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Steve Smith

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VETERANS FUND RAISER

Sat. November 12th

**GOURMET CHICKEN & BEEF
SERVED DINNER**

PRESENTED BY

CHEF Mike Lodi

6:00 p.m. - 7:30

\$20



pre-sale tickets available at the bar
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2:00 p.m. - 4:00



GROUP THERAPY BAND
8:00 to 10:00



**COME WELCOME THE
VETERANS
WE HONOR TODAY**

SUN. NOVEMBER 20TH, 2011

SPECIAL BRUNCH

By Billy Gilmore

\$12

10 am-2pm

Veterans arrive at 11 am





EXALTED RULER

Steve Smith



Let me get my rant out first. Then I'll talk about the good.

Brotherly Love, one of the tenets of our Order. How's it workin' for ya lately? How many members do you see running around filing letters of intent or incident reports, spewing rumors about other members or speaking derogatorily of others? Quite frankly, I would think most of you would be exposed to none or very little of this un-Elk like behavior. However, it sadly exists among us. As your Exalted Ruler I am expected to maintain a positive appearance. The hateful faction among us makes that very difficult. For cliques within the lodge to develop with such a level of hatred as to attempt the character assassination of another member is reprehensible. If you are an Elk, act like an Elk. If you wish to ignore what you swore to uphold before God and this lodge of Elks, then submit your absolute demit and join the Moose Lodge.

There is so much to be positive about in this lodge because of the members, spouses and families who make it a reality. The special commitment of volunteers like Eddie Rice, Max Maxwell, Ben Reiger, Tom Hartin, Rick Herrera, Jim Mullen and a host of others is a constant reminder of who we owe heart felt gratitude. Committee Chairs like Tom Ryder, Sally Claunch, Al Hardie, Rich Herrera (a second mention because he takes on so much) and Terry Gicking in supporting the management of our bar and kitchen. He has been a devoted member committed to the lodge's success. He and JB Bre have stepped up to the plate at the last minute on several occasions and I am sincerely appreciative for their efforts..

The Ladies of our lodge should have a lot to shout about by now or in the next week or so. Why? A new Ladies Restroom!! Yes. Finally a reality, thanks to the perseverance of Dan Martyn and his dynamic Renovation Committee.

And now Get ready! The Charity Basket Project is rapidly approaching. We also have a renovation project fund raiser coming your way. Keep all of these events open on your calendar as well as your pocket books. These are fund raising events for the good of the Order and the Lodge. Please, support your Lodge and the Order with your love of Elkdom.

Fraternally,
Steve Smith, Exalted Ruler
Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477



<http://www.elks2477.com>



LEADING KNIGHT

Leo Rodriquez



As this year races by, we must get ready for the Holiday season, by looking forward to the Christmas baskets that we deliver every year. Now that we have had our wonderful Christmas Charity Ball we must start thinking of what part we can do to help in the community to get the Christmas Basket Program accomplished. I will be placing a list of what we have to do, and asking for volunteers. So please, if you can, we would appreciate your time and volunteer to help us out.

As of yet, we are having a hard time in getting the assistance from the organizations that have provided us the names of low income and the needy families in our community that could benefit from our assistance, as they have in the past. In this case, I am seeking the names of any needy or low income families or organizations that any of our members might know, so we can add them to our list. I will need their names, addresses, phone numbers, and names, age and gender of their children. We are still trying to get the organizations to assist us in this matter.

Every year our lodge has always taken pride in the contributions to the families with the need of assistance in our community and with the support of each and every one of us, we can make this a successful event as they have been in, in the many years in the past. Remember that our lodge is here for all our members not just a few, so we are asking each and every one of you to take an active role in helping out this year.

In closing, I would also like to invite any and all members who would like to join our Officer Corp. for next year to please contact me or any of our officers so we can answer any questions you might have. We are here to serve not only the lodge but the community and to remember those who have made it possible to have our nation of FREEDOM. Please come to our meetings on Wednesdays and join us for the House Committee meetings so we can have all members input as to how we can make this lodge a better and happier place for every member.





