



Exalted Ruler  
Leo Rodriguez

# ANTLER ANTICS

Bring the Spirit...The Time is Now

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At Evelynn's three-year annual exam, her pediatrician tested her eyesight with an eye chart. Even though there was a vision issue, the pediatrician told her that more tests would be done when Evelynn was older.

When the opportunity arose to sign her up for a free eye screening sponsored by the California Hawaii Elks Major Project at her preschool, Evelynn's mother, Stephanie, took advantage of the opportunity—thinking she would put any concerns to rest. Unfortunately that was *not* to be the case.

As it turned out, Evelynn's **vision was very much cause for concern**. The vision screening (conducted by CHEMPI Therapist Wyomi Yockey) demonstrated that Evelynn's left eye appeared to be much weaker than her right—which would cause a condition known as **Amblyopia**. Amblyopia, or **lazy eye**, means that visual

stimulation either fails to transmit, or is poorly transmitted through the optic nerve to the brain for a continuous period of time. It can also occur when the brain "turns off" the visual processing of one eye, to prevent double-vision. It can result from a failure to use both eyes together. **Her left eye was much weaker than her right eye, and blindness could occur if not corrected early on.**

**Early diagnosis of the condition increases the chance for a complete recovery.**

After Evelynn was tested multiple, Wyomi persistently tried contacting Stephanie to discuss the results and encouraged her to take Evelynn to either an optometrist or ophthalmologist. At first, all Wyomi could do was leave polite messages. Stephanie was hesitant to return Wyomi's calls simply because husband Joe just lost his job and Stephanie knew that an additional doctor's appointment or glasses were simply *not* an option for their family at the time. Also, in the back of her mind, Stephanie really wanted to believe that their pediatrician would be testing Evelynn and that any issues would be dealt with "later".

Eventually, and after many messages, Stephanie decided it was best to let Wyomi know their family's financial situation and the limited options their family had if Evelynn did, in fact, need glasses to help strengthen and train the eye back into operation. Wyomi told Stephanie that Evelynn's eyesight was important, and dealing with it sooner rather than later would avoid further damage. So, she told Stephanie about the [California-Hawaii Elks Major Project's Vision Care Program](#) that covers the cost of eye exams, glasses, and even in some instances, surgeries. Stephanie was relieved and grateful to hear of this.

Not only did the Elk's Major Project assist with Evelynn's eye exam, **they also covered the cost of Evelynn's first pair of eye-glasses.**

Stephanie and Joe are very grateful to the Elks Major Project for identifying Evelynn through the screening which led to her diagnosis, AND the great relationship with [EYES FOR KIDS](#) has with the Major Project, which made it quick and simple to get the glasses to Evelynn.

Evelynn received her glasses in August and went back to school with a new image. Evelynn has always been very outgoing and easily talks with people and Stephanie thinks the glasses give her an introduction to make more connections to people around her. She is now in kindergarten and one of only five readers in her class who was awarded **Student of the Month** in December 2011. She has no problem differentiating between letters now (like 'P' vs 'F'), which was an obstacle she had before. Her patience for new things has increased.

Now, a year later and as a result of wearing her glasses, Evelynn's eyesight has greatly improved...all thanks to the tenacious efforts of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Vision Screeners.



**EXALTED RULER**

**Leo Rodriquez**



Here we are in July, half way through the 2012 year. June was a very busy month for us. We started out with Youth Appreciation week followed by the Youth Appreciation Awards Dinner. This year we recognized 6 Scholarship Award recipients from our Scholarship program. Winners were from 3 local high schools and we had winners in the District, State and 1 National winner. We also recognized 2 boys attaining the rank of Eagle Scout from our chartered Troup 763. We had a Hoop Shoot winner at State level and we had a flag ceremony performed by a Color Guard from our chartered Scout Troop 754. Our Scholarship winners were each presented with Certificates of Achievement from the City of Thousand Oaks signed by the Mayor. We attended programs at each of the three high schools and presented the Scholarship Winners with their checks.

Thanks to Gerry Gillies, who brought the train to Santa Maria to participate in the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and Parade. David and Karen Naccarato, Lynn and I rode in the train representing Thousand Oaks Lodge. It was a great time.

Now that the Ante Room is almost complete, Tom Hartin will be heading up the placement of where the pictures and decorated plaques will be placed. I would like to mention the next step in our lodge renovation, which would be upgrading the lounge area. This will be addressed at the House Committee Meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. I encourage the membership to attend and partake in the discussion, and give your input and ideas. This is your Lodge and your voices will be heard.

On Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> we had our Flag Day Ceremony with Flag Retirement. Bill Sternberg did a fantastic job putting this event on. The day included a Color Guard with Scouts from Troup 754 which Bill is Charter Scoutmaster presenting all the American Flags from the first one up to our current flag. Jessie Sandi, who is only 8 years old, sang our National Anthem flawlessly. We were also very privileged to have a Thousand Oaks resident and her family bring the American Flag which only had 48 stars on it, that covered her brothers casket after being shot down in his plane in Italy in World War II. He was only 23 years old. There were 31 flags retired with dignity at the Ceremony.

**FYI:**

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge has a new mailing address.

2330 Los Feliz Dr. 91360



**LEADING KNIGHT**

**Terry Baker**



I would like to close with a little article that I came across and found to be very good food for thought.

**How to Plant Your Garden**

First you come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses.

**FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING,  
PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:**

- 1. Peace of mind
- 2. Peace of heart
- 3. Peace of soul

**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:**

- 1. Squash gossip
- 2. Squash indifference
- 3. Squash grumbling
- 4. Squash selfishness

**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:**

- 1. Lettuce be faithful
- 2. Lettuce be kind
- 3. Lettuce be patient
- 4. Lettuce really love one another

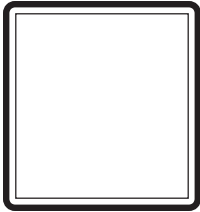
**NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:**

- 1. Turnip for meetings
- 2. Turnip for service
- 3. Turnip to help one another

**WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE  
..... YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.**



**Exalted Ruler, Leo Rodriquez and Lynn Rodriquez with Theme Child ,Evelynn**



**LOYAL KNIGHT**

**JB Bre**



Greetings Fellow Elks,

It is with a heart that's been raised in the military that reaches out asking for your support! We have a Special Project to outfit our Homeless Veteran's with a military duffle bag that they can use to 'stow their gear'. Please find attached a flyer

The 20th Annual Ventura County Stand Down is this July 20-22. We travel from the LA area to SLO gathering homeless veterans, bringing them to the Armory in Ventura to help them in any way possible to improve their life situation. We have doctors, podiatrists, lawyers, representatives from Veteran's organizations, judges, etc on site to help those who were so willing to lay down their lives for us. They are fed and housed onsite all three days. Clothing and comfort kits (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shampoo, etc) are there for them to take. It is our goal to provide them a duffle bag this year. With your help I know this is possible!

I have been able to obtain an amazing price of \$20/duffle. These are the same military duffles they are familiar with from their service days. Our goal is for 200 bags.

I know we can never repay them for their sacrifices on our behalf, but I would like to try and make their life more manageable while we try to bring them back into society through the programs and services we can offer them.

Thank you for your consideration. Donations are tax deductible and should be made to payable to: Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477

Any questions you might have please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. My cell # 805-312-1903



Trustee, Greg Metzgus, installing JB Bre as Loyal Knight



**LECTURING KNIGHT**

**Grant Thistle**

BROTHERLY LOVE



I enjoy writing these articles because I aspire to inspire before I expire. As your Lecturing Knight I must lecture you about Wednesday night. Please come down to a meeting when possible. We have a lot of fun and give away some good prizes of which I am tired of always seeing Greg Metzgus and Christine Harrison win. We will be having a blood drive Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 2:00, please come everyone except Jane Watson. Brotherly Love Tip #37: Sometimes it is hardest to love the ones that need it the most.

Unsung helpers this month:

Linda Povavin, Cathy Moye, JB Bre, Bronk Yonkers Cheers,

Your Award winning Esteemed Lecturing Knight



Air Force Sargeant Modesto Quijano and Airman Orozcoopick up clothing and toiletries provided by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 for the 20th Ventura County Standdown, July 20-22, 2012. Carl Lanterman (right), Chairman-National Services and Terry Gicking (left), Past Exalted Ruler brought clothing from the Elks Lodge to the offices of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks. The offices provided for temporary storage until storage could be set up at the 146th Airlift Wing in Oxnard. In July, the clothing and other supplies will be taken to the California National Guard Armory in Ventura for the 3-day standdown, with expected attendance of 150 homeless veterans. Carl also serves as the chairman-transportation on the executive board with Founder and Chairperson Claire Hope. The Thousand Oaks lodge also teams with Ventura, Oxnard and Simi Valley lodges to provide 200 bag lunches and gifts for the exit ceremony on Sunday, and with the Thousand Oaks VFW to provide other sundry items



