



Exalted Ruler
Steve Smith

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Thousand Oaks Elks #2477 2011 Annual Charity Ball

*"The Black & White
Affair"
The Sequel*



*Saturday,
October 22, 2011*

*Coctails & Hors d' oeuvres 6 PM
Dinner Catered by Kay's 7:00 PM*

*Entertainment
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*Reservations Only:
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*September 16, 2011 thru
October 7, 2011*

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*Proceeds to Christmas
Basket Program*

We're Brewing Up A Halloween Bash

So Get On Your
Broom Stick
And Fly On IN !



Undead Music by
One Last Dance
Sat. October 29th
7pm- ???
food- costume contest
\$10.00



EXALTED RULER

Steve Smith



Hello everyone. Let me begin by congratulating several people for their efforts and success. First of all Myrna Block and all of the ladies who made the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler visitation a success. Pam would not have been able to pull this event off without the experience and knowledge of so many who have been there before. I also want to thank our Club Manager Corinne Eddy for the conscientious oversight and participation in this event. Tom Ryder received unprecedented kudos from the unnamed Exalted Ruler of a lodge known for their Prime Rib bar-ba-que. The chicken was also a hit. Huge half of half breasts so succulent you took every bite and savored each and every piece. Tom also had a terrific crew. He calls upon the same guys every time and they perform magnificently. Thanks fellas. We appreciate everything you do

The next event is casino night. This was an event attended by few, but enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Your Lodge secretary, David Naccarato, orchestrated a magnificent event enjoyed by all of those who supported this fund raising effort. The food, prepared and served by Donna Leary, was outstanding. Whether you were playing chuk-a-luk, craps, roulette or blackjack you did not go away with an appetite. Donna's knowledge and experience presented, to those who were smart enough to attend, a cacophony of cuisine. Donna, a fantastic presentation of food, Thank you. And also thanks to Dan Martyn who inspired the event. It was truly an enjoyable evening. I hope we have more Casino Nights.

Okay, looking forward we have more events occurring. First of all the Metro Bus Tour, this annual event organized by Heather Poliskey has been a hit every year. It will be held October 15th and the cost is \$50.00 per person. It includes beer and wine on board the bus as well as lunch and dinner at visited lodges. This is an opportunity to see other lodges some of whom will provide tours of their facilities. This is an event held in conjunction with our Sister Lodge - Simi Valley Lodge #2492.

Next is a fund raising event for the Ladies Restroom. It will be either a German themed dinner or an Oktoberfest style event. Look for more information and flyers for details. We are going to have a wonderful October this year. Stand-by for November.

May all of you look forward to having a beautiful fall season as we embark on yet another endeavor of charity and giving during our Christmas Basket donations.

Fraternally,
Steve Smith
Exalted Ruler



LEADING KNIGHT

Leo Rodriguez



This time of the year is the beginning of our busiest quarter of the year with Halloween, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Holiday and parties not to mention charity baskets, Charity Ball, Christmas tree lot and many more projects that are included in Elkdom. It is no wonder that many of us get burnt out, so in advance I would like to thank all the members and their families for all their support not only with their donations but with the time they generously give to our lodge during this period of the year. Without you the members of our lodge none of the wonderful things we do for our community would get done.

Please remember my brothers and sisters, Sickness and Distress is always in order. It's like pulling teeth (no pun intended) around here to find out when someone is hurt, is injured or if they just need help (TLC) from us. Remember we are your family. We are here to help you, so let us know by contacting Coleen Morris (805-241-8928) or call the office and talk to Dave Naccarato, PER (805-496-2477).

As we all know that at this time of the year we start to get ready to raise funds for the Christmas baskets program. It is a great way for us to give back to the community but it takes a lot of time, effort and money to get our Christmas basket program off the ground. We will be raising the needed funds through a raffle tickets mailing to each of our Elk members household which will include a letter that will explain the prizes and 12 raffle tickets for only \$20, please send your donation in the return self addressed envelope and your check for \$20 and your name and address written on half of each ticket. The lucky winners will be drawn at our annual charity ball on October the 22nd. Please be generous with your donations.

