



Antler Antics

January 2014

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
B.P.O.E. LODGE #2477, THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA

New Year's Eve Party December 31st, 6 PM (psssst: It's Casino Night)

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A Note From The Editors:

It's a fact of life that a single change has a cascade effect and our Antler Antics is no different. Paul and I will never take Jerry's or Sally's place so we're working to bring you the best publication we know how. We can use your help by making sure that if you have something to submit, send it to kira@kirawagner.com by the 5th of each month. Then, when we receive the calendar we'll be able to get it put together and back to the office so that our Secretary and his crew can get it in your hands that much faster!

We are thrilled to be back (2477 has always been home for us), working with all of you and hope to see you at a meeting or some other event throughout the months and weeks to come.

Sincerely,
Paul & Kira Wagner

In addition to the regular calendar, we will attempt to give everyone a heads-up so that those that plan ahead can keep their calendars free for special occasions!

Police and Firefighters Appreciation Night	2/6/14
6 PM Dinner 7 PM Program	
\$12.00 Chicken and ribs	
Easter Egg Hunt	4/20/14



ER Party

Christmas Tree Lot

These guys work beyond what one would expect from ANY volunteer. It's hard, HARD work with long hours, and they do it for the love of the Lodge.



Thanks, Guys!

Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- *Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets **monthly**
- *Doing bingo party at Sepulveda **monthly**
- *Veterans Hospital **monthly**
- *Hosting blood drive for the community
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner
- *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 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

A Message From The Exalted Ruler Terry Baker



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! First off, let me wish you and your family a Happy New year. January 1 is a time to start fresh. So this New Year, literally, will be the first day of the rest of your life. Before you think about making a resolution, simply clean the slate in your head. Even in your involvement with our

lodge.

Many of you said "I want to give back to the community" and that's why we miss seeing a number of our local members at the lodge functions. Pick one function a month and come help out, share the fellowship and be a part of the excitement that IS ELKDOM.

You give back by showing up AND by serving others.

I can only ask for your involvement with our lodge. I take it personal when you're not here. I don't expect you every day but, give us a dinner, make an event, help out on the BBQ. If there is a problem let me know—I can't fix it if I don't know.

Our lodge needs your support. As this year ends and the New Year begins, take stock of your blessings during 2013. Truly we should be thankful for the blessing of freedom and those who defend it every day. Thus, we need to reflect on how we could have applied ourselves to our lodge and to promote our programs. We have members up at 6 or 7, at the lodge at 7 or 8 to cut fire wood, start the BBQ, get ready for an event or just make dinner or breakfast. It's not for everyone. I understand that. I'm told "I'm not a morning person" or "I'm in bed by 7PM", "I'm too old", but somewhere there must be time to give even a little of yourself to our lodge that helps disabled children, visits the Veterans, takes care of our elderly, puts on youth programs, hands out dictionaries the 3rd graders.

We just had our Mash Party for the Elks National Foundation, The Charity Ball to raise money to purchase food for the needy. We had our Veterans remembrance brunch and Flag Retirement, our Hoop-Shoot program and numerous dinners and breakfasts...and I can say what I noticed was the same faces at each of our lodge functions. For that, I thank those that helped.

But we have room for more new faces. We had room at our Mash 2477 mess table. Our Leading Knight was expecting twice as many for dinner, Dave invited all new members to help out at the hoop-shoot like he does every year, and I only saw three new faces. One who has not even joined yet, Arturo Urbano and Stella, the wife of new member Mike Violano brought their twin 11 yr. old girls to participate. Thank you, Stella.

So, I encourage those of you who I do not see to come down and REALLY follow through with that genuine statement you made "to give back to the community". To get information on how to start, all you need to do is come down to the lodge, or check out our newsletter, or look at the calendar, and simply show up randomly to discover how you can help. I only have 3 months and I'm out of office so I want to be sure you're on the track of truly being an Elk.

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A Message From The Leading Knight Dan Martyn



At the November House Committee and Officers Meeting, an Elk of the Month program was approved. The intention is to recognize and reward outstanding recent service to the Lodge, and all members are eligible other than current officers and PER's. A

member may only be chosen once in any 12 month period, and the selection is made by the ER.

A member selected as Elk of the Month will receive complimentary Friday night dinners and a parking space during their month. The Elk of the Month program is intended to be a thank you, and is distinct from the Elk of the Year, which recognizes significant long term contributions to the Lodge and our order, and is subject to a different selection process.

The Elk of the Month will be announced each month in the Antler.

As we move into 2014, I thank those members whose hard work and dedication have helped make the Lodge a better place, and I invite anyone interested in volunteering to join us in the kitchen, on the barbeque, on a committee, or as an officer. Help us serve the Lodge and our community. We need you.