**IMPORTANT HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 11 7:30 pm to discuss upgrading the lounge area. Give your input**



## FREE MONEY



Free money.... I knew that would get your attention. The Elks National Foundation has two scholarship programs that have very few requirements. One is called the Legacy Award that is a merit-based scholarship for children and grandchildren of Elks who are in good standing. The Elks National Foundation offers a total of 250 Legacy Awards each year to high school seniors. That award is \$4000 (\$1000 per year).

One of my grandsons was awarded a Legacy Award this year. Like a typical teen, he didn't think he could write a 500 word essay about himself. I told him to just write down his thoughts which he did. His essay came out to be approximately 630 words. He said it was harder to edit the essay down to 500 words, than to write it. He won one of the eighteen scholarships that were given out in the Hawaii-California District. I know \$1000 a year doesn't seem like much, but to whoever is paying for the college education, it sure will help. The money goes right to the college and he gets credit for that amount.

If your child or grandchild doesn't want to go to college, the Elks offer a trade school scholarship. The only requirements are that the member is in good standing and the trade school is an accredited school.

To find out more about all the Elks scholarships go to

[www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org).

Gerry Gillies

## Pull Tab Collection



Thanks everyone for your continuing support of the pull tab program for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and our Veterans. Last month was a good month for our pull tab and toiletries donations.

Keep filling that collection box, all donations, large or small, helps both the Veterans and the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Thanks for your help

**ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE**

Gerry Gillies

## A WWII LOVE STORY

Jim Wallace was nineteen years old and it being the tail end of the depression had to drop out of college in 1941. He joined the navy February 17, 1941 in Houston, Texas shortly before the attack at Pearl Harbor.

He was then stationed in San Diego and took training as a corpsman at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego. As a corpsman and he served on the newly commissioned aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kalinin Bay. He was later transferred to Kanohoe, Hawaii.

The Kalinin Bay went on to serve heroically in the longest single naval engagement in the war at Leyte Gulf, 1944. During that engagement we lost two of her sister carriers, two destroyers, and a destroyer escort and the Kalinin Bay came through with 25 gaping holes in her skin as witness to the terrific pounding she took. Five of her brave crew men lost their lives.

While on duty in Astoria, Oregon he met and fell in love with a beautiful young lady named Grace Moe. In 1944 they were married in San Diego attended by Captain C.R. Brown who would later become the Commander of NATO. They had 3 girls and a boy and after 68 years they are still together. He retired as Chief Petty Officer (HMC7Ret) after 20 years of service.

Jim is a Past Exalted Ruler, 1993-94 of our Lodge and a past Chairman of the Elks National Foundation (ENF) and Scholarship Committee for the West Central Coast District. He was known for his wit and sense of humor at Elk meetings. As an avid golfer he worked as the starter for Camarillo Springs Golf Course decked out in his finest knickers.



**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

**Coleen Morris-Chair**

**805-241-8928**

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the family of Jim Wallace, PER on his passing

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Marva D" Ambrogio is receiving Hospice Services

**ON THE MEND:** Don Booker, PER from shoulder surgery; Chris Prince

**ENTERTAINMENT**



**July 6-Bingo with Power Dave**

**July 13-Uncle Monkey Band**

**July 20-One Last Dance**



**IN MEMORIAM**

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS STOPPED AND  
ACROSS ITS DIAL A MOTIONLESS SHADOW  
MARKS THE HOUR OF ELEVEN, WITH US--

**“THE GOLDEN HOUR OF  
RECOLLECTION”**

**James Verstell Wallace**

**Born: February 21 1921**  
**Initiated :October 29th 1952**  
**Died :May 27th 2012**

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**



July 1-5- Elks National Convention

July 20/22-ventura County Stand Down for Homeless Vets

July 27- BBQ Teams Appreciation Dinner

Sept. 9-Lodge Picnic

Sept. 21-Jr. PER Roast

Sept. 30/Oct. 2-Bus Trip to Laughlin

**FRIDAY**



**JULY 27**

**BBQ TEAM MEMBERS, SPOUSES OF BBQ TEAM MEMBERS, ELK MEMBERS**

The Lodge

is honoring the bbq team members with a FREE dinner

prepared by Chef Boyd

at 6:30 pm

all others \$12

Veal Osso Buco Gremolata w/ Shitake Mushroom Risotto and a Broccoli Frio Salad.  
Peach Cobbler/Ice Cream