We hope to see you soon at our general meetings and house committee meetings each month because this is basically the best way to be kept informed with what is happening in your lodge. Besides that we miss your company and you will miss all the great times we have at these meetings.

Leonzo G. Rodriguez





LOYAL KNIGHT
Terry Gicking, PER
 appointed



OK! We are seeing if you really pay attention to our articles in these Antler Antics! If you can remember last months Antler, (and I know most of you will cheat and go back and look online), who was Lecturing Knight last month? If you know the answer, please come down to a meeting in October and tell the ER who it was and if you are correct, He will buy you a drink!

And now that I have your attention, it is October and we are heading into the Holiday season! Next thing you know it will be Thanksgiving, and then the Christmas Holidays and New Years! Can't believe it's almost here already! Now speaking of Thanksgiving, we are having our annual dinner feast for our members and their families! We have been blessed to be able to do this for our members who don't have close family nearby and they want to be among friends to enjoy their fellowship. Jerry Serota has coordinated this meal for the last few decades, and he has decided to pass the torch in putting this meal on! Now, as with anything that goes on in this lodge, if you help out enough, you eventually learn how to do it like the Master! Well if I learned anything by helping Jerry with this event, it's that I can't cook, so I need to surround myself with great cooks, keep them well lubricated, set up the room, get a serving crew together and get outta the way! Thanks Jerry! I can do that! Now one thing we are adding is we are going to smoke the turkeys! It is sure to be a meal to be remembered! If you would like to enjoy your Turkey Day with other lodge members, put the date on your calendar, be sure you call the Lounge and make your reservation! We need a head count as soon as possible, since we can get some of the turkeys donated if we know early enough, this helps keep the costs down. The price should be around \$7-8 per person. This meal is a way of saying Thank You for all you've done to help others, and to promote Brotherly Love going into the Holiday Season! The next day is our normal Black Friday turkey day leftover meals! This year we adding a twist. We are asking you to bring YOUR leftovers down and with a small donation, add it to our leftovers, and we can help each other out. Along with that we are going to have a pie contest! More details to come!

Now I know you hear from all of us who have been an Officer in this Lodge that we need you to step up and get involved! This lodge has so many things to be involved in, cooking or helping in the kitchen, committees to help

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LECTURING KNIGHT
Robert Jones



I would like to start out by thanking all those who support our lodge and all of it's activities. Last month we had a fun time at our lodge picnic, and paid tribute to the memory of those involved with the tragic events that happened ten years ago. I would like to thank David Naccarato for all his hard work in organizing the picnic and our Casino Night fund raiser.

RIDE FOR 911



Check out images of So Cal fire fighters' cross-country journey Firefighters Scott Smith (ER, Steve Smith's son) and Scott Hambly have spent countless hours on their bikes the past few weeks, braving the rain and cold and heat and wind with one purpose: to reach New

York City for the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center.

They were close friends before beginning their 3,300-mile "Ride for 9/11" with a group of fellow Southern California firefighters, but there's probably very little they don't know about each other now.

"We've ridden almost every hour together," Smith said as the riders arrived in Maryland and prepared to embark for Philadelphia on Wednesday morning. "We talk about all kinds of stuff – everything, really. Food, work, his wife and kids, my girlfriend, our families and how they are right now. We talk about the day before, the next day, the next city and how that city was. And sometimes we just ride next to each other silently, and we don't say anything for hours sometimes. We just smile at each other."

It's been a long journey for the group, which is raising donations for two organizations and plans to reach New York in time for ceremonies that will honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy.

They're almost there. The riders began the final leg of their trip on Friday. Wednesday night the group was scheduled to ride a train to New York for a special screening of the series finale of "Rescue Me," the FX cable show about the lives of firefighters starring Denis Leary.