Dan Martyn
Leading Knight

"At this time of the year it gets busy. Even at a lodge with different programs and many members with different agendas, and it seems we can be overwhelmed. Complaining to my Mom, Moms are great she sends me this:

When things are bad remember it won't always be this way

When things are good remember it won't always be this way

ENJOY EVERY MOMENT

~ David Naccarato

A Message From The Loyal Knight Jim Moyer



As we move forward into this new year and with the holiday season behind us lets reflect on our membership participation over the last few months.

Kudos to those who are donating their time and efforts to insure our successful lodge activities. The return for these services is evident in our lodges success and in the satisfaction and joy experienced by those individuals who get involved. The success can be measured by the increase in lodge members who are becoming involved in our various projects. Those who help Ben at the Christmas tree lot, braving the cold, wind and rain. Those who fill food boxes for our Christmas baskets and those who delivered them. Thanks to Donna Leary, Karen Martyn, Julie Cook, Kathy Moyer and especially Pati Harrod for doing a fantastic job in decorating our lodge for the Christmas holiday.

What's it going to take to get those who are on the verge of coming out and getting involved? YOU. Those who come out and participate. Invite new members to come to the lodge for dinner on Fridays. It takes people and involvement to make an Elks lodge work.

Jim Moyer ~ Loyal Knight

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- 1-Jan Lounge Party
- 8-Jan Purple Pig Night
- 10-Jan Veteran's Bingo
- 15-Jan Meetings - Trustees,
House Committee and Officers
- 18-Jan DD Clinic
- 20-Jan Bowling
- 22-Jan Regular Meeting
- 23-Jan Karaoke Cal-Vets
- 24-Jan Band-Runamucks
- 28-Jan New Member Orienta-
tion
- 29-Jan Initiation

A Message From The Lecturing Knight Robert Jones



Wishing you all a
Happy New Year!

Robert Jones ~ Lecturing Knight

(Continued from Exalted Ruler page 1)

I looked up what volunteerism means in Webster
VOL-UN-TEER (VOL-UHN-TEER) noun

1. A person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking.
2. A person who performs a service willingly and without pay

From the United Way: Volunteer:

1. One who performs or gives services of his or her own free will
2. An unselfish contributor of time and talent for the good of others.
3. Person whose dedication to a cause or organization inspires others to give of themselves .
4. One who works much, sleeps little and cannot be thanked enough.

At your Initiation, you gave your Obligation: you raised your right hand and laid your left hand over your heart and said to me and the lodge members present the following:

I promise and swear I will never reveal any of the confidential matters of this order that were committed to my charge and keeping. (Guess what I heard from a member from another lodge?)

I will support the Constitution, and obey the statutes of this order and the by-laws of this lodge (Why do we have executive sessions?)

I will uphold the laws of the United States of America. (self explanatory)

I will propose no one for membership that I do not believe to be worthy thereof. (That's why members coming in need to be vouched for)

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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Carl Lanterman's son, Keith.
No phone calls, please.

Tommy Claunch on the passing of his wife
Sally Claunch, PER.

Steve Smith, PER/Trustee, on the passing
of his father.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kieth V Orr

ON THE MEND:

Mary Woodlief **Don Ansell, PER**
Harry Brockwell **Carol Spinner**

Remember: reports of Sickness and
Distress are always welcome! Please
call Coleen with any updates. Thank you!

I will ballot for a worthy candidate and against an unworthy candidate when proposed by another. (This means if you know of something, you have the power to not let this person join.)

I will not permit any political, sectarian, or personal prejudice to influence me in the slightest degree in the exercise of my right of franchise in the order. (Don't grade on a curve or how a person believes. Don't push your beliefs on anyone else.)

I will I obey any lawful summons sent me. (If I screw up, I will have to answer for it..in-house)

I will never apply to the courts for redress without first appealing to the councils of the order. (Follow the chain of command. If an incident occurred at the lodge we won't notify civil authorities without first going through in-house procedures. We do not air to the public our dirty laundry.)

This is my first of three installments. I hope no one was offended. This way I cannot be told by anyone "I didn't know."

Terry Baker, Exalted Ruler

January Menu from the Kitchen -- WooHoo!

Sunday

Jan 5 Officers Breakfast
Jan 12 Newbies Breakfast
Jan 19 Ed Rice Breakfast
Jan 26 Kampers Breakfast

Monday

Jan 6 Taco's Ed & Jim \$6
Jan 13 Soup & Sandwich Joe Clancy \$6
Jan 20 Beef Stew Ed Bianchi \$6
Jan 27 Chili & Cornbread Jim Porter \$6

Wednesday

Jan 1 Chicken & Broccoli casserole Donna Leary \$8
Jan 8 Meatball Sandwich & Anti pasta Jim Porter \$8
Jan 15 Spaghetti Dinner Jim Porter \$8
Jan 22 Steak Dinner Porter / Miller \$10
Jan 29 Chicken Cacciatore Porter \$8

