



Exalted Ruler
Leo Rodriguez

ANTLER ANTICS

Bring the Sprit...Now is the Time

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DADS ARE GOOD SPORTS...

so treat them to Father's Day champagne brunch



June 17th
10 am-1 pm
\$12



Prepared & Served by the Elk Ladies

- *eggs ala Myrna
- *bacon/sausage
- *fruit
- *potatoes
- *bagels
- *cheese blintzs
- *etc



surprises for the dads



call the Lounge for reservations 496-4550



EXALTED RULER

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Ritual Contest was held this year in Simi Valley on April 27th and 28th. Thousand Oaks Lodge's team showed great effort in the competition. Chaplain, Barbara Gibbs took home the 3rd place plaque and Lecturing Knight, Grant Thistle took the 3rd place plaque as well. I want to thank our Officers for all of their dedication practicing and doing a great job representing our Lodge. We must also remember our Coaches, David Naccarato, Tom Ryder, Richard Goldner, Greg Metzgun and Terry Gicking, without them we would have never been able to compete. Thanks to all of you for your commitment and the time you gave.

The Youth Appreciation Awards Dinner is being held on Friday May 11th at the Lodge with the spaghetti dinner being prepared by the Elks Ladies. We are presenting awards to 6 local seniors who won scholarships this year. Along with the awards from the Elks, the City of Thousand Oaks will also be presenting these 6 winners with Certificates for their achievements. There are 2 local boys that will be recognized for making Eagle Scout.

CVD was the first week in May and with Ed Rice and the countless volunteers who made it possible to take our BBQ wagon again to the fair this year. I would like to thank them for the fantastic work they did.

State Convention is May 16th – 19th in San Diego, this year. All of the Exalted Rulers will present to the President the Major Project contributions from their Lodge from the previous year. I personally thank the Elks Ladies, who presented me with a check for \$2,000 at their May meeting, adding to the Major Projects contributions in addition to all the support and donations from the members of our Lodge.

I would like to invite all our new members to come to our meetings to be a part of our future and become involved as active members in all of the work that we do as Elks. All members are encouraged to make an effort to help make Thousand Oaks Lodge, a lodge that is recognized by the community and a lodge that we are proud of.

Barbara Gibbs and Grant Thistle Ritual Contest 3rd place winners



LEADING KNIGHT

Terry Baker



A message from our Grand Exalted Ruler-Hon. David R. Carr

Great organizations don't just happen. They evolve as a result of important goals and objectives managed by outstanding leadership at every level throughout the organization.

Thanks to 144 years of exemplary leadership at the lodge, District, State and National levels, the Order of Elks has developed into one of the nation's greatest organizations providing service to our youth, victims of disaster, veterans, children and adults with disabilities and others in need in those communities our lodges serve.

We have worked hard to get where we are today and we must ensure that our members are kept aware of our many activities. The Lodge bulletin is the primary link between the lodge and it's members. When you schedule an event, publish an article about it. Make sure the committee chairpersons speak at meetings about upcoming events and encourage the members to participate.

A united team can accomplish unbelievable feats that ensure program success. However we are a widely diverse organization and as such there will always be instances of disagreement, frustrations and questions. It is important that before voting on any issue the members are allowed to voice their opinions. After the discussion phase is complete and the decision is made by the majority, the Member has the obligation to accept the situation and to be supportive of those decisions.

We need to make sure the public is aware of our activities. Invite the community to all lodge sponsored public events. Provide pamphlets, posters and place mats that tell what your lodge is doing. Once you have finished reading your Antler Antics Magazine, take it to your local library, doctor's office, Dentist's office, etc., for others to read. Many citizens who learn of what we do as an organization will share our pride and perhaps will want to become a part of our efforts.

Pull Tab Collection



Tabs, tabs, tabs, I love tabs, I especially enjoy the smiles when I deliver the tabs to the Ronald McDonald Houses. To all Elks that collect tabs and toiletries and give me that pleasure, thanks. The collectors that added their name to the contributions are Big Momma (Dorothy Murray), JB (two large containers, 7624 Tabs), The Metzgun family, Abe Gamble, Dee Swanson, Joel & Beverly Erickson, Lily Ball, and Barbara Tun. Thank you one and all for the pleasure.