The group was invited to see the closing episode by Leary, whose Leary Firefighters Foundation provides equipment and

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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION
Tom Ryder, PER

To all members of Lodge #2477, October is ENF Month. ENF stands for Elks National Foundation. We are planning some fund raisers for ENF so we can meet or exceed the Grand Exalted Rulers goal of \$4.50 per member. We started the Lodge year with 406 members and so far we have collected \$591.00, that figures to be \$1.00 per member.

I want to express our thanks and gratitude to those who supported the Great Heart Of Elkdom. To those who chose not to donate as yet, here are some facts which I hope will help you decide to donate or not.

- 1, You don't have to donate a million, but you can be one of a million to donate.
- 2, The money you donate(100%) is never to be spent, only the interest income is distributed back to the State Associations.
- 3, This year 2011-2012 ENF will distribute 21.7 million for Grand Lodge programs.
- 4, In addition, 8.1 million will go to the States for Major Project, Scholarships, Drug Awareness and Youth Programs.
- 5, A \$10.00 donation will cost you about .03 cents per day or .84 cents a month. (dont you wish you could buy a beer or a drink that cheap)
- 6, The sooner we exceed the Grand Exalted Rulers goal of \$4.50 per member, the sooner we can get a \$2,000.00 gratitude grant to help improve our image with in the community.
- 7, A donation also has two benefits: You have helped a Great Program, for a small amount (that when we ALL donate becomes a huge amount) and you can feel good that you have helped a great program and our Lodge. If you have any questions or want to discuss this artical, feel free to call the office or Tom Ryder PER, Lodge ENF Chairman.

Please remember this is what Elks do. If we lose sight of that then were just a bar.

Any donation to ENF or The Major Project is TAX Deductible. Make your check out directly to them and we will forward it to the proper locations and you can receive the tax deduction. These are the only two programs that are tax deductible.

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(Loyal Knight cont.)

others, become an Officer, or the most fun of all, be a part of an onsite or offsite BBQ crew!

COME ON, I KNOW YOU WANT TO HELP! YOU TOLD US THAT WHEN YOU JOINED! WE CAN'T COME TO YOUR HOUSE TO DRAG YOU OUT! YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE!

Last but not least, don't forget to buy your raffle ticket for a chance to win a trip for 2 to the Caribbean! It's put on by the PER's to help raise money for the ladies room remodel! Fraternaly Yours, Terry PER, AELK, OAL, PBCWCCD (does anybody know what that means?).



LODGE RENOVATIONS

Our Casino Night on Saturday, August 27, was a success, with nearly \$500 raised for the ladies bathroom project. Thanks to Jim Porter, David Nacarrato, Robert Koeritz, Fallon Nacarrato, Leo Rodriguez, and JB Bre for handling the gaming and ticket sales activities and a very special thanks to Mike White and Donna Leary for their food prep. For those of you who do not know Donna well, she has quite a bit of catering experience and really did a tremendous job preparing the food portion of the event. Finally, kudos to Greg Metzger for jumping in and running the craps table, which was clearly the big draw of the night. I am not sure where Greg honed his craps table skills; perhaps while submerged at an undisclosed location? In any event, our thanks to those who participated.

Thanks to the Elks Ladies and Konejo Kampers for their donation of prizes.

We have decided to cancel the Oktoberfest, given the number of events already scheduled at the Lodge, including the Lodge Picnic on September 18, Purple Pig Dinner on October 1 and, most importantly, the Charity Ball on October 22. We will focus instead on our Halloween Party scheduled for Saturday, October 29, which should be a blast. There will be finger food, prizes for best costumes, and dancing to the music of One Last Dance. Please join us. Admission is only \$10.

By the way, thanks to Leo and Lynn Rodriguez for the toilet pinups which you may have noticed hanging around the bar and patio. They can be purchased for \$1, \$5 or \$10 at the bar. All proceeds go to the new ladies bathroom.

With regard to the ladies bathroom, we are presently in the permit process with the City of Thousand Oaks. So far, so good, and we remain hopeful that we will "break ground" by October 1. By now you should have observed some relocation of stored items and prep work. The Lady Elks are choosing their tile and fixtures and everything appears to be moving forward as planned.