## BBQ TEAM



It's Memorial Day weekend and the die hard workers of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, instead of home watching T. V. were out at Moorpark College Bar B Qing to bring in revenue for our lodge. We had a team here at the Lodge on Saturday and, then on Sunday and Monday they came out to give us a hand. Chairman, Ed Rice, and a team of workers set up on Friday and worked Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The work really started earlier in the week. Collecting all that we will need for the long weekend and the BBQ here at the lodge. The BBQ is what sustains our lodge. Our bar is giving it a run for the money with the changes that have been implemented. Many things go into a weekend of a BBQ- ordering the bread, how much- ordering the meat how much -putting up a sign up sheet so you know you have the days covered. A sheet that no one ever signs up on. Frantic phone calls are made, but then the day of the event everyone shows up and now there are too many helpers. Nice problem to have except the next time they may feel "Ah they don't need me". We need everyone but we would like to know who you are so we can gauge our work force.

We had Christine Harrison and Faye Stevens working in the wagon on Saturday. When the day was done I asked who was coming in Sunday and Monday. The answer was "We are"" this is our domain". And I learned real fast that inside that wagon, it was their area. You asked to enter. They worked hard. Since being in the chair, I've been asked to cashier thinking it's all I could handle. Cashiering is the hardest job. Dealing with customers is tough. My hats off to them.

On the BBQ wagon it was apparent Jim Mullen and Ed Rice and Ben Reiger were in charge. They had a system down for ordering and delivering to the "streakier dog wagon."

This field hockey tournament is international. Other countries are entered in this tournament and look forward to our BBQ food. They tell us they have their kid in it, just so they can fly over here to taste out BBQ. Even countries where the cow is sacred. On Saturday we had slicing done by Dan Martyn, Bill Sternberg. On Sunday and Monday slicing was done by Lou Reis and Steve McKee.

Long time member Bill McIntyre was on Polish dog duties. Now he had another feature, I had not realized. Now I'm going out on a limb here but he had a way with the female persuasion. He was like a magnet. The ladies would stop by the wagon and talk with Bill. He'd hold their hand and they would say how good it was. I hope they meant the food. He and I teamed up on the Polish dog routine. Gerry Gillies was there for the heavy lifting. Rich Romani and Tom Hartin with Bill Aubry were wrappers and cutters. Herb Jellander and Max Maxwell were there making sure we were all doing it right, and to take some of the load off Ed Rice. Abe Gamble even was called upon to make a delivery for things we were running out of. That's how busy we were.

The weekend earned just under \$10,000. Plus Rick Bennett's team at the lodge, we had a good weekend. It's what it takes to maintain a lodge including our bar.

All Lodges have a bar. With that we have a nut to crack every month. We have bills, taxes, water, power, licenses and all that it takes to have a building. It takes dollars. Our BBQ is the highest generator of revenue. Our profit is right around 50%. It varies depending on which sales for produce we were able to purchase. Ed Rice and Jim Mullen drive many miles to buy at the right price. PER, Greg Metzgas, has rebuilt our BBQ and repaired it many times.

### IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO MEMBERS

Ben Reiger works on our property landscape so we do not need to hire a gardener any more. It saves us money. Having a horticulture teacher as a member doesn't hurt either. Of course I'm speaking of Rick Herrera. Some organizations meet at a restaurant for their meetings. We have a Lodge. We have our own kitchen and bar. We must follow all the rules and regulations other business follow. We deal with sanitation, EPA, ATF, ABC and the city. It takes money and members to make the Lodge tick like a fine watch.

It all boils down to the members. We need your help. You joined, but we don't see you. Please I've asked before. We put a notice in our monthly bulletin about what you are looking for in a lodge. I got 6 responses out of 406. But all I hear are complaints. I love this place. I gives me purpose. I wish my legs worked so I could do more.