LOYAL KNIGHT
Terry Gicking, PER
 appointed



DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD? A simple question from our ritual, but your answer carries a lot of weight to it. Because had you not so believed, you would not have been permitted to take the solemn and binding obligation of this great fraternal organization called BPO Elks. Seems like a simple answer, but think about all of the privileges that come with a YES!

This great country of ours was built upon God's word & teachings. So it is only fitting the Elks should follow the same path. From "the chaplain will lead us in prayer" to "upon the altar there lies the open Bible", God's teachings are imbedded in the great swelling heart of Elkdom! GOD's words teach us many things, but one of the most common teachings is that of love. Love is entwined in every aspect of the 10 commandments and without love, nothing works.

So it goes without saying that the Elks would not work without Brotherly Love. Think it's a stretch? Without Brotherly Love there would be no team work, and without team work, there are no Elks! no BBQ, no charity basket deliveries, no hoop shoot, no scholarships, heck, no officers! I like to think that around our lodge, though no one wants to say that they love each other, yet they all work together as a team because of the love they have for what the order of Elks stands for. And a team with a common goal can do a lot of wonderful things. I would like to think that, in addition to the things that we already do together. We set a goal of all of us members helping to rebuild all of our differences. As a divided lodge, nothing can get accomplished. But as a united team we can put this lodge back to where it was! "THE FREINDLIEST LODGE IN THE DISTRICT", let alone Elkdom!

But no one person can do it alone. It takes the help of many with the same goal in mind! "Are you willing to assume such an obligation"? Please join the team in rebuilding this great lodge! There are many things that need to be done. Please do not hesitate to help in this endeavor. Contact any officer or me personally. Together we can make a difference. Wow, I almost sounded like a politician, but that was from the heart! And the heart is love – love is a team and my team, just won the Super Bowl!! WOW! Ok what a stretch!! But seriously, if you could join our team effort in some capacity, that would be wonderful!

Step up, make a difference. "The daily gifts we bestow increase our own riches; the help we extend to those in need is added to our own strength. The witchery in wealth is not in having, but in sharing. The real benefactors of mankind count their store in what is given, not in what is saved"!

The holidays are coming and your lodge needs a lot of help! We have the Christmas tree lot, children's
Continued next column



LECTURING KNIGHT
Robert Jones



Delinquent members that will be dropped November 1st for nonpayment of 2011/2012 dues.

Your reasons for not renewing your membership are personal, but we can't fix a problem if there is one, if we are not made aware of it Please give me a call.. We have two charter members on the list. **David Naccarato PER Lodge Secretary**

Donald Allen #300	Debra Hawthorne #1949
Ramon Arevalo #2280	Tom Heller #2186
Ronald Barron #1831	Dan Johnson #1492
Liz Bell #1987 moved	Thomas Knibbs #1324
David Bowman #2233	Jerry Kovach #2258
Kevin Boyle #2245	Gary Lacasella #2185
Denise Brady #2127	Edward Lucas #2265
Daniel Brown #2116	Dave McClure #2242
Rod Burton #2274	Glenn Miller #1491
Denise Byrnes #2034	Evan Peterson #2301
Daniel Fuller #2283	Jim St. Ores #2125
Alida Hartley #2206	John Watts #1657



Loyal Knight continued from previous column

Christmas party, ER Holiday party, Christmas basket set-up and delivery, (I think Santa is going to help deliver baskets in a big BROWN truck this year, we just need a lot of Elves) and did I mention enjoying the Holidays with other Elks! It can not happen without you! So come on down and get involved.