Gerry Gillies



LOYAL KNIGHT

**Terry Gicking, PER
appt.**



Did you see the look on the jockeys face at the big horse race on Cinco de Mayo? Now I don't mean the Derby in Kentucky! I mean the day at the races down at the lodge during the Cinco de Mayo party! We had 4 very successful races that netted \$150 for the Purple Pig. The Jockeys who won each race had the biggest smiles of the party! We had a blast! Where were you? I know you can't make every party, but from the look of the crowd on the 5th of May-o, and some of the other events, the members are starting to get excited about our new look in the lodge. From the new ladies room and the new look in the lodge room and the soon to be completed lobby area, members are choosing the lodge as the happening place. Are you next? Get involved in your lodge and feel the excitement!

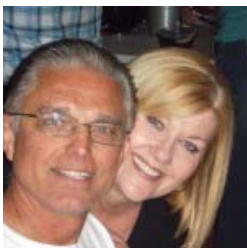
And now for something completely different... Did you know that you can donate directly to the Major project or ENF online? You can set up to have \$5, \$10, \$50... whatever your heart desires... taken out of your account each month. Can you imagine if every member set up to have \$5 a month donated for each, we can do so much more for our charities. For the major project, go to CHEA-ELKS.org and click on the donate now button. For the ENF, you can go to ELKS.org and go to ENF section and click on the donate button. It's fast, simple and it makes you feel good all over! Helping others is what being an Elk is all about. Find what it is that you can do through our lodge to help others. We have plenty of things that need your help! I know that's why you joined the lodge in the first place. At least that is what you told us when you stood up in your Orientation and Initiation! I love this lodge and all of the wonderful people who make this place the best in Elkdom!
Fraternally, Terry Gicking (appointed Loyal Knight, looking for someone to step up!)



The horses at our races



Dee Swanson winner of the hat contest at Kentucky Derby Day



Tom & Mary salsa tasting contest winners

More pictures available at
www.elks2477.com
blog



LECTURING KNIGHT

Grant Thistle



May 8, 2012

Dear Friends and Family,

It has been two months since my last update, so I thought I would check in and let you know how I am doing!

I turn 10 months old today! Time seems to be flying by, but don't worry... Mommy has taken tons of photos to document all of the fun I am having! Here are some highlights:

- I now weigh 14lbs, 14oz and am 25 inches long. I am still chasing after that growth chart, but am getting closer to the first growth curve line. I have graduated to 3-6 month clothing and am getting very close to fitting into some 6 month outfits.
- People have started to say that I am looking more and more like my Daddy, which is cool. He is a pretty handsome guy!
- I started laughing this month! I love to giggle at Daddy and Mommy has figured out that I am very ticklish!
- As usual, I am taking my time with everything and now see lots of specialists to help me speed things up. For example, I go to physical therapy once a week to learn how to roll over, sit up and play. I go to occupational therapy once a week to learn how to use my tongue to eat solid food. I really love sipping water, but refuse to open my mouth for anything else. I am not real motivated to eat because I am so full of formula from my G-tube; therefore, I am now seeing a nutritionist to help wean me off of the formula and increase my hunger and intake of solid food. If I had to choose my favorite foods they would be carrots and sweet potatoes. I hate fruit and gag every time Mommy makes me try it! Those little rice puff things are fun and I am now starting to get the hang of them.
- I am still sleeping pretty well. I take 3 regularly scheduled naps a day, though they are short, and I generally sleep through the night.

I hope to get to see all of you very soon! Love you! – Cameron



Special Kids Day at the 2012 Conejo Valley Days

Conejo Valley Days are over for this year and once again it's time give credit to our members who prepared the Lunch for these Special Kids. We have been doing this for the last 13 years that Shirley and I have been involved. After all, we are Elks and this is what we do. We are one big Family. Zonta Club tells us how many kids they expect and we do our thing and no questions asked.