We have members who have stepped up and are getting involved, but it seems when that happens the snow ball effect takes over. Problem is there are people that will do it when no one else will, and we are going to burn them out and lose them as members. We can't afford that risk. Give these people space. Show gratitude. Shake their hand and tell what a good job they're doing. When a plea goes out for help in the kitchen, volunteer an hour or two. Dan started burgers on Tuesdays. It's off and running smooth and would like some help. If we hire someone there goes our \$2.00 burger. Flipping burgers has got to be fun. How can it not be. Sure there's clean up at the end, but you clean your kitchen. This Lodge is your kitchen.

OK My soap box is cracking your Secretary David Naccarato, PER **Pictures of Moorpark bbq on page 7**





David Naccarato, PER



It's October 23 2008 and Rick Herrera, having a nose for good members proposes Jim Moye. Lucky for us Jim brings with him Kathleen. Jim was finally initiated January 28Th 2009. Hadn't seen much of him till this last couple of years. On Jim's application under interest nothing was checked . But a need to see others having a good time Jim and Kathleen got into high gear. Jim volunteered to take over Lodge Activities and probably like me was told "all you have to do is read the calender at lodge meetings". I was set straight by PER Bill Lloyd. So when Jim took over I wanted to lay every thing on the table. But things do get forgotten so when the State Vice President was coming for his visit I sent Jim a letter about an Oral report he will have to give at the meeting. He didn't sway. He handled it in fine fashion. Jim and Kathleen have been a huge asset to the lodge. Giving Ed Bianci a hand with the all you can eat taco's on Mondays. Started the bowling tournaments, Bun-co and other plans are in the works. Jim works closely with Dan Martyn. Now both these gentlemen have two great assets. They are Karen Martyn and Kathy Moye. They are the M&M girls. They can be found working every event at the lodge. When the event calls for delivery M&M are who you call. Who would send something back to the kitchen when it's being delivered by the M&M girls. When you see em let em know they are appreciated..DK

## Elks Care - Elks Share

The Elks being who we are ,we get many phone calls looking for monetary donations. There is no way we can give to all of them. We as Elks have Grand Lodge mandated programs that we are to raise funds for and give of our time and money. Many Veteran services are funded by us, weather it be in cash donations or use of our facility at no charge or a donation of a product that they seek such as the dance floor we donated to the Cal-Vet Veterans home in Saticoy. We help Zonta with special kids day and lots of other programs that are out there. What it boils down to is we cannot give to everyone but there may be something out there that appeals to one of our members such as Manna to some of our members. We did how ever receive a call from "Compassion First". All they asked for was a way to let our members know of a problem. Compassion First is also a non=profit organization, providing long term hope-filled solutions for survivors of child sexual trafficking. They have a global vision, providing services to the worlds most vulnerable in one of the most under-served regions of the world. All they asked of us was to put in an article to let our members know and if some one wanted more information they can go to [www.compassionfirst.org](http://www.compassionfirst.org). Thank you

## MILITARY HISTORY



Following early defeats in North Africa, then-Major General George S. Patton was made commander of U.S.II Corps- a decision that would pay huge dividends. Patton was hard on his men, but instilled incredible discipline. While often unpopular with his men, his supreme confidence was infectious, causing them to fight harder themselves. Following success in North Africa, Patton commanded the seventh Army in Sicily,taking Palermo and Messina. He gained his greatest fame as commander of the third army in it's race across France toward Germany and the relief of the beleaguered 101st Airborne Division at bastogne. WWII Veterans Committee



## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Rick Herrera, sponsor center with Steve Kammerer & Joseph Kilrain



Sponsor Carol Fredericks with Sylvia Kopfer



Sally Kinsell second from left

Bill Sternberg, PER and Lynn Rodriguez

Boy Scout Troop 754

Thank you to all that participated in the Lodge Flag Day ceremony. We retired 31 flags, one that had only 48 stars that was on the casket of a B-25 bomber pilot Colver Waller who was shot down over Italy in 1944.

A Thousand Oaks resident and sister of Colver, Sally Kinsell brought the flag to the lodge to retire it.

The Lodge was also honored by Jessie Sandi 8 years old a Brownie

Girl Scout from Ventura that performed the national anthem. Boy Scouts from troop 754 presented the historical U.S. flags.

The ceremony was followed with ice cream and cookies.

Bill Sternberg, Per  
Flag Day Chairman







**Pat VonWittenberg  
Konejo Kampers**

**MAY AT KENNEY GROVE – FIRST WE WERE 6 THEN WE WERE 5**

It was so nice to have Margaret and Bob Thornton out with the small group. Unfortunately they received a call advising them their son was on the hospital and had to leave Saturday late afternoon. We were all greatly relieved when Margaret called to say that he was going to be fine.

