd learned that Jessica Stull had received a kitten for Christmas. Yup brought KC along in his carrier, safely strapped in with a seat belt - with Jessica sitting next to carrier, reassuring KC - everything was fine.

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

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

JUST HAVE TO COMPLIMENT OUR BREAKFAST CREW. Joel & Bev Erickson, Sally and Tommy Claunch, Mike and Mary Flannery, Patty and Jimmy Miller (he makes an awesome omelet) Ed Colleran (come in from North Hollywood, Doris Newcomer and ME! The blueberry pancakes are a tremendous hit, also. These people hustle their hinney-boos off. Again, I had an absolute blast serving. The AAs are SO appreciative - and I leave feeling so good - I'll more than likely become a regular - providing we're in town and my hands & arms hold up. **FOLKS - this group REALLY NEEDS SOME RELIEF.** How about it - again this is not brain surgery, and personally I find the reward more than worth the effort.

PLEASE LEND A HAND!

Hope to see ya'll REAL SOON

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Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner
Bill Miller, Scouting Chair, rear right

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Grand Lodge has named this event Old Timers night. I say speak for yourself. I say "longevity pin night". Fish Fry April 15th. Here's a list. Call me, if you feel we have an error. David Naccarato, Secretary

Jim Allen 25yr
Mel Baker 10yr
James Barker 40yr
Tom Barron 40 yr
Liz Bell 10yr
James Bragg 10yr
Dan Brown 5yr
Alvin Caddin 15yr
Len Cardoni 15yr
Steve Chizar 10yr
Marc Donovan 15yr
Penny Flanagan 10yr
Robert Foley 30yr
Gerry Gillies 5yr
Richard Goldner, PDDGER 20yr
Richard Hagy 10yr
Woody Hammer 10yr
Toni Hartin 10yr
Alida Hartley 5yr
Herb Jellander 30yr
Edwin Jones 25yr
Robert Jones 25yr
Robert Koeritz 25yr
Darryl Kopacz 10yr
Wayne Lafarr 15yr
Boyd Lindquist 15yr
Donald Long 15yr

Frank Lussier 10yr
William Miller 10yr
Peter Nolan 20yr
William Oshea 10yr
Wendell Oxford 5yr
Jack Paulson 20yr
Stephen Pence 35yr
John Peterson 10yr
Roy Ratcliffe 10yr
Grald Reingans 20yr
Leo Rodriquez 10yr
Tori Rogers 5yr
Donald Sabol 65yr
Nabil Sakla 10yr
Bob Saynay 10yr
Donald Skinner, PER 30yr
Steve Smith 10yr
Karin Speights 5yr
Paul Stein 5yr
Larry Stermolle 25yr
David Stull 15yr
Earl Walthall 5 yr
William White 25yr
Jim Weins 5yr
Dwight Williams 5yr
William White 25yr

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Gerry Gillies



IMPORTANT APRIL DATES IN WW11

- *April 1st -1945 U.S. Troops invade Okinawa, the first Japanese home island to be reached. Over 12.000 Americans were killed/ 38.000 wounded. In Europe. the Allies surrounded over 300.000 German troops in the Ruhr, and the final Allied offensive in northern Italy begins.
- *April 6h 1941- Germany invades Yugoslavia and Greece
- *April 9th 1940- Denmark surrenders to Germany -invades Norway 1942 U.S. troops on Bataan in the Philippines surrender to the Japanese and the Bataan Death March begins.
- *April 9th- National Former POW Recognition Day
- *April 10th 1941- The U.S. occupies Greenland.
- *April 11th 1945- U.S. Troops reach the Buchenwald Concentration Camp and discover that the prisoners have liberated themselves from a forced evacuation. A few days later, British troops liberated the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp.
- *April 12th 1945- President Roosevelt dies of a cerebral hemorrhage at age 63. Harry Truman becomes president of the United States.
- *April 13th 1941- The USSR and Japan sign a neutrality pact. 1945 Soviet Troops capture Vienna, Austria
- * April 18th 1942- sixteen B-25 bombers launched from the USS Hornet, situated deep in enemy controlled waters. Their destination; Japan. The early months of the war had gone poorly for the Americans. Determined to strike back and boost American morale, U.S. commanders assigned Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle the mission of leading the first bombing raid on Japan. Sixteen planes took part in Doolittle's raid, and while it inflicted little physical damage on the Japanese, the psychological damage was of great value. The raid struck fear into the Japanese command, which recalled fighter units home to defend against further attacks, a strategic shift that would have huge consequences at the turning point of the war- The battle of Midway.
- *April 20th- Holocaust Remembrance Day
- *April 28th 1945- Mussolini is captured by the Italians
- *April 29th- 1945 U.S. Troops liberate the Dachau Concentration Camp where they discover evidence of medical experiments.
- *April 30th 1945- Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun commit suicide in a Berlin bunker as Soviet Troops advance through the city. The man to follow him was German Chancellor Joseph Goebbels but things change when he killed himself and his wife and six children



David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary



Our Membership Card

Although it is just a small piece of paper my member ship card is one of my most priceless possessions. It is my membership card of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. It tells me, I am an American citizen of a land where democracy rules and brotherhood prevails. That I have joined with 900.000+other Americans in the pledging of allegiance to my country and its laws.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual and material kinship with my fellow Elks to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brothers, to hush the tongue of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick; and to be just to all mankind.