WE GET LETTERS

We received a thank you letter from the Sepulveda VA for our donation of ladies shoes. "Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our Veterans." Also another was received from them for toiletries and clothing items donated. The Grand Lodge sent a letter about the reduction of issues to the Elks magazine. Also we received a thank you from Manna, Conejo Valley Food Bank for our June donation. Summer months are their leanest and our cash contribution helped to stock their shelves. Madeine Brockwell wrote a note on a fine roast of Harry Brockwell. Elton Gallegly thanked us for preparing the wonderful bag lunches that every veteran received on Sunday afternoon and the end of the Stand-down weekend, "to date 4,300 veterans have been assisted by our large effort." Thank you note from Wayne Howard CHEA President was received on his visitation to our district.

We make a difference. As you read these notes you can see how many you were a part of. If you were not, think how much better we can make them next time when we ALL give a hand. David Naccarato, PER



LODGERENOVATIONS

GOOD NEWS! The City of Thousand Oaks has issued building permits for our ladies bathroom project, and by the time this article is published, construction should be underway. If all goes as planned, this phase of our Lodge renovation project should be completed in November..... of this year.

DURING CONSTRUCTION, FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CONSTRUCTION AREA.

Once the bathroom construction is underway, we will begin planning for the renovation of the anteroom and meeting room, which we discussed at our General Meeting on August 3rd. Your input will be welcomed, so please feel free to share your ideas with any Renovation Committee member.

Our last fundraiser during 2011 will be the Halloween party on Saturday, October 29th. Admission is only \$10 and a good time is guaranteed. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Thanks to Laura Malone, Bob Arbetman and the post-meeting card gamers for their generous donations to the bathroom project, as well as to all of you who have made anonymous cash donations into the commode located on the patio. A special thanks to the Thousand Oaks PERs for sponsoring the Caribe Club Princess Resort raffle, which supports our renovation project. For details and to buy raffle tickets, see any PER.

Stay tuned, more to come.

Dan Martyn
Lodge Renovation Committee Chair

Committee Members:

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



for the Restroom Donations:

Robert Arbetman, Jim Porter, Carl Lanterman, Laura Malone



Players Donation for the Restroom



Per Statute 14.270, Max Maxwell at the regular meeting held on October 5th made a motion to nominate Ed Rice to honorary life membership. A ten day notice to members is required and a full account of the motion.

Whereas: Mr. Ed Rice has been a member of our Lodge for more than eighteen years and for the past eight years has served as our BBQ chairman.

Whereas: through his diligence, devotion, dedication and tireless efforts he has brought many thousands of dollars into our coffers.

Whereas: by his leadership, guidance and management he has promoted a great degree of cooperation, comrade and fellowship among our BBQ teams

Whereas: by his insight, intuition and perceptiveness he brought us numerous improvements in the purchasing of products we use and the methods we use to process and deliver our goods.

For the distinguished service noted above, I nominate Eddy Rice to be an Honorary Life Member of the Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

The Motion was made by Max Maxwell and 2nd by JB Bre. Exalted Ruler stayed the Balloting till November 2nd where the motion will have had time to be published in our monthly news letter.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS



October 29- Halloween Party- renovation fund raiser

November 4-5- Mid-Term Riverside

November 6- Hoop Shoot

November 12- Veterans' fundraiser dinner

November 13- Flag Retirement

November 19- Blood Drive

November 20- Veteran's Appreciation Brunch

November 24- Thanksgiving Dinner

December 3- Tree Trimming and Children's Christmas Party

December 4- Elks Memorial Service

December 6- Elk Ladies Christmas Party

December 9- ER Christmas Party

December 11- Kampers Brunch Grand Vista Hotel

December 12-17- Charity Baskets w/ Saturday delivery

December 31- New Year's Eve Party

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris-Chair

805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Bill and Flo Lloyd on the passing of her sister at 99 years young; Bill and Carol Sternberg on the passing of her mother at 97 years young; Grant Thistle on the passing of his cousin

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free; Buggy (Don) Ansell has had successful open heart surgery; Flo Lloyd is in rehab following a fall; Grace Wallace is in Los Robles rehab

ON THE MEND: Chuck Kudra from an infection; Roy Cooper is receiving rehab services for walking; Rick Herrera had cataract surgery and his wife Evie is also recovering from surgery-keeping it in the family