Friday

Jan 3 Beef Stroganoff Ed Bianchi \$8
Jan 10 Chicken Broccoli casserole Donna Leary \$8
Jan 17 Liver & Onions or Top Sirloin Tom Ryder \$10
Jan 24 Fish Tacos Ed B & Jill \$8
Jan 31 Taco & Tamale dinner \$ 10

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Peter Nolan (Century Club)	Karen Martyn
Alan Van Cleave	Cherri Peterson
Barbara Ann Gibbs	Karin Speights
Greg Metzgus	Max Maxwell
Paul Stein	Richard McCann
Paul Wagner	Bill Sternberg
Dan Martyn	
John Peterson	
Coleen Morris	
Steve Smith	
Kira Wagner	
Greg Miraglia	
James Mullen	
Mike & Stella Violano	
In honor of Ruby Metzgus (Century Club)	



A Message From The Secretary David Naccarato



It seemed we had Halloween and from that point on the rest of the year flew by.

At the lodge we have Mid-Term convention, ENF month, Charity Ball, Hoop shoot competition and the Christmas tree lot is set up. It is going by just too fast. But we are having a good time taking care of the business of the

lodge.

Dan Martyn held the Charity Ball. It's our annual event to raise money to finance our Christmas Cheer program. We had room for a few more members. We should have been sold out. This is what we do. Donna Leary held a Mash 2477 party that was great fun. Cat-Dav productions was at it again for entertainment as PER Catherine Koeritz and myself put on a USO type of show. PER George Meehan helped us secure the location for our Elk Lodge free-throw competition. The location was St. Paschal Baylon. St. Paschal was a major Sheep herder back in Spain. Even though they call our area the Conejo Valley which translates to rabbit valley, we had a lot of sheep in this area also. In Thousand Oaks liquor they have a picture of Thousand Oaks Blvd and Moorpark rd. with it covered in sheep. So when the church was built it received that name. Pretty cool. Our lodge has some good talent going to the district Shoot. Our 8-9 boy who I will refer to as "dead-eye" is Adam Taylor. Our 12-13 boy, Christian Mayer was a ringer that member Alan Hardie brought over from across the street of his home will represent our lodge quite well. Nathan Vactier, our 10-11 shooter, just cannot miss. This isn't even fair. But I'll take it. We only had two girls in our competition and they were brought by new member Mike and Stella Violano.

What was nice is that they had twins, so we had 12 year old shooters Jenna and Sarah Violano. Jenna bested her sister by a few but I'm sure they have been competing with each other for years. Probably 12. We had a small amount of players but whether we had 1 or 100 it takes 6 Elks per basket and 2 at registration. I want to thank Arthur Urbano and Tom Hartin that handled the heavy leg work. Richard Goldner was on hand to speak with the kids and their parents--which he does very well. We only have a short time to make a difference in some one's life and he's the one to do it. My wife Karen and Geri Miller worked the registration table. Bill Miller, George Meehan, Alan Hardie, Paul Stein, Brian Horan who hasn't even been initiated yet and our Exalted Ruler Terry Baker was on-hand for scoring and shagging foul balls. Tom Hartin brought and hung the lodge ID banners and Arthur was pumping up the basketballs with his teeth (long story) all-in-all

it was a success. The lodge gets the credit and the kids had some fun. Arthur and I will take our first-place shooters to the district shoot.

The weather has taken a dip down to cold just as our lodge Christmas trees showed up. My hat's off to our Christmas tree crew. It's cold out. I know how heavy a tree is and that's when I'm only carrying one into my home. These guys had to unload and set up 450 trees and then attach tree stands, and make sales. We have a lodge and with that we have bills that need to be paid. We are a private lodge--not open to the public. We are self-supportive.

One great item of importance to our lodge is the admittance of guests to our many functions. We are a private club, not public, and we have rules and regulations. Just because they are a guest does not mean that they are entitled to walk in and assume member benefits. Members are required to sign in their guest and be with them at all times. If the guest is asked who their sponsor is, they should answer who that sponsor is. There have been times, when asked, they have said they didn't know who, or didn't know where their sponsors were. The member is responsible for your guests, and your membership is on the line if you bring in some one with an attitude that becomes anti social after a few drinks. Please be selective in bringing in guests. Invite those who you would be proud to have as fellow members. This is what bringing in guests is all about.

I close with a bit of Elk history in honor of new member Stella Violano. When Charles Vivian came to New York and started the Jolly Corks that later turned into the Elks we were still in development stages. The Elks originally borrowed a number of rituals, traditions and regalia from the Freemasons. By the first decade of the 20th century, many of these have been abandoned as the Elk sought to establish their own identity. We used to have two degrees required for membership which we consolidated into one degree in 1890. The ritual of wearing an apron was discontinued in 1895 and the use of a secret password was dropped in 1899 and the use of a badge for identification in 1904. Lastly, purple underwear *never* happened.