It tells me that in 2200 other cities good fellowship prevails and that there is a home among brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, my firesides, and my household, are under the protection of every member of this great Order, who has sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect his.

It tells me that should I ever become over taken by adversity, the hand of every Elk will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

It tells me that as a Veteran I will never be forgotten

It tells me that if old age should find me alone and homeless, that, as an honored guest of our order, surrounded by my old comrades, and with every comfort and luxury, I may spend my last days on the veranda of the Elks National Home in Virginia.

Finally, It tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be a gathering in my Lodge room friends, and brothers, who when the eleventh hour has been struck, will recall to mind my virtues, though they may be few and will write my faults, though they may be many, upon the sands.

Remember "Elks Care- Elks Share"

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Legions in Concert goes
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• (need cowgirls who want some fun in Blue Jeans)



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Alice Kennedy

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CVD: Alice Kennedy & Pat Peterson

It has been a great pleasure to serve

My how time flies – it has been two years since I first took office. Some people thought I could not handle the office of President since I live in Oxnard. That just made me more determined to be the best President I could possibly be. With that determination and help from all the Elks Ladies, we accomplished great things. Between Myrna Block and Kathy Ryder, they kept me out of trouble and on the right path. My very first challenge was getting the ladies bathroom door fixed before the Elks installation.

Under Jessica Stull leadership, the Mash Party was a great success and we were able to donate \$2000 to Major Project. Our first project was donating \$281 to Home for our Troops. Then we dove into Conejo Valley Days – with Marilyn Cissell and Alice Kennedy convincing me that I should be at CVD everyday from opening to closing. I did not realize how much those two ladies worked – now I am a believer. We received \$1800 for manning the gates at CVD.

Our Ladies stepped up to the plate and did an amazing job honoring our fathers, grandfathers and husbands with a fantastic brunch. We held our first Meet and Greet with the Elks. Then in August 2010 we held our very first People Choice Award at our Ladies Appreciation Luncheon – with our very own Angie Prizzi winning it. She is an amazing woman who does a lot for the Elks Ladies.

During the year we held bake sales, cooked dinners and supported the Elks. We were able to help offset the kitchen repairs, bought new dishes, and TV's. Then in December we had our annual Christmas Party, helped wrap Christmas presents for disadvantaged Children, tree trimming, Children's Christmas Party, sorting food for the baskets and the ER's Christmas party. We held our 70's party with Niki Case as Chairman and were able to raise enough money to donate \$2,000 to Major Project.

With just being re-elected again my first order of business was to have the door reinstalled on one of bathroom stalls in the ladies bathroom. We made Robert Koeritz an honorary Elk's Lady – he has done a lot for the ladies including waxing the floor on his hands and knees. With Sally Claunch as chairman for our Major Projects event, we raised enough money to donate \$2,000 to Major Project. We bought napkins, picnic tables and new PA system for the Lodge.

We lost some great ladies during the last two years, Marilyn Corrigan (our first president), Ginny Gable, Doris Dellinger, Pat Smail, Annie McIntyre, and Mare Adornetto – each and every one of these ladies contributed to the Elks Ladies. They will be missed.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Madeleine Brockwell-8
Mertice Nickols- 14
Theresa Kingsland-21



WE NEED YOU, LORD

**You know our words before we speak,
You see each step we take
You're there if any heart should break
You hold us when we ache.**



**Sweet Lord, you give us everything,
From us, you want our praise
We worship you continually
And will for all our days.
Amen**

I would like to thank my husband for his never ending support and also the Elk's Ladies Board, Myrna Block – 1st VP, Alice Kennedy – 2nd VP, Lynn Rodriquez- Secretary, and Charlotte Gessler- Treasurer. I also would like to thank each and every one of you who were on a committee or volunteered for anything. You made my two years fantastic. Now I would like to welcome the new board Alice Kennedy – President, Karen Naccarato – 1stVP, Melinda Pekow – 2ndVP, Lynn Rodriquez – Secretary and Charlotte Gessler- Treasurer and pledge my support. With this I leave President Alice Kennedy – my legacy – **Linens and Toilets**. Good Luck and prosperous New Year. P.S. Don't forget to sign up to work the CVD gates-sheet in lounge.