ENTERTAINMENT



November 18- One last Dance

Pull Tab Collection



I hope everyone read the article and the note in October's Antler Antics written by Janine Van Poppelen. If you missed the article, it is definitely worth going back and reading or rereading it. Stories like that is why I have been part of the Ronald McDonald House Charities and collecting pull tabs for over 35 years. Thanks to all contributors, especially the Metzger family, Bud and Jolie Vashaw (4 large bags), Ana and Mike Lang, Abe Gamble, Carol Stewart, Dee Swanson, Lily Giovannini, Dean and Kathie Reickle, Tony Gomes, the Simi Valley Emblem Club and Big Mama (Dorothy Murray).

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

Elks and Member Lady Elks



IS YOUR BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER?

COME CELEBRATE WITH US

November 18th

Your meal is 1/2 price and ice cream and cake



OPERATION FACELIFT

Tom Ryder ~ PDDGER

“**OPERATION FACELIFT**” is alive and gaining momentum. Its projects are picking up speed, all for the good of the Lodge.

Funding for Operation Facelift for the most part comes from fundraisers, the Elks Ladies Organization, the Past Exalted Rulers Association, the El Konejo Kampers and donations from individual members. Funds are running low but projects are continuing with funds available. Some funding has been provided from lodge maintenance funds.

PROJECT GREENUP

Conceived, Proposed, Approved and In Progress, all in the month of September! Grunts Rick Herrera, Ben Reiger and I were standing together outside the bar door talking about some plants we had and how to place them somewhere around the lodge. Bingo the light lit and planning for a green belt along the back parking lot started as a plan. Next day Rick comes to the house with a drawing and a list of materials needed. Rick, Ben and I met at the lodge, looked at the drawing, make some minor changes, added some items to the materials list, cost out the project and off to a special House Committee meeting we go. Project and funds were approved. Project should be completed when you read this! Grunts working this project included Rick Herrera, Ben Reiger, Tom Hartin, Carl Lanterman, Grant Thistle, Rich Romani and myself. Please congratulate Rick for a job well done!

FLAG BURNING PIT

Grunt Bill Sternberg does it again! While at Oxnard Lodge Bill redid their flag burning area and pit. Now at Thousand Oaks, Bill has done it again. Bill made arrangements with Precast Concrete for their donation of a concrete ring to be used as a fire pit replacing the trash can we had been using to burn our flags in, The new ring is a much more secure burning pit and will be easier to use.

SPECIAL THRESHOLD INSTALLATION

A most dangerous safety item has been fixed. Grunt Greg Metzgs designed, built and had installed a special threshold covering of an exposed drainage pipe in the doorway between the bar and the back room, The pipe had been protected by loose 2x2s that presented a great tripping area to persons walking through.

PICNIC TABLES

Painted by Grunts Al Koemmpel and Rich Romani.

OUTSIDE LODGE GROUNDS LIGHTING

Installation of lighting in the dark areas next to the Office Building and along the fence next to the rental house is in progress. Carriage lamps are also being incorporated in the Project Green Up border to add additional low level lighting. Approved/Funded

LOBBY ENTRANCE ROOF

New larger roof over front Lobby entrance to replace small roof there.. Will provide larger covered area over Lobby door and back double doors going into lodge room for private party use. Will also provide coverage to existing picnic area. Approved/Funded.

BBQ PICNIC AREA GATE and FENCE

A project already approved is to make the picnic area more private! Plans and funds for the privacy fencing and gates is in place. Approved/Funded.

GRUNTS - NEED MORE GRUNTS PLEASE GET INVOLVED

FACELIFT/RENOVATION PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED

Kitchen – Expand kitchen area to include old ladies room and janitors’ room. Relocate serving window. Old janitors room will become secure kitchen supplies storage area.

BBQ Room – Back storage room conversion into total BBQ support area including all BBQ refrigerators and freezers. Install outside access door for ease of movement of BBQ supplies.