Stay tuned for more renovation news, and please stop by and enjoy the Lodge and the company of your fellow members.

Dan Martyn
 Lodge Renovation Committee Chair

Committee Members:

Terry Gicking	Steve Finnerty
David Nacarrato	Donna Leary
Boyd Lindquist	Sharon Baker
Abe Gamble	Tom Ryder

COMING ATTRACTIONS



Oct. 22- Charity Ball
October 29- Halloween Party- renovation fund raiser

November 4-5- Mid-Term Riverside
November 12- Flag Retirement
November 20- Veteran's Appreciation Brunch
November 19- Blood Drive
November 24- Thanksgiving Dinner

December 10- Christmas Floral Arranging with Rick Herrera
December 12-17- Charity Baskets w/ Saturday delivery
December 31- New Year's Eve Party



<http://www.elks2477.com>

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Helen Heisler's family on her passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free;

ON THE MEND: George Meehan, PER, from a mini stroke; Don Ansell, PER, had open heart surgery; Myrna Block had vertigo

ENTERTAINMENT



Fri Oct. 7 Pier One

Fri. Oct. 14 One Last Dance

Sat. Oct. 29 One Last Dance



Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager

Elks and Member Lady Elks



**IS YOUR BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER?
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*SEPTEMBER 23rd

*OCTOBER 28th

Your meal is 1/2 price

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Coleen



Morris

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OPERATION FACELIFT

Tom Ryder ~ PDDGER

The “**OPERATION FACELIFT**” operation is alive and is getting momentum as its projects are picking up speed with its lodge improvements!

GRUNTS - NEED MORE GRUNTS GET INVOLVED

GRUNT of the month! For this past month the GRUNT of the month award has to go to the Elks Ladies organization. For Major projects donations, ENF donations, to providing funds for projects around the Lodge to make our Lodge a better place for us all, these Ladies deserve a great big **THANK YOU** from us all! **THANK YOU LADIES!**

Operation PRIDE IN YOUR LODGE

Still is the biggest project in the Lodge! Your lodge. Buildings and grounds need to be presentable to the members and their guests. Please help us pick up loose garbage and litter around the lodge and grounds. A spick and span lodge will get more members involved and also help attract more new members!!!

Outside Grounds Lighting

The Elks Ladies just provided funding for additional lighting to be installed in the parking area behind our lodge and Office buildings. The Officers and House Committee have approved the project and recommend an instant go ahead!

Conference/Meeting Room

Work has been completed All major items completed. Stop by and see the meeting room. This room is available for use by



members organizations needing a room for their community effort meetings. Call the office for more information. Major funding for this project has been donated by the Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers (PDDGERS). Additional funding was provided from Lodge Maintenance funds. Thank you all.

Privacy Gate and Fence

A major project already approved is to make the picnic area more private! Plans and funds for the privacy fencing and gates is approved. Currently searching for more **GRUNTS** to get the job underway.

Lodge Renovations

Dan Martyn doing an outstanding job getting us and keeping us involved in the **Lodge Renovations** projects. The sole purpose of this committee is to get interested persons involved in the planning, scheduling for and getting projects underway to spruce up the lodge. While these projects will not be major upgrades or new facilities, they will make the current lodge more useable and presentable. First item on the list is to get the ladies a new rest room. Approval to proceed was obtained from the membership and the final contractor will be chosen and work will proceed!.

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 (805-497-1853)!!

Attention all members of Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477

Unfortunately, for far too long, House Rule #24 has been ignored by too many members. This has placed an undue burden on cash flow and proper accounting management.

Effective immediately, House Rule #24 will be strictly enforced. We expect full compliance and courtesy with the bar staff with regard to this issue.

House Rule #24 reads as follows:

24. *All bar credit must be paid in full before the member leaves the clubroom and no further credit will be extended until payment in full is made.*

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, understanding and support.