In attendance were 275 children with Special Needs and Disabilities with an equal amount of volunteers to help them. We served 550 hamburgers and 500 bags of chips, and untold number juices and water.

Donations from the Lady Elks, El Konejo Kampers, Past Exalted Rulers and individual's donated the funds for this event and the Elks provided the volunteers to prepare and serve the lunches. Brooke our Lounge Manager ordered all of the food and made sure we had it when we needed it. It should be noted that Brooke did obtain Donations from Sysco's and Classic Food Distributors.

Now it's time to thank all those Elks who pitched in and made this lunch very special. I would guess that all of our volunteers would thank me for allowing them to help on this special morning. When you've been here and seen these special kids you could only say that but for the Grace of God go I. I normally do not ask for volunteers they call me. Preparing the Hamburgers and packing them in containers at the Lodge was Tom Ryder and JB Bre. Rick Herrera brought the Hamburgers to the Carnival and from there we took over. Packaging and distributing the Hamburgers, Potato Chips, water and Juices were Sharon Baker, June and John Leadam, Don and Barbara Booker, Walter and Ann Ogden, Rich Romaine, Dan and Beth Kozlowski, Rick Ferrara, Janine Van Poppelen, Robert Jones and a few unknowns. Jeanne Sandt and Barbara Booker directed traffic. Most of our volunteers knew Shirley was watching in order to make sure the food lines were stocked and that we took special care of those special kids. Ed Rice and Terry Baker made the Streaker Wagon available to us and set up the tables. I just stayed out of their way and watched. Thanks to all of you and we'll see you next year. We could not do it without you and Shirley sends you her love as this was her special project and with the tears flowing, I THANK YOU.

Love you all, Chet Kozlowski

A family affair-Chet Kozlowski and his son Dan
More pictures on Elk Ladies page



HOSPITALITY CORNER

Our thanks to our members for their continuing participation in our Monday night dinners by **Eddie Bianchi** and **Jim Moye**, as well as in our Two Buck Tuesdays, when you can get a burger or hot dog for \$2.00 and wash it down with a beer, house wine or well drink for \$2.00 as well. Come on down and enjoy an otherwise dull Monday or Tuesday night with your friends at the Lodge!

In June, we will be introducing Happy Hour with Pizza on Saturday nights from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. If it's another Saturday night and you ain't got nobody (or no party), come on down.

Sunday breakfasts continue with the June highlight being Father's Day Brunch by the Elk Ladies on June 17. Also, please don't forget to come on down for Bunko on Sunday, June 24, following the usual superb breakfast by the Kampers!

Our June Friday nights will also be special, starting with a steak or salmon dinner by the **Kozlowski family** followed by **Power Dave's** bingo. Friday, June 8, marks the return to the kitchen of **Pineapple Joe Clancy** – where've you been, Joe? We will be treated to Pineapple Joe's famous rib dinner, followed by dancing to the music of Pier 101. On Friday, June 15, **Chuck Busch** will again pack the house with his fabulous fish fry, followed by dancing to the sounds of One Last Dance.

Rumor has it that the hogs are lining up to become part of our dinner on Friday, June 22. Why? Because they want to be part of **Bobby Williams' KILLER PORK CHOP** (or chicken) dinner that night. Rumor also has it that a bigger, more delicious chop has not been served since Fred and Barney enjoyed brontosaurus chops at Water Buffalo Lodge No. 26 in Bedrock. To top that Friday night off, there will be dancing to the music of Spare Parts, who recently performed at the Chili Cook-Off, Conejo Valley Days and the T.O. Street Fair.

On Friday, June 29, join us for a rib & chicken dinner by the PERs and a sendoff party for Leo and Lynn, as they jet to Austin, Texas to represent us at the annual Grand Lodge convention.

One more special event of which you should be aware; on Wednesday, June 6, our Lodge will have a visit from our State Vice President, with a roast stuffed pork loin dinner being prepared by the one and only **Chef Boyd Lindquist**. You will not find a better gourmet meal anywhere, so come down and join us.