Lodge Room – New floor, paint up and fix up and update

Bar – Paint up, fix up and update

Lobby – Paint up, fix up and update

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)!!



Our Facelift projects -(l-r) landscaping with Rick Herrera, new firepit and tree removal

Carl Lanterman



Veterans Services Chair.

The 2nd Quarter of Elks year 2011 was again very successful for National Services because of Elks volunteers and donations. Our lodge travelled 2,700 miles to donate 280 hours of volunteer time and donated over \$2,600 worth of clothing, cosmetics, videos and other useful gifts to the residents of homes and hospitals and for the homeless. The Ventura County Standdown was a success for the 19th year.

With the contacts made through the VCS and efforts by the Ventura County Superior Courts, new opportunities are coming. Judge Vincent O'Niell, Jr., Presiding Judge of the Superior Court hosted a kickoff meeting of about 50 people on Sep. 22nd. The Veterans Court is expanding to a mentor program, with the long term goal as one of resolving the issues of the veterans so that this court program is no longer needed. If the veterans with PTSD and other issues can resolve those issues through a mentor and associated veterans programs, they will not show up in court. A similar program in Buffalo, NY reports a zero return of veterans who have completed their program; and one who has now become a mentor.

In conjunction with the mentor program, the Ventura County Military Collaborative (VCMiLC) is developing a data base of organizations and contacts who help veterans. This is expected to improve the networking aspect and provide mentors with ready access to resources. My objective is to bring something to the Conejo Valley so that we can send veterans to the right place without a "wild goose chase".

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

Veteran recognition for the month: Ed Rice U.S. Army 1958-1961

Singing with the Stars. Judges Carl Lanterman and Terry Gicking, with Maestro "Pens N Things" Robert Jones and songress JB Bre at the Cal Vet Home



Christmas Tree Lot

Our Christmas tree sales will be held again at Carlson's Building Materials. We have a joint effort of Chairmen this year, Ben Reiger, Ed Rice and Herb Jellander. Any help you could give them would be appreciated. The tree lot will be open every day starting December 1st.

We will have lot set up at Carlson's building Materials on November 28th. Our first tree delivery will be on November 30th. Delivery includes unloading the truck, cutting off a 1/2 inch of trunk and boring a hole up from the bottom of the trunk of the tree and then mounted into a tree stand and set up for sales to the public.

It is a lot of fun hard work with many benefits. The ladies of the Lodge really take care of the workers at the tree lot, with comfort food, pastries and snacks. We have a fire every night camaraderie among the members. We have very positive interaction with the customers. In fact last year with the pouring down rain we helped a customer who was so taken by us that he joined our organization and will probably be down at the tree lot this year. Our 2nd tree delivery will be on December 7th and lot tear down will be December 18th. Our Christmas cheer basket program delivery will be on December 17th. So in a nut shell:

Lot Set up November 28th

First tree delivery November 30th

Lot opens for business Dec 1st.

2nd tree delivery December 7th

Lot open for sales from Dec 1st to December 17th

Lot tear down December 18th.

For times see Ben, Ed, or Herb

Collection bin in the lounge
awaits your donations for
MANNA
Elks Care & Share



It was very gratifying to see the response for MANNA after our last meeting. May we encourage you when attending a function or a meeting to bring a can of food, veggies or other commodity for those who are unemployed and at the poverty level.

As we count our blessings remember 'There but the grace of God go I.'



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Craig Scott & David Naccarato



Brian Morgan & David Naccarato



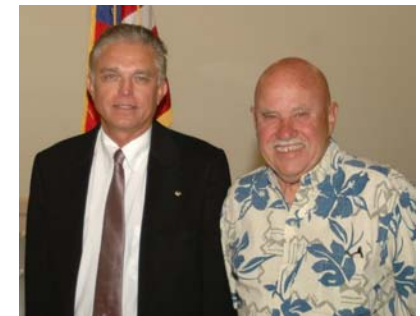
Christine Harrison John Quinn.