Sincerely,
Patricia Peterson
Past Elk's Ladies President

A belated thank- you to Marva D'Ambrogio for making the fruit pie desserts for the Buccaneer Bash--they were yummy!!!!

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MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:
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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Coleen Morris
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:
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CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Leonzo Rodriguez

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Don Ansell, PER: Investigation
David Naccarato, PER: Stray Elks
Terry Gicking, PER: Orientation
CHARITY BALL: Leonzo Rodriguez
CHARITY DINNERS: Leonzo Rodriguez

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Loyal Knight

LODGE ACTIVITIES: Kira Wagner
Paul Wagner: Public Relations
Sally Claunch, PER: Americanism
Bill Sternberg, PER: Flag Retirement Ceremonies
Rick Eddy: Memorial Service
Kira Wagner: Gov't Relations
Rick Eddy: Mother's Day

Kira Wagner: Lodge Picnic
Carl Lanterman: Nat'l Veterans Service
Terry Gicking, PER: PER Assoc. President
Kira Wagner: Wednesday Night Dinners
Robert Jones: Wednesday Night Tickets
ENTERTAINMENT:

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Rick Herrera
David Naccarato, PER: Hoop Shoot
Grant Thistle: Soccer Shoot
Robert Jones: Drug Awareness
Robert Jones: Kids Christmas Party
CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Paul Wagner
Tom Hartin: CVD
Eddie Rice: BBQ Teams
Eddie Rice: Offsite
Max Maxwell: Onsite
Bill Miller: Scouting
Rick Herrera: Scholarship
:Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter Apprec. Dinner

HONOREES
ELK OF THE YEAR- Johnny D'Ambrogio, PER
OFFICER OF THE YEAR- Rick Herrera
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR- Bill Miller

	<p style="text-align: center;">EDITOR'S CORNER Sally Claunch, PER claunchsally@gmail.com articles are due the 5th of the month send as a word document</p>
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HONOR ROLL

Paul Stein	Jon Anderson
Ruby Metzgs (Century Club)	
Ronald Collins	James Wallace PER
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Jon Preston	George Vivlamore
Eugene Letourneau	I.B. Jensen
Salvator Argo	Joel Erickson,
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T.O. Bartenders (60th anniversary pin)	
Robert Jones	Greg Metzgs, DDGER
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Carol Stewart,	Dorothy Murry,
Dick McCann	Sam Frankl
George Meehan, PER	Harry Brockwell,PER
Max Maxwell,	Bill Miller
Karin Speights (60th anniversary pin)	
Rick Herrera,	Ed Rice
Toni Hartin	John Tracy



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Greg Metzgs, PER-2	Teena Jones-17
Leo Rodriguez-3	David Hobert-18
James Bragg-6	James Rinaudo-20
Alida Hartley-6	Jef Harriott-22
Henry Vega-6	Salvatore Argo-23
Ramon Arevalo-8	Coleen Morris-23
Allan Gottlieb-8	Steve Chiszar-24
Neils Glickman-9	Daniel Martyn, Jr.-27
Ken Krabel-9	Jerry Case-28
Robert Foley-10	
Gary Lacasella-10	
Erin Pierle-11	
Thomas Walsh-11	
Joe Clancy-12	
Allan Erickson-12	
James Hamilton-13	
Charles Busch-16	
Carol Stewart-16	



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Candidate:

JB Bre

Robert Teasdale

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David Mcguire Lodge #2026

CRYING TOWEL

February 2nd -Capsule drawing Al Lenahan #972 not present

Lucky 13 Bill Sternberg #2098 no winner

February 16th- Capsule drawing Dan Fuller # 2283 not present

Lucky 13 Wilson Dyer #2225 no winner

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Lucky 13 Lynn Rodriquez #2241 Winner



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Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.

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1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER
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1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2008-09 George Meehan
1983-84 John Nau	2009-10 Terry Gicking
1984-85 Vern Ogden	2010-11 Harry Brockwell
1985-86 Dan Snyder	
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER,DL	By Affiliation:
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1989-90 Don Skinner	1999-00 * Ralph Vester
1990-91 Don Ansell	
1991-92 Gary Sleigh	
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	
1993-94 Jim Wallace	
1994-95 *George Pekow	
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	
1997-98 John Kelly	*Deceased