In closing, I need to once again ask for volunteers. We need you in the kitchen. We need you for activities. We need you for BBQ. Don't sit on the sidelines, get in the game. The more of yourself you put into the Lodge, the more you will get out of it.

Dan Martyn
Co-Chair
Hospitality Committee
Members:
Donna Leary, Co-Chair
Tom Ryder
David Nacarrato
Jim Moye



2 Buck Tuesday for June

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris-Chair

805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Hubert Ofer on his passing and the family of Vera Baile, widow of Vince Baile on her passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jim Wallace, PER is receiving Hospice Services

ON THE MEND: Don Booker, PER from shoulder surgery

ENTERTAINMENT



June 1-bingo with Power Dave
 June 8-music by Pier 1
 June 15-One Last Dance
 June 22-music by Spare Parts
 June 29- Night at Races/skits by PERs

COMING ATTRACTIONS



July 1-5- Elks National Convention
 July 20/22-ventura County Stand Down for Homeless Vets
 Sept. 9-Lodge Picnic
 Sept. 21-Jr. PER Roast

Friday Night Dinner by the Kozlowski's
 June 1, 2012
 Salmon \$15.00 or New York Strip Steak \$14.00

Dinner includes Green Salad, Shirley's Special Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables



We do May
 24th 1:30 PM
 SIGN UPS
 IN LOUNGE



Hubert Ofer
 Born 1/9/1921
 Initiated 7/28/1948
 Transferred to T.O. 2/29/2008
 Died 2/29/2012
 Hubert was a Navy Veteran. Joined Los Angeles lodge #99

APRIL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge has 406 members
 In the month of April eleven were initiated
 One was transferred from Ventura to Thousand Oaks
 Two took an absolute demit.
 Our average age is 65.14
 We had a gain of Ten
 We have Sixty Two on the delinquency list.
 We have a lapsation rate of 15.58%
 We have one applications on hand.



We have one to be read at the next meeting.
 We have two in the hands of the investigating committee.
 We have two for balloting
 We have forty nine Life Members.
 We have three Honorary Life Members.
 We have a total of Fifty Two Life Members which is a Life percentage of 13.07%
David Naccarato Membership/Lapsation chairman.



The Grand Exalted Rulers per-capita for 2012-2013 is again \$4.50 per member for a total of \$1,823 required to meet his goal from our lodge.

Let's review what awards Thousand Oaks Lodge got back from ENF for the past year.

Most Valuable Student (Scholarship) Local High School Scholars;

- Sumedh Shah - \$4,000 – (\$1,000/year)
- Joyce Zhang - \$4,000 – (\$1,000/year)

Legacy Award (Scholarship) – Available for children/grandchildren of Elks members;

- Tyler Gillies – (Grandson of Jerry Gillies)
\$4,000 – (\$1,000/year)

Gratitude Grant – Lodge attained Grand Exalted Ruler's 2011-2012 per capita goal;

\$2,000 – Funds to be used for Lodge Youth actives programs

All in all that adds up to \$14,000 back into the Thousand Oaks Elks communities. Pretty good return for \$2,526 lodge ENF donations!

As of May 5th we have donations of \$1,557 in the lodge bank for submittal to Grand Lodge. With the \$10 sent in to grand Lodge that makes a total of \$1,567 for us. That's a per capita of \$3.92. We are on our way but have to reach \$1,823 to get to \$4.50 to be eligible for another \$2,000 Gratitude Grant.

As you see ENF supports our community. In addition to Grand Lodge programs, the ENF funds obtained are utilized to support local programs via Lodge grants through the Community Investments Program.

Go online at www.elks.org and check under ENF for available Scholarships and requirements for your children or grandchildren! If you can not go on line, call the lodge, leave your name and someone in the know will get back to you.

Tom Ryder – PDDGER – ENF Chairman



OPERATION FACELIFT
Tom Ryder ~ PDDGER

“OPERATION FACELIFT” continues with new projects being considered and old ones being worked. If you have ideas or suggestions pass them to us. We appreciate the help. It is your Lodge.