Michael Kissick & Chuck Costigan



Ted Barnes Jim Moye



Tom Baldrige & Steve Woodlief



Sunday September 19th was a beautiful day for a picnic. We had a nice turnout for the Bingo and kids enjoyed a ride on our train. A word of praise for Gerry Gilles on how wonderful he has the train running and looking. Next week they plan on running it in the Simi parade.

Ladies enjoyed the clothing fashions. The BBQ corn was the best I have ever eaten. The hamburgers and hot dogs were well received-Jerry Serota





**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

September at the Santa Barbara Lodge

As usual, Kathy Rider and Tom tagged along (LOL), did a great job as wagonmasters. Actually, Tom was quite clever; he found a "white board" some place, wrote the schedule for the weekend and placed it in front of their rig.

Almost forgot, BIG sign at the entrance to the RV parking "Check In Before Parking" or some such admonishment.

Guess Joe Nemtusak doesn't read so pretty good. Got all set up, went to check in only to discover he was in the WRONG space. Pack up and move OMG!

Unfortunately, Patty and Jimmy Miller couldn't come at the last minute. When Jimmy picked up the motorhome, he discovered a broken water pump. BUMMER!

As usual the lunches, etc. at the Lodge were awesome. Their Hot Dog and Hamburgers on Thursday night were terrific.

Their membership is a continuing amazement to me. The cooperation and loyalty is a wonder to behold. There is never a sense of discord – truly "all for one and one for all". A fabulously relaxed and relaxing atmosphere.

Jessica Stull and Kathy Moye have become quite the martini glass collectors. There is some rather unusual collection and they seem to be bent on acquiring the entire collection.

Personally they're a little too fancy for me, very pretty and unusual, but I'd be terrified of breaking one.

Prior to the Luau, Jessica challenged Kathy Moye to eat a whole jalapeno for which she would pay Kathy FIFTY \$.

Kathy did without too many tears. Then Beverly took up the challenge. Jessica paid off – what a heck of a way to spend money!

John (Kathy Jenkins' son) and Kim (Kudra's daughter) won a HUGE basket in the raffle, haven't a clue what all it contained, but it sure was BIG.

Don't know if Ruth Mullen paid attention to my previously saying that Jim shouldn't be out without a keeper or not, so they both were there. Jim's behavior was much improved (giggle).

It was great to have June and John Leadam with us. June is such a sweetheart and the jury is still out on John, really he does have a great sense of humor. One should never "bite the hand that feeds you". Seems while at lunch one day, the Leadam's were at the next table when someone at our table asked if we know those people. Talk about sticking foot in mouth, till June reminded me they are the ones who provided me with paper towels because I was totally out! Speaking of June, if you check out the Kampers' website, you'll see a



picture of her cutting a mean rug at the Luau. Couldn't be quite certain of her partner (there were several), but I think this one was Don Booker. To get a glimpse of all those apparently having a great time at the Luau – check out the pictures on the Kampers website – they're a hoot, especially one of Walter with the lei wrapped around his head!

We had five (5) motel/hotel campers – hope I don't leave anyone out, Barbara and Don Booker, Chet Kozlowski, Anne and Walter Ogden.

The schedule for Saturday at the Santa Barbara campout is really well-thought out. We have brunch, meeting, raffle, etc. all in the morning so that we have the entire afternoon and evening to do as we please.

Steve Chizar's friend, Jeanie, is absolutely amazing. She is a "special ed" teacher who loves her job, has a pit bull that's a "pussycat" and a small dog (can't recall the type/breed and perhaps another critter) and cares for her aging mother. She decided she needed some "me" time (certainly couldn't argue that point) so she came camping. Sunday morning, Steve was out and about, when asked where Jeanie was, "She's cleaning" with a smirk! Really wanted to give him an "NCIS" smack to the head! Usually several of us hit the thrift stores; unfortunately my daughter had taken my tow car to come back to Thousand Oaks to pick up her car to return to Lancaster. Just didn't seem to be in the cards this time.