It was interesting when Joel emailed to say that we would be in a different section of the park. As Jessica Stull emailed back, the location doesn't matter – it's being with the group for friendship and comradery. Sure wish more people felt like that.

Even though the group was small, we had a lot of fun sitting around shooting the breeze, reading, whatever. In my never to be humble opinion, Kenney Grove is one of the most beautiful campgrounds the Kampers visit.

Interestingly, some people say there is nothing to do there. This weekend they were have time trials for Australian Shepherds – two days worth. The dogs were magnificent.

It was a crack up when the Collerans arrived. Donna was very surprised to see me, along with my own rig. LOL Yup, finally got it cleaned out enough to use. Not to say it didn't need a bit more, but at least it was in a condition that I could drive it down the road without too, too many things hitting the floor!

Due to the small attendance, several of the things we usually do weren't done. No meeting (ah too bad), no raffle but plenty of food – no big surprise!

The San Fernando Elks were on the upper level. They are quite a fun group. Since Joel and Ed were the only poker players, as I recall, they were invited up, but Joel wanted to be sure they were not using "chips". Guess everything came up to his standards and they did get to play poker. It is nearly a tragedy when these poker player don't get to play – even for a short while.



**Biscuits and Gravy**

Biscuits

Pork Sausage

Flour

Milk

Pepper & Salt

Tabasco Sauce

Bake (if using the refrigerated kind) biscuits in the oven.

Fry up the pork sausage. Save the rendered fat.

Make a roux with the fat (leave the sausage in the fat) and the flour.

Add milk to make the gravy. Season with salt, pepper, and Tabasco sauce.

Serves 50 kampers.

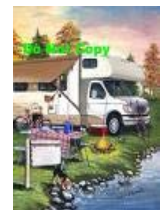


**UPCOMING KAMPOUTS**



- 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>





### HOSPITALITY CORNER

Many thanks to all of the kitchen crews who contributed to a successful June in our kitchen. We need to see some new faces in the kitchen, so if you have an interest, please speak with any committee member or officer.

In July, Monday nights with Eddie and the Moyes will continue along with Two Buck Tuesdays. Check the calendar for food offerings. Friday nights in July start off with Chuck Busch's pot roast dinner and bingo on Friday, July 6, followed by crab and shrimp linguini by Donna and music by Uncle Monkey on Friday, July 13. Chuck Busch is back with his fabulous finger lickin' Friday fish fry on July 20. On Friday, July 27, Chef Boyd will be preparing a special



meal for the BBQ teams appreciation dinner. All are welcome, so come on down.

My thanks again to all of our kitchen volunteers! Again, if you want to make a contribution to the Lodge while having some fun with your fellow Elks, step up and pitch in. We need you.

Dan Martyn  
Co-Chair  
Hospitality Committee

Members:  
Donna Leary, Co-Chair  
Tom Ryder  
David Naccarato  
Jim Moye

## 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
- \* Awarding scholarships to high school seniors
- \* 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 Brownilympics & 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

### Brownilymp?ics 2012

The three handsome Elk Guys in the back row, viz., Jim Mullen, Dwight Williams and Bill Miller, are pictured with their GSA helpers at the annual Thousand Oaks Brownilympic event which was held at California Lutheran University on Saturday, May 19th. The "boys" cooked nearly 400 hot dogs and the girls wrapped and delivered them to the many Brownie Troops or sold them to walk-up parent customers in attendance. T.O. Lodge 2477 furnishes hot dogs for both the T.O GSA Service Unit Brownilympics and the Coastal SU's which includes Newbury Park - this year held on the previous Saturday at the beautiful Rio Mesa HS facility in Oxnard. A few hundred girls and a like number of parents participated at each site again this year in these always colorful and exciting events. The "Wrapper" girls were great, keeping up a steady chatter and really pushing the output of the cookers. When we had finished BBQing the last dog the girls gathered under a nearby large oak tree for their lunch and several yelled out that these were the best hot dogs they ever tasted. A dad also came up to ask what brand we were cooking and when asked why, he said his 6 year old son wouldn't eat hot dogs at home but had devoured two of them that morning! We'll credit the fresh air and physical activity for the added good taste





INDEPENDENCEDAY, JULY 4<sup>th</sup>.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY JULY 27<sup>th</sup>

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, SIGN UP WITH THE VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT BE MISSING.