Respectfully,

Your House Committee



BBQ A Work In Progress a new firebox

HARRY BROCKWELL'S, JR. PER ROAST



Elks Care - Elks Share

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Carl Lanterman



Veterans Services Chair.

SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Loyalty and dedication continue to be the key words for those who regularly serve our veterans from this lodge. Each month, 10 to 12 elks visit the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital (bingo & snacks) and the Cal Vet Home-Ventura (karaoke & dessert); about 110 resident veterans combined are invited to these events. And the invigorating environment is normal, as compared with something one has to do. Donations continue to roll in; cosmetics, clothing, movies, playing cards and small gifts are always welcome.

Opportunities for new programs to unite the various organizations are continually coming our way, so if you want to get involved, see or call Carl Lanterman; (805) 630-8110.

Veteran recognition of the month:

Jerry Serota, Army 1946-1949

YOUR LODGE ON YOUTUBE---HOORAY

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

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

Collection bin in the lounge awaits your donations for

MANNA

Elks Care & Share



Summer is over and the need continues. Soon it will be Thanksgiving and Christmas time. Please take a moment to reflect on your blessings and make Elks Care & Share a reality.

Their needs right now are for pasta, sauce, soups, beans and rice. When you come to the Lodge bring a can of something. We have a barrel now located in the Lounge area by the door.



MOTION

A motion was made and passed that the fourth Friday of each month be designated **MEMBERS BIRTHDAY NIGHT** for all Elks and Lady Elks whose birthday falls within that month. That the sum of one-hundred dollars per month be made available from a line item in the general fund for cake, ice-cream and decorations.

That said meals for those members be provided at one half price and that a complimentary beverage be provided with their meal.

Should conflict arise due to a holiday or special event the Calendar Committee shall have authority to move the date.



Rodger Paskell with sponsor Frank Coley



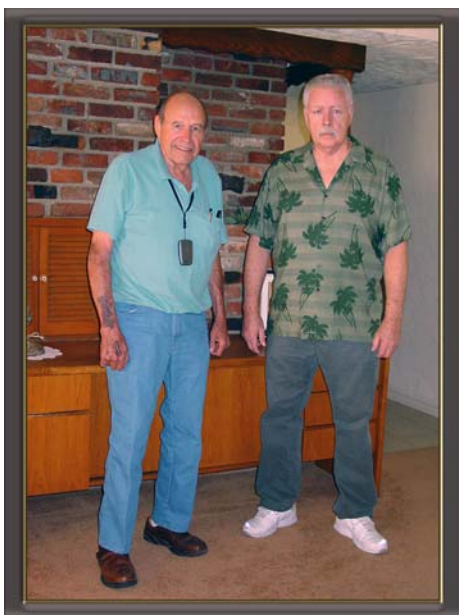
Greg Miralia with sponsor Leo Rodriguez



Dennis Scully with sponsor Walter Ogden



Lance Erickson, DDGER. Official Visitation



Dick Hardin with Roy Sapp, Life Members

SILENT HEROES OF ELKDOM

We owe (Sally & Jerry) a debt of gratitude to one of the silent heroes of our Lodge. The many hours Bro. Roy Sapp has unselfishly spent by coming to our computer rescue out of the goodness of his heart.

Never accepting anything but a hand shake and a thank you as a Bro. Elk and dear friend.

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training to firefighters across the US. The riders have pledged half of the donations they collect to the foundation.

The group returned to Philadelphia by train Wednesday night, then took a day off before heading for New York. As they near the end of their 48-day trip across the country, Smith said the group has remained in surprisingly good spirits given the formidable athletic task they've undertaken to honor the 343 firefighters who perished that day.

reprinted from Michael Martinez's article at Fox Sports



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

AUGUST AT SANTA MARIA LODGE

WOW! How terrific to be back out with the group. Although my rig needed servicing, Cheryl was kind enough to take me along. There were several concerns, my dogs, her cats and whether or not we would kill each other. Where that concern came from, I'm not sure – but we've been friends since we met square dancing in about 1983. The dogs ignored the cats and vice versa. We had an awesome time.