Had an opportunity to visit quite a while with Jane Watson, (which seldom happens), what a fun, funny person.

Another couple seldom seen is Jim and Lee Wiens – another fun couple. Sure hope to see more of all these folks.



UPCOMING KAMPOUTS

Nov. 11-12-Kenney Grove

Dec. 11-Brunch Grand Vista Hotel

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- *Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly
- *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
- *Sponsoring hoop shoot for local youth
- *Providing meeting place for community clubs
- *Preparing and delivering food baskets to families at Christmas

**BE PART OF YOUR ELKS
VOLUNTEER TEAM**



The Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw

Program is America's largest non-commercial co-educational sports program. It offers kids ages 8-13 regardless of race, color, or creed an opportunity for character and skill development; healthy spirited athletic competition; social relationships; quality family time; camaraderie; and travel with minimal expense to participants and parents.

Our Lodge will hold our local competition in conjunction with the local Boys and Girls Clubs in our area. The Free Throw Contest will be held on November 6th at Los Cerritos Middle School 1980 E. Avenida De Los Flores. Thousand Oaks Ca. 91362. We will need to provide 18 score keepers for the competition. We will need members to help register the kids on the morning of the shoot. We will need ball collectors when the shot bounces off the rim. Registration will be held in the gym on the morning of the 6th at 8:30. I will be coming back from Mid-Term Convention on that Saturday the 5th. Exalted Ruler, Steve Smith and Leading Knight, Leo Rodriguez will be on their way home from Mid-Term on the morning of the 6th. They will arrive in time for trophy presentation and pictures.

Please call the office if you will be available @ 496-2477 before Thursday the 3rd for the office will be closed due to Mid-Term Convention.

David Naccarato, PER, Hoop Shoot Chairman

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

JR. PER Harry Brockwell had received from a friend an electric scooter. Harry didn't feel he needed it quite yet, so he asked me if I would like to use it and get it out of his garage. He and his son came down to the Lodge and Max Maxwell and Terry Gicking hooked up the transport to the back of my truck so I could get it home. The scooter works great in the yard. My wheel chair with the skinny wheels doesn't work to well but the scooter does the job. Now what do I do with this huge transport on the back of the truck? Well the Lodge has a scooter at our disposal also. Only it does not work. It goes like a bat out of H%^& in reverse but nothing forward. Before I remove the transport off my truck I will load the Lodge scooter and take it to be repaired. Then I'll have one at home and here for lodge business. Anyone who might need it while visiting the lodge is welcome to use it once we get it repaired. One more note on the subject. When the scooter is loaded on the transport it gets covered by a heavy nylon covering that had WWII Veteran sewn on it. I was surprised at how many people honked their horns and saluted me. I first thought they were giving me the bird but soon noticed that was not the case. People do appreciate the Veterans. Some pay the ultimate price for our freedom. "Thank you Harry Brockwell for your donation to me and to Max and Terry for installation and hook up" David Naccarato, PER Lodge Secretary



OUR HISTORY NOVEMBER 1988

David Naccarato, PER

It is a Grand Lodge mandated event to have a Veterans remembrance breakfast in the month of November. Back in 1988 Ted Lipka was Exalted Ruler. Jerry Serota was the Editor of the Antler Antics and Bill Lloyd was the Secretary. We had a featured speaker at the Veterans brunch. It was held Nov 13th and the speaker was Captain Samuel L. Vernallis USN. We treated our Veterans to a fishing trip in October of 1988. Dick Johnson was our Veterans Committee Chairman. Tommy Claunch and Robert Tower joined the lodge this month. Don Ansell was Loyal Knight. Our bowlers were on their way to Santa Ana for a tournament. The Trustees unveiled the New Facilities master plan, increase site parking, increase Lounge area, increase Lodge room, move Ladies room which would allow us to enlarge the kitchen and would in turn ease congestion that now exists in kitchen hallway area. Especially when I block it with my wheel chair. This was a plan back in 1988 and on October 5th 2011 we have the permit from the city in our possession to start this project.