MEDICALEQUIPMENTSHEED

The lodge has wheel chairs, shower chairs, crutches, portable potties and other items available for use by convalescing members. The problem is there is no central area for storage for disbursement of these items as the need comes up Problem has been solved! Some members have donated funds to purchase a building. After searching through many vendors offering buildings, Bill Sternberg and I have selected a building manufactured by Tuff Shed. This 8 by 12 building will be perfect. It is well built and fills our needs perfectly. At a cost of \$2,010 it will be brought to the lodge, assembled by the vendor and painted. Lodge has approved purchase and set up of building.

RECYCLESTORAGEAREA

Recycle Area –. Project has been completed. Workers included Rick Herrera, Greg Metzgas, Bill Sternberg, Mike Ramirez, and Able Gamble.

PROJECTSSTILLSCHEDULED/WORKING

Additional Outside Lodge Lighting - Funded

Lobby Entrance Roof - Funded

BBQ Picnic Area Gate and Fence – Funded

PROJECTBEINGCONSIDERED

Outside Table and Chair Storage Shed

Close to Lodge /Dining Room

NEED MORE WORKERS - PLEASE GET INVOLVED

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

Volunteers

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.

MANNA





David Naccarato, PER

We have started a new year for our Elks Lodges and with each new year, we have many ideas of what we would like to accomplish during the year. One of the biggest accomplishments would be to retain or increase our membership.

How do we attract and retain our membership? By giving our members a purpose for belonging. We need to ask ourselves "What do we have to offer our members, and what are we doing for our communities?"

To answer the first part of the question, we need to look at our facility. Is it looking the best that it can? Is it clean and well painted? Is it safe? Is it a pride to look at and to offer to the public? Do we have food and drink areas that are a little better than average as to give our members a reason to attend our lodge instead of going to some other place in town? We need to make our lodge a focal point in the community and a place to be proud of. We are different from business on the boulevard. Our customers are our members and if they don't want to come down how can we expect new members to come down.

Now we have come a long way the past few months. After a plan to rebuild was voted down by the membership a plan to renovate the Ladies bathroom, Lodge room and Anteroom was presented to the floor of the lodge. It was asked of the lodge to use money that was set aside for a new building to fund these renovations. A renovation committee was formed and the process had been started with the Anteroom being the last. We started strong with fund raising efforts but when we saw we were spending more than we were making we had to cancel others that were planned. The project did move forward and you can see the difference in the two areas that are complete.

The second part of the question- what are we doing for our community?-needs to be answered. We need to give our members a reason to belong to our organization. Most members join because they want to be involved in helping our community be a better place to live. We need to increase our involvement and presence in this endeavor. If our lodge finds a need in our community we need to encourage our members to get involved, we will increase our membership. At many of the functions we have you see the same people working. This is not their job. They see it as a job that needs to be done. We have 400 members but it's the same 10% is doing all the work. We need to spread it around or we will burn out those that take on too much.

Grand Lodge is currently giving more money through the Elks National Foundation to accomplish this task. They have recently added a new Beacon Grant for community



improvement projects. With this addition, a lodge can qualify for many Thousands of dollars in Grant money for community use without impacting their general Lodge budget. There is no secret to getting and retaining Members, but the closest thing to that is giving them a reason to join and stay a member. Get them involved in the lodge and in the community.

Start of the year + 1 = Gain

MILITARY HISTORY



Dwight D. Eisenhower

Prior to the outbreak of world war II, Dwight D. Eisenhower had never held an active command, and was not considered a contender to head major military operations. That would change when his outstanding administrative and organizational abilities were noticed by Army Chief of staff George Marshall. Eisenhower's leadership was put to the test as Supreme Commander for the allied invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. It was in his roll as Supreme Commander Allied Expeditionary Force during the invasion of Normandy, June 6th 1944, that Eisenhower would see his greatest triumph. He would go on to become one of the most admired Americans in history.

PORCUPINE LESSON



With the talk around the lodge I thought this might fit in. What we can learn from the Porcupine?

It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold.

The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

After awhile, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from earth.

Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities. The moral of the story is: Just learn to live with the quills of others that stick you. anonymous



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Bill Sternberg with sponsor (and father) Bill "jock Ewing" Sternberg



Daniel Hawkins with sponsor John Moran



David Aubry with sponsor (and father) Bill Aubry



James Abbit with sponsor Bill Bermiester



Jennifer Hassell and Brian Thorkildsen with ER Leo Rodriguez (sponsor Robil Foley not pictured)



Patricia Heckathorn with sponsor Caro Fredericks



Tim Newman with sponsor Ben Rieger

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 Recognizes Elks National Youth Appreciation Week



Picture Captions L-R Rachel Russell, Karen Jiang, Leo Rodriguez, President BPOE #2477, Rohail Hameed, Joyce Zhang, Sean Quant, Samedh Shah Back Row Rick Herrera, Scholarship Chairman, Terry Gicking, Past Exalted Ruler



Hoop-shoot winner, Isaiah Matute with Lodge Secretary and Hoop-shoot Chairman Dave Naccarato



Eagle Scout Recipient Max Seligman (Great-Grand-Nephew of Patti and Jerry Serrota) with Grand Lodge Western Regional Scouting Chairman Bill Sternberg (left) and ER Leo Rodriguez (right)



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

BAKERSFIELD RV RESORT IN APRIL

The history of the RV Resort is rather interesting. Until the late 1990's it was a drive-in theater. When it closed some clever person(s) decided it would be a good location for an RV Park. The facility is very nice, the rec room was put to nearly constant use by both Simi and Thousand Oaks attendees. The main issue to which the planners/contractor didn't take much notice, apparently unaware that it does occasionally RAIN heavily – the drainage was not terribly efficient.

I heard through the grapevine the restaurant in the office/registration building is very good, although the names of items on the menu are "different" in some people's opinion.

This is the first time in my 15 years camping with this group that I recall RAIN on two consecutive years! Be that as it may, everyone appeared to have a great time.

While packing my stuff in my friend's car before leaving Thousand Oaks, I was soaked through to my underwear – very damp ride to Bakersfield LOL!

Walter and Anne Ogden traveled to Bakersfield on Wednesday but had to be back in Thousand Oaks on Friday – short stay.

The Bookers planned to be there for the weekend, unfortunately some problems with a water heater or some other problem changed their plans!

Chet did make the trip and motel--ed it for the campout. My friend, Kindra Sailers and I, along with our dogs found pet friendly accommodations at the Howard Johnsons, just across the freeway not too, too far from the campground.

The Flannerys had a difficult start. The alternator went out on Mike's truck before they even left town. I suppose if it had to happen better here than on the freeway out of town. They started to leave at 9:30 in the morning, arriving in Bakersfield in the late afternoon. Mike appeared relative collected; sorry can't say the same for Mary who was a bit on the frazzled side.

I must say, Gladys Ennis has the best of both worlds. I believe it is her daughter and son-in-law who have a lovely motorhome that they bring out, set up, Gladys uses and family returns to pick it up. Now just how sweet is that?

Some people were concerned about "things to do" in Bakersfield. Actually, they quit circling the wagons decades ago LOL! The Buck Owens museum is very interesting and I have it on good authority the Sunday Champaign brunch at \$21.95 is excellent.

The LaFarr's (oh yeh – we got to see their smiling faces) found quite a few antique stores to visit Saturday afternoon. Believe it or not, they came back empty handed.

Thankfully, Kindra had documents to deliver to a client. Wonder of wonders we found a quilt shop I've been anxious to visit for a long time. I was absolutely delighted to

find a quilt pattern I've been searching for at least two plus years. Also found another pattern I just couldn't leave without!

As I mentioned before, the recreation hall is very nice and well used. Puzzles, card games, the name of one I've never hear of – I think it was called "hand and foot" which looked terribly confusing, we started Mexican Train – unfortunately it remained unfinished. The most interesting was all the interest in Wii. Big area against one wall, I do mean BIG! Frankly, I've never seen Wii bowling while seated, but everyone was making it work for them. The Wii golf game confused me to the point I couldn't watch – really crazy.

The campout with the Simi group, they hosted this time, was quite successful. Their Pres. announced they would like to do more in the future. COOL!