Judy and Jim Moye had everything totally under control and did a fantastic job.

A whole group went to the Olive Garden Thursday night. But Cheryl, who has had a bunch of us convinced she didn't cook, I won't say she lied, but she has had us fooled for quite a while. She had made some awesome chicken casserole so we stayed in. Sue Osgood (one of our new members, YAH) joined us and we had a very nice evening.

Sue is one gutsy lady. She's planning to make a round trip to the East Coast to tend to some family business. She and her Scotty, Megan and she intends to do this in THREE weeks. Good luck and God speed.

Speaking of new members, we got another super couple, Cookie and Andy Hume. Seems they had, well shall we say, a less than a pleasant experience with another group, but found us to be a fun, friendly bunch! OH YES WE ARE!! They are avid golfers and I think we'll be seeing them in Santa Barbara also.

Pam and Gene Ewald were with us YIPPEE! They have been having one problem after another with the refrigerator in their motorhome and several repair people had allegedly fixed it. NOT! They weren't going to leave the area until it was finally fixed. It did take a few tries and it is finally fixed. Talked to Pam today (Thursday) and they will be heading out tomorrow, but will be **back in November**.

I'm having one heck of a problem with this new program, so if anything strange appears please excuse.

Okay, now where was I – Friday night the Lodge was having a cook your own steak. I've used our grill, but obviously looked totally inadequate in the open pit. Thankfully some kind man took pity on me and helped me so my steak was neither raw nor over-cooked.

I think It was Friday, we got a Mexican Train game going, Jessica was coaching Kathy Moye and did very well. For once in a LONG time, the score keeper, Beverly Erickson didn't win. I DID!!



David Stull broke out with some mysterious rash – the itching was becoming very uncomfortable so Jessica took him to Emergency! When they returned – She was NOT happy, but apparently the shot he was given was taking effective. However, Joe Nemtuzak misunderstood Allegra was also prescribed and was very curious why the doctor suggested Viagra ?? That was pretty funny!

Saturday the entire group went to Jocko's in Nipomo for dinner. Still think that is one of the best places I've ever eaten!. Judy and Joe were a bit on the anxious side awaiting news about the birth of their great-grandson.Jeremy who came into the world at approximately 6:45 pm.

Jim Mullen was kinda like smoke – he drifting in and out of the group – as usual causing havoc wherever he went. Ruth you really shouldn't let him out without a keeper (giggle).

Last but certainly not the least – I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the sympathy cards, the flowers several of which were missing the cards, and all the help provided for Bill's Memorial. It was exactly as he would have liked. Thanks to all who attended. You're the greatest.

UPCOMING KAMPOUTS

- Oct. 7-8 Flying Flags
 - Nov. 11-12-Kenney Grove
 - Dec. 11-Brunch Grand Vista Hotel
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- *Doing bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital monthly
- *Hosting blood drive for the community
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner for youth in our community
- *Participating in CVD and Chili Cook Off as food vendor
- *Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD

- *Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public
- * Cooking for Brownlympics
- * Providing use of lodge room for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony
- * Giving VFW free monthly meeting room

BE PART OF THE ELKS VOLUNTEER TEAM

CALL THE OFFICE OR COMMITTEE CHAIR TO PARTICIPATE



OCTOBER MILITARY HISTORY

October 7th, War on Terror began 2001
 October 13th U.S. Navy established 1775
 October 20th 1944 the Allies capture Belgrade and on the 21st Aachen, the first city to be taken in Germany.
 October 21st Grenada Campaign began 1983
 October 26th 1944 the U.S. Navy defeats the Japanese in the battle of Iwo Jima. The Japanese Navy is now virtually powerless.

I Shall Return:

The Months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor saw a succession of defeats for the United States in the Pacific. Among the most disheartening was the loss of the Philippines, which led to the imprisonment of thousands of American soldiers and the infamous Bataan Death March.