NOVEMBER MILITARY HISTORY



November 10th 1775 U.S. Marine Corps established
 November 11th Signing of WWI Armistice 1918
 November 21st 1983 Grenada Campaign ended
 November 28th 1943, The "Big Three" met for the first time in Tehran on November 28th 1943, in an effort to plan the final destruction of Nazi Germany. Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and Josef Stalin agreed that the following spring Operation Overload (the invasion of France) would commence, and that the USSR would join the war effort against Japan once Germany was defeated. However, the dark clouds of the future Cold War began to develop, as Stalin demanded a Soviet expansion in the west.



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THE ELKS LADIES

Alice Kennedy

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PARLIAMENTARIAN: Pat Peterson
CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell
MAJOR PROJECT: Niki Case
SUNSHINE:
HISTORIAN: Carol Fredericks
CVD: Alice Kennedy & Pat Peterson

The Elks Ladies meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month in the lodge social hall. This is a great way to meet new people. At the conclusion of the meeting, there is dessert served.

The Major Projects 50/50 was won by Nikki Case for \$18.00. The Bubble drawing was won by Barbara Booker for \$20.00. The next Bubble drawing will be \$20.00.

The Elks Ladies are hosting both the Tree Trimming and Children's Christmas party on December 3rd.....There are a lot of fun activities planned for the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren from making and hanging the ornaments for the Christmas Tree to great fun and food for the children.

The tree trimming and other fun activities for the children will be an enjoyable time, and we ask that you come and bring your children to this fun Party. Please let us know about how many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren may be attending this event. Also, everyone gets a chance to sit on Santa'S lap and let him know what you may want for Christmas. Take care and God bless,
Melinda Pekow

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marva D'Ambrogio-1
Flo Lloyd-5
Jeri Miller-9
Vera Bailie-30



Please Don't Let Us Be Proudful



You want us to be confident,
But prideful is not the same
How nice to smile and think WELL
DONE
YOU HELP made it almost a game.

And if we have a talent, GOD
THAT is a GIFT from you.
We need not boast about it,
Just give MORE praise for all you do.
AMEN.

Elks Ladies Tree Trimming & Children's Christmas Party



December 3 11am-2 pm

Visit from Santa, lunch, music, games
Kids from 2 to 92 welcome

Elks Ladies Beach Party



February 4, 2012

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David Stull 1 Year
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 Jim Porter 3 Year
 Carl Lanterman 4 Year
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 KITCHEN- Terry Gicking, PER
 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

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:
 David Naccarato, PER
 SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Coleen Morris
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 Tom Ryder, PDDGER
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 InvestigationDon Ansell, PER:

David Naccarato, PER: Stray Elks
 Terry Gicking, PER: Orientation
 CHARITY BALL: Leonzo Rodriquez
 CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Leonzo Rodriguez
 CHARITY DINNERS: Leonzo Rodriquez

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
 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
 Herb Jellander & 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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Max Maxwell and Dorothy Murray receiving Purple Pig Certificates for their donations



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1-John Duhig
- 2- Glenn Miller, John Moran
- 4- Brad Knupp, William Wagner, PER
- 5- Alfred Koempfel
- 7- Richard Hagy
- 10- Jack Carter
- 11- John D,Ambrogio PER
- 12- Wayne Lafarr
- 13- Jacob Panzak PER
- 15- George Thompson
- 17- David Ely
- 18- Roy Ratcliffe, Robert Williams
- 21- Gerry Gillies
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September 7th Capsule Drawing #2312 Jill Williams not present
Lucky 13 Rich Romani no winner

September 21st Capsule Drawing #2246 Steven Buczynski "winner"
Lucky 13 Carl Lanterman no winner

September 28th Capsule Drawing #1544 Dale Haas not present
Lucky 13 David Mcfarland no winner

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