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					Moon and Sol		
					Konejo Kampers at Newport Dunes		
					Duty Officer - Robert Jones		
				Hot Dog Specials			
Breakfast \$7 9:30-12:30 3 by Bob and Fred Happy Hour / Food 4 - 7 PM	4 Elks Ladies Computer 1:30 	5 Elks Ladies Meeting 7:30 6 PM AA Meeting in Conference room	6 Meeting 7:30 PM Purple Pig Donations Calendar 6:00 PM Membership - Balloting Dinner \$7 by Ed Bianchi Gourmet Grilled Cheese with Homemade Soup	7 Bass Club	Dinner \$10 8 German Dinner <i>by Sam Frankl</i> Veteran's Bingo - in Sepulveda 	BBQ Wagon - Lodge 9 The " Cut Ups " 5 PM Private Party	
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				Pizza By The slice \$2		Hot Lunches	
				Hot Lunches		Hot Dog Specials	
No Breakfast 24 HAPPY EASTER Easter Egg Hunt <i>by Buggs Ansell's</i> 1-3 PM Bring Your Own Easter Basket for Hunt	25	26 Orientation 6 PM AA Meeting in Conference room	27 Meeting 7:30 PM Membership Meeting Initiation Meet you new members Steak Dinner \$10 by Ed Bianchi	28  Karaoke at Cal-Vets	Ravioli Dinner \$9 29 <i>by Catherine and Crew</i>	BBQ Wagon - Lodge 30 The PER's Ritual Contest in Thousand Oaks Awards Dinner at the Hyatt 	
Duty Officer - Rich Romani				Hot Lunches		Hot Lunches	
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CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT



PRESENTED BY

DON****BUGGS****ANSELL

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 24TH, 2011

1:00 PM

THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE#2477

BRING YOUR EMPTY EGG BASKETS,

YOUR CHILDREN, GRAND CHILDREN

AND ANY OTHER KIDS(FREINDS OF ELKS ARE WELCOME) TO ENJOY THE
EASTER EGG HUNT WHICH INCLUDES

PRIZES(TOYS), PINATA,(CANDY), SODA & ICE CREAM

FREE****FREE****FREE

COMPLIMENTS OF THE THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE #2477



A REMEMBRANCE OF DICK FLITTNER

DAVE PEARSON

IT'S EARLY MORNING... AND TIME TO RISE
DICK YAWNSAND RUBS HIS SLEEPY LITTLE EYES

THIS NEW DAY WILL BE MUCH LIKE THE OTHERS
IT WILL BE OFF TO THE ELKS TO SPEND TIME WITH HIS BROTHERS

HE RISES FROM HIS WARM, SOFT BED
READY TO GET DRESSED IN HIS FAVORITE COLOR.. RED

RED SHIRT, RED SUSPENDERS AND SOMETIMES RED SOCKS FOR HIS SHOES
EVEN THE ELECTRIC CART HE DRIVES... IS PAINTED RED TOO

HE'S AT THE ELKS JUST LIKE HE PLANNED FROM HIS BED
AND FINDS HIS FAVORITE PARKING SPOT...YES... ITS PAINTED RED

IN HE WALKS TOWARDS THE FAVORITE CHAIR THAT HE SEEKS
SITS DOWN, SAYS HELLO, AND ORDERS SOMETHING TO EAT

WITH LUNCH ON THE WAY, IT'S TIME FOR HIS FAVORITE ADDITION
A SIMPLE VODKA ROCKS... WOULD COMPLETE THIS MISSION

SURROUNDED BY HIS FRIENDS, THE STORIES AND LAUGHTER WOULD FLOW
BEFORE YOU KNEW WHAT HAPPENED, IT WAS TIME FOR HIM TO GO.

OF THE MEMORIES HE SHARED, THERE WAS ONE CLOSE TO HIS HEART
IT WAS CONEJO VALLEY DAYS...TO WHICH HE HAD A LARGE PART

THE YEAR WAS 1974 WHEN HE ENTERED THE GRAND MARSHAL RACE
AND FORMED A LARGE POSSE ...THAT HELPED HIM BAG FIRST PLACE.

AS ALWAYS, CHARITY WAS THE REAL WINNER THAT YEAR,
BUT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE BRAGGING RIGHTS WHILE SHARING A BEER.

OVER THE YEARS, HE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT CVD AND OUR LITTLE TOWN,
HIS BADGE COLLECTION GREW AND GREW... AND BECAME QUITE RENOWNED.

DICK LOVED THIS TOWN... AND MANY OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS HE DID MEET,
THIS TOWN LOVED HIM BACK... AND EVEN GAVE HIM HIS OWN STREET.

YES, THAT'S RIGHT... YOU CAN CHECK GOOGLE AND FLITTNER CIRCLE YOU WILL FIND
NAMED AFTER A GREAT MAN... WHO WILL ALWAYS BE ON OUR MINDS.

I FEEL VERY BLESSED TO BE A PART OF THE LIFE THAT HE DID SHARE,
AND KNOW THAT HE WILL BE REMEMBERED EACH NIGHT.. IN SO MANY PRAYERS.

HEAVEN IS HIS NEW HANGOUT NOW... AND ONE FINAL THING MUST BE SAID,
PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYING TO THE LORD... THAT HE LIKES THE COLOR RED.