The El Konejo group had a short meeting to deal with a few issues, look for the change in the future. DON'T get overly excited – it was nothing earth shattering!

Despite the rain, it was awesome to be out with the group again. I'm working like a demon to get my own rig for the May campout, hope to see a BUNCH of you then!

The setting of the giant food table by Kathy Moye



UPCOMING KAMPOUTS

June 8/9- Ventura Ranch
July 13/14- Lake Lopez
August 10/11- Santa Maria
September 7/8- Camp Comfort
October 12/13- Santa Barbara Elks
November 9/10- Kenney Grove
December 9- Brunch



visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

U. S. SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

For many, the Selective Service System is not a familiar name. It is the official Federal agency, which oversees the local draft boards. Right now, due to major budget cuts, current reductions in manpower, and national security concerns, the country is in need of strengthening its preparedness.

Presently, no demand exists to augment the military, but if the need for conscription ever arose, a system called the Local Board Member Program is in place to support conscription. It is composed of trained, presidentially appointed, civilian volunteers who ensure fairness of the system by hearing registrant claims for postponements, deferments, or reclassification of service

I have been on my local draft board for more than fifteen years, but will have to retire as I reach 20 years of service. As others and I reach the 20-year mark, or when Board Members resign, slots open that must be filled.

The demands of a Board Member's time are practically non-existent during peacetime. Local Board Members are required to attend initial board member training where they learn the role and responsibilities of a Board Member as well as the procedures for hearing registrant claims. Additionally, they must attend annual refresher training. Typically, the agency expects only a half-day commitment per year.

Simple. As an Elk, it is another opportunity to display adherence to part of the obligation each of us assumed when we entered the Order. It is a means we each can offer towards honoring our nation's flag as the emblem of our Order while enhancing our community relations efforts.

This note is intended to serve as a recruiting effort for concerns that have been continually expressed by the Order of Elks since World War I — interests in the values of our military and our nation. I ask that those who wish to help please contact Major William "Kevin" Hadnett, USAFR who is the officer in charge of Southern California's Selective System Operations. He can be reached through his email address:

KHADNETT@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration.

Best regards,

Harry Brockwell, P.E.R.

Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- ***Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge**
- ***Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly**
- ***Doing bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital monthly**
- ***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**

- * **Holding Toys 4 Tots drive**
- ***Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD**
- ***Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public**
- * **Cooking for Brownlympics & Scouting Events**
- * **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**
- * **Hosting Easter Egg Hunt for community kids**

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

After so many years of such gracious and continuous kindness toward our lodge, an honor has been bestowed to a gentleman which is long over due. Thank you Mr. Edward Gariano, owner of Thousand Oaks Fish and Chips, our Citizen of the Year. Ed supplies the Lodge with fish and batter at his cost for use in our monthly fish fry. The connection--longtime member Roy Cooper, former owner of Thousand Oaks Fish and Chips and past crew chief dor the fish fry foraged a friendship wih Ed.



Edward Gariano, wife Patty, Leo Rodriguez ER, Steve Smith, PER



On Sunday, April 22nd, the Cal Vet Home - Ventura held its 3rd annual Volunteers Appreciation Day in the patio/garden at the home. Each volunteer received a "Thank You" certificate.

Part of the Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 crew of volunteers to the home attended; (men, left to right) Carl Lanterman-Chairman National Services and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Terry Gicking - PER and District CHEA fundraising chairman, Bill Aubrey - member, volunteer and Marine veteran and Bill Sternberg - PER and Regional Scouting Chairman. They provide karaoke entertainment and desserts

once a month, Bill Sternberg built an entertainment center and bulletin boards and the T.O. Elks veterans program provided a dance floor.

More than 200 volunteers are registered with the home, located in Saticoy. The home has 60 residents, veterans from ages 62 to 95. Lynda Griffin, Supervising Rehabilitation Therapist - announcing, and her assistant Delsie Anthony-left, and the crew along with Administrator Brenda Manke provided nearly 50 door prizes from various business in Ventura County. Also, vegetable plants that were grown by the residents, compliments of some of the volunteers, were made available to all volunteers.