Forced to flee, the Allied commander in the Philippines, Douglas MacArthur, vowed "I shall return" Two and a half years later in October of 1944, MacArthur kept that promise, coming ashore with the troops under his command, as they recaptured the Islands.

Pull Tab Collection



**Janine and Eric
Van Poppelen**



Growing up, the "Golden Arches" signified Happy Meals®, animated characters, and "mom's treat" when dad was away working. I never imagined that McDonald's would play such an important role in my life thirty years later.

The birth of our daughter Cameron, on July 8, 2011, presented significant challenges which required her to have multiple immediate and future heart surgeries at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). While the hospital is only thirty-five miles from our home, Los Angeles traffic and late night bedside stays with our daughter posed both logistical and emotional difficulties for our family. Since July 11th, the Ronald McDonald House (RMH), situated two blocks from CHLA, has provided housing accommodations for my husband and I, which has allowed us to be in close and immediate proximity to our baby girl.

The RMH opens its doors to any family regardless of race, beliefs, or socio-economic status. Private bedroom suites, complementary laundry and kitchen facilities, and friendly staff are just a few of the amenities afforded to all guests. Local charitable organizations and corporations provide "Meals of Love" a few days a week so families are freed from the task of making lunch or dinner. The House also offers family social services, counseling, entertainment, and camp activities for the siblings of children who are receiving medical treatment. The requested donation per night is \$25 and no family is ever turned away.

The Elks Lodge, along with many other organizations, collects beverage can pop tops as a fundraiser to support RMH Charities®. I am proud to affirm that our efforts as a Lodge truly make an invaluable difference in the lives of families with children being treated at Children's Hospitals nationwide.

I am sincerely grateful to be the beneficiary of the incredible platform of support provided by RMHC and the long ongoing participation and caring of my fellow Elks. **Janine (Jellander) Van Poppelen**



David Naccarato, PER

OUR HISTORY OCTOBER 1988 & 1992

Exalted Ruler was Tom Ryder, Editor of the Antler Antics was Don Corts Secretary was Bill Lloyd
 Tom Ryder's slogan "Elks always look forward, never behind"
 Pick your own steak Oct 2nd
 Elks grill nite 8Th
 El Konejo Kampers at Faria Beach Oct 9th-11th
 BBQ wagon at Carlsons on the 10th
 Breakfast by Williams E.N.F. Crew on the 11th
 Fish Fry by Cooper and crew on the 16th
 In our family, PER John Nau's son Jay Nau, became an Eagle Scout(on a side note following in his Dad's footsteps Jay has become a PER in the order)
 Stardate October 1988 Ted Lipka was Exalted Ruler Jerry Serota Editor of the Antler and PER Bill Lloyd is the Secretary
 Oct 4th "Rage of the Sage"
 Oct 7th liver and onions by Fred Trzcinski
 Oct. 8th Ladies Luau
 Oct 14th fish fry
 El Konejo Kampers at Camp Comfort.
 Oct 15th PER reunion
 Oct 26th DDGER visitation
 Oct 28th Ham by Holm Ribs by Ryder
 Oct 29th Halloween Party/dance Hobo Stew by Craig
 The George P. Gicking 11Th Hour Memorial Fund was created.
 Tom Tyler built 3 horse shoe pits.

2011-2012 COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS

THE ELKS LADIES

Alice Kennedy

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On September 2nd, the Elks Ladies hosted and served an Italian dinner that was delicious which included Italian Sausage and Pasta with all the trimmings. As always, the Elks Ladies host and serve a superb dinner. Just a reminder that this is a great way to meet and great new people.

The Elks Ladies are hosting the Tree Trimming and Children's Christmas party on December 3rd. We are planning on having both the tree trimming and the Children's Christmas party on the same day.....There are a lot of fun activities planned for the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren from hanging the ornaments and making ornaments for the Christmas Tree. The tree trimming and other fun activities for the children will be incredible and we ask that you come and bring your children to this fun party.

Now that summer is over, the children are back in school. We hope that your summer was filled with lots of fun.