Mike McManus

County of Ventura, Veteran Services Officer  
Senior Master Sergeant (ret), USAF  
(805)477-5480

855 Partridge Drive, Ventura, CA 93003

Web site for all Human Services Agency services: [www.vchsa.org](http://www.vchsa.org)

Veteran Services website: <http://portal.countyofventura.org/portal/page/portal/VCHSA/VeteransServices>

Remember, the Vets Bingo at Sepulveda V.A. every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday; meet at the lodge at 11:30.

Remember, the Karaoke at CalVet Home-Ventura every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:00. If you wish to have dinner with the vets on that night, let me know ahead of time. Cost is \$7.00.

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Ventura County Standdown is July 20-22, 2012 at the California National Guard Armory in Ventura. Still needed are t-shirts, caps, wallets, belts, tennis shoes, jeans and, If you know where to get a wheel chair, please bring it (or them) to the office.

See [www.venturacountystanddown.com](http://www.venturacountystanddown.com)

EAT AT CHILI'S ON JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> AND A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE STANDDOWN, AND CREDIT TO THE LODGE.

BRING THE ATTACHED FLIER WITH YOU.

Though I have no special activities to report this month, much is always happening with veterans services. I receive emails from the VSO (above) and ask Sally to distribute the notices that are important to our veterans. The Ventura County Superior Court Mentor Program and the Ventura County Military Collaborative are very important programs that bring so many organizations together. They are always active in helping veterans, whether or not we are involved as Elks.

Veteran of the month – Harry Brockwell – U.S. Air Force

Carl Lanterman

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The Father's Day Brunch on June 17<sup>th</sup> was quite a success and there was a great turnout of fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers. Everyone enjoyed the brunch and we would like to give a special thank you to the servers and the kitchen crew for their great job.....the brunch was delicious.

Thanks to all of the Ladies for their support and help for the two recent memorial services for Vera Bailie and Jim Wallace. Everything was wonderful and the families were grateful. We thank you all for your generous and willing support. Thanks also to Colleen Morris who is not a member, but is always willing to help as she did this time.

We hope to see many of you at our meetings which are held the first Tuesday of every month. We have recently added several new members, so please greet them warmly when next you attend our meetings. After the meeting we all enjoy the refreshments and this is always a great way to meet and greet and get to know each other.

We cannot function without your help to the Lodge unless all participate. Take care and God Bless,  
Melinda Pekow

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Huffman-22  
Frances Bodenhamer-28  
Lynn Rodriquez-28  
Barbara Booker-30



### THE NEED FOR THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE



Thank you for thoughtful people, God  
You place them everywhere  
If sudden help is needed  
We're blessed when someone's there.

An acquaintance or a stranger  
Will lend that helping hand  
May you reward them greatly, Lord  
These people are in such demand.

Amen



Gerry Gilles, David and Karen Naccarato, ER Leo Rodriguez and 1st Lady Lynn Rodriguez aboard the Thousand Oaks Lodge Choo Choo Train



Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 was once again a hit at the annual Santa Maria Parade. Navigated by Gerry Gilles and boarded by ER Leo Rodriguez and his First Lady Lynn, and accompanied by Secretary David Naccarato, PER and his lovely wife Karen.

This is an annual event that the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge enjoys being a part of in support of the Santa Maria Lodge. We are very grateful for Gerry Gilles' efforts in maintaining our train for all of the events in which we engage. Thanks Gerry.

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**2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Leading Knight**

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 MEMBER CONTROL. COM.: David Naccarato, PER  
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David Naccarato, PER: Stray Elks  
 Terry Gicking, PER: Orientation  
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**2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Loyal Knight**

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

**2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Leo Rodriquez  
 David Naccarato, PER: Hoop Shoot  
 Robert Jones: Drug Awareness  
 Sally Claunch, PER: Kids Christmas Party  
 Bill Miller: Scouting  
 Rick Herrera: Scholarship

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES  
 Paul Stein :Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter  
 Apprec. Dinner  
 CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: Ben Reiger-chair  
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**HONOREES**

ELK OF THE YEAR - Sally Claunch, PER  
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Lucky 13 Christine Harrison "WINNER"

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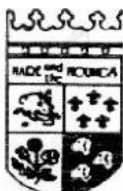
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