Great entertainment was provided by singer Marlene Nord, a local lady whose singing partner, Skip, was a resident of the home until he recently passed away. Marlene likes to throw in several of the better stories that she has encountered as a blind person, and mixes some good humor with great music; such as her rendition of Patsy Cline's great hits. She also was present at our latest karaoke night.



Lt to Rt: Delsie Anthony, Lynda Griffin, Carl Lanterman, Terry Gicking, Bill Aubrey, Bill Sternberg
REGISTER WITH THE V.A. If you need help, see me or call; (805) 630-8110.

Veteran for the month: Ed Ayrat U.S. Army - Korea

Please see or call Carl Lanterman (805) 630-8110 if you want to help extend our military involvement. We want to help active military members when we can.

At Pin Night, Exalted Ruler, Leo Rodriquez rewarded the following members for thier years of membership. Top Row 10- year-Richard Wixon 40- year Arnie Antle, 5 -year-Betty McFarland, Carol Fredericks, Jim Moye 25 -year- Ken Kolde Bottom row- 45-year Bob Thornton, 35-year Tom Ryder, Jon Preston, 30 -year- Dick Johnson, 20 -year Joel Erickson



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THE ELKS LADIES Cornelia Meehan

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The Elks Ladies hosted their monthly Sunday morning breakfast on May 6th, and there was a great turn out. As always, this is a way of meeting and greeting everyone at the Lodge and enjoying the breakfast.

Cornelia Meehan, Elks Ladies President, presented the lifetime membership awards to three ladies on May 3rd.

The Mother's Day Brunch on May 13th was sensational and the Elks Ladies would like to thank all of the officers, servers and kitchen crew for making the Mother's Day Brunch so enjoyable for all the mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers who were able to attend the Brunch. Everyone enjoyed.

The Father's Day Brunch will be hosted by the Lady Elks on June 17th. The menu for the brunch for all the fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers will be very special from eggs a la Myrna, sausage, bacon, potatoes, bagels and cream cheese to cheese blintzes with strawberries, juice, coffee and champagne. We look forward to seeing everyone for this special Father's Day Brunch.

We would like to give a special thank you and appreciation to all of you who worked the gates at Conejo Valley Days. We hope that the children had a good time.

Cornelia would like to mention that we all have different personalities and different ideas, and if we can all blend them together, what a great year this will be. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next Elks Ladies meeting on June 5th.

We hope everyone has a great summer.....be safe and have fun.
Take care and God Bless,

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Sharon Baker-2
- Pat Peterson-2
- Mary Woodlief- 4
- Pat Jellander- 16
- Anne Ogden- 17



Elk Ladies serving lunch at Special Kids Day at CVD (l-r) June Leadam, Anne Ogden, Jeanne Sandt, Barbara Booker, Beth Kozlowski, Walter Ogden, Sharon Bakker



Kids enjoying the outing



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Welcome our new
 2 Year Trustee
 Daryl Kopacz on the
 right

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 Lynn Rodriquez: Public Relations
 : Americanism
 Bill Sternberg, PER: Flag Retirement Ceremonies
 Barbara Gibbs: Memorial Service
 Gov't Relations: David Naccarato, PER:
 Lodge Picnic: Hospitality Committee - Jim Moyer

2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Rick Herrera
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 Bill Miller: Scouting
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:
 Tom Hartin: CVD
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 Apprec. Dinner
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HONOREES

ELK OF THE YEAR - Sally Claunch, PER
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 Martyn

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- Paul Stein
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- Greg Metzgas, PDDGER

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
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| Bob Adams-3 | Chuck Costigan-18 |
| Ronald Barron-3 | Jerry Gilmore-18 |
| Henry Germain-3 | Randal Hays-18 |
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| Elise Murray-9 | William Rodarme-25 |
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| Patricia Heckathorne-13 | Jack Wigmanich-30 |
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Thank You for your continued support, Rick

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Lucky 13 Christine Harrison no winner

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Lucky 13 Gerry Gillies no Winner



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