Take care and God Bless,
Melinda Pekow

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Rena Dyer 10-7
- Deanna Savokinas 10-12
- Rosemary Russell 10-16
- Charlotte Gessler 10-22
- Betty Vega 10-25
- June Leadam 10-27
- Sarah Ely 10-29



PLEASE GIVE US PATIENCE, LORD

Marilyn Cissell



When we become impatient,
we may forget to pray.
In waiting for an answer,
we want it yesterday.

Although you're with us always,
you still want us to turn to you.
Since patience comes up often,
more praying is what we need to do.

Amen



APPRECIATION LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

OFFICERS 2011-2012

EXALTED RULER - Steve Smith
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 CHAPLAIN - Rick Eddy
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TRUSTEES

David Stull 1 Year
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 Jim Porter 3 Year
 Carl Lanterman 4 Year
 Sam Frankl 5 Year

MANAGERS

BAR MANAGER- Corinne Eddy
 KITCHEN- Carl Lanterman
 WEB-

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Exalted Ruler

ANTLER ANTICS: Sally Claunch, PER, Editor
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 BBQ TEAMS: Eddie Rice:
 offsite-Eddie Rice onsite-Max Maxwell

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Leading Knight

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 Tom Ryder, PDDGER
 CONTROL. COM.: David Naccarato, PER
 CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Leonzo Rodriguez MEM.

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:
 Jerry Serota: Public Relations
 Sally Claunch, PER: Americanism
 Bill Sternberg, PER: Flag Retirement Ceremonies
 Rick Eddy: Memorial Service
 Gov't Relations: David Naccarato, PER:
 Lodge Picnic: David Naccarato, PER

Carl Lanterman: Nat'l Veterans Service
 Terry Gicking, PER: PER Assoc. President
 Corrine Eddy: Wednesday Night Dinners
 Robert Jones & Sam Frankl: Wednesday Tickets
 Rick Eddy: Mother's Day

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
 Sally Claunch, PER,: Kids Christmas Party
 Bill Miller: Scouting
 Rick Herrera: Scholarship

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:
 Tom Hartin: CVD
 Dave Naccarato, PER :Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter
 Apprec. Dinner
 CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: Ben Reiger-chair
 Tom Hartin & EddieRice -co.chairs

HONOREES

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

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- Greg Metzgas (PDDGER)
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- Jon Anderson
- Dick McCann
- Harry Brockwell (JR PER)
- Robert Arbetman
- David Naccarato (PER)



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Irving Koeritz
- 2nd Frank Lussier, Bernard Rieger, Tommy Tyler
- 3rd Patricia Hawn, Jack Paulson
- 4th Timothy Hinsche, Joseph Nemtusak
- 6th Julianna Vashaw
- 7th Forrest Godfrey, Clint Howard
- 9th Nydia Williams
- 11th Sylvia Guerra, Kenneth Kolde, Greg Miraglia
- 14th Glen Wellman
- 15th Olivia Corio, Chuck Messmer, John Puckett
- 16th Clifford Jones, Christopher Vrakelos
- 17th Jeffrey Enger
- 18th James Porter
- 21st Roger Paskell
- 22nd Norman Panczak
- 26th Richard Hardin, Nancy Leathers, Fred Schaffner, Michael Stark
- 27th Dennis Gillette, June Leadam, Peter Nolan
- 31st Jay Block PER, Chris Metzgas



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October 5, 2011



Candidate:	Sponsor:
James Andrews	Ben Reiger

John Kolb - Reinstatement
Donna Whitney - Transfer from Santa Barbara Lodge #613

CRYING TOWEL

August 24th Capsule drawing Kenny Keeler Not
present Lucky 13 no winner

August 17th Capsule drawing Gil Riding Not
present Lucky 13 Rick Eddy "Win-
ner"

August 3rd Capsule Drawing Suzie
Ross not present Lucky 13 Tom
Walsh no winner



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*Your input is valued.. Your attendance is
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1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
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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
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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	
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