David Naccarato

Help the Scholarship Fund

Drop off at any time at the rear entrance to the bar parking lot. Bring your aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles (with CRV label only) to the Lodge.

Please do not drop off non deposit plastic items for recycling.

Examples of items NOT to dropoff:

Milk bottles ... Engine oil bottles ... Plastic alcohol containers (e.g. Tequila) ... Medicine bottles ...

Plastic cups ... Salad dressing containers ...

Aluminum foil

Thank You for your continued support ~Rick

ENF - Elks National Foundation - by Donna Leary



Elks National Foundation Fundraiser
Donna Leary Chairman
M.A.S.H. Party the Sequel
I would like to thank everyone who attended and that helped in pulling off a very successful fundraising evening for the ENF.

First of all, I would like to thank Jessica Stull for the

inspiration to begin with and for allowing me to steal the ideas and run with them. I also need to thank her for all of her help in setting up the room and jumping in wherever needed--that was priceless!

My thanks to Eddie Bianchi for agreeing to make the S.O.S. from a 1958 Marine Corp recipe, everyone love it. He also made all of the side dishes to go with the fried chicken. The other kitchen crew that I can always depend on included Faye Stevens, Christine Harrison, Rich Romani, Jane Watson, Jean Maraglia and I have the awful feeling that I am forgetting someone else. If so, I am very sorry.

To all of my "HOT LIPS" Houlihan's: Jane Watson, Kathy Moye, Christine Harrison, Barbara Gibbs, Cherri Peterson,



Brooke, Annie Pearson, Coleen Morris and Heather Polisky. They all participated in a little game of "whose lips were whose".

My thanks to Cherri and John Peterson for all of the signage; it was great and very much appreciated.

David Stull for the original directional wood sign; I couldn't have asked for a better job. If you didn't see them, David also brought a display of his medals which was an honor to see, thank you.

To Catherine Koeritz, David Naccarato and Tom Hardin; your USO show was great and enjoyed by everyone. I need to add David Pearson to that mix for his cameo role, or, maybe I should say; his walk on part!

Catherine Koeritz and Toni Hardin's father brought some of his authentic military vehicles and equipment to display adding a little more ambiance to the evening.

To Karen and Dan Martyn; thank you for picking up the chicken, taking the tickets and for your all around support. To Dan specifically; I might need to keep you on the side of my "deaf" ear in the future; you are the one that got me into all of this!

Also to Dan; please let your band members know how much I

appreciated their "donation" of time and talent; I haven't seen the dance floor that full for a long time; they did a great job! To David Pearson aka Hawkeye; for running the infamous poker game and also aka MacGyver for helping me figure out the final construction of the centerpieces. The interesting part was actually witnessing the wheels turning. Thank you also for bringing the IV trip poles; we will have to figure out how to use them in the future for wine tasting or for shots! Which also reminds me; I need to thank Tom Hardin for his construction of the "Still" and for the sale of the shots and bracelets.

Then there is John Moran who also brought some of his Marine equipment to help with the décor. There is also an extra acknowledgement to John; I really don't think anyone else could have pulled off "Klinger" better than you; truly priceless you little, sorry, BIG hussy!

This event was not done by one person; it was done by a great team of volunteers and people I call my friends.



They sold tickets, they made decorations, they ran errands, they cooked food, they dressed for the occasion,

they helped clean up and never once did I feel that I wasn't supported. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!!!

My thanks also go to Brooke, Tommy and Grant behind the bar; great job. I also thank you for helping to sale tickets as well.

There is two more people that I need to thank and that is Harold Constantine and Duke, Harold donated the liquor for the baskets and Duke donated the Margarita basket for the raffle. Trust me when I say; the ladies that sold the raffle tickets are the best and you did a great job!

If I forgot to mention anyone by name I truly apologize; there were so many players on the team I just hope you know you are appreciated. My heartfelt thanks to everyone that supported me in raising money for the ENF, we will play again soon!

Donna Leary
ENF Chairman



ENF Scholarships

We are in the business of helping others. Nothing wrong with doing something for the member. In 1998, Grand Lodge and ENF started the "Legacy Awards scholarship program that awards 250 college scholarships worth \$4,000.00 each to the children and grandchildren of Elk members.

Eligibility: College-bound high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks are welcome to apply. Applicants compete against other children and grandchildren from the state of their sponsoring Elks lodge. They are judged on the core values of the Elks National Foundation:

Knowledge, Charity, Community Service and Integrity. Application deadline is January 31 2014. Applications must be submitted online. To obtain the online application visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars. If a child of an Elk who was in the military and had given his life in the service of our country can receive one year grants of \$1,000.00 renewable up to \$4,000.00. These are not intended to cover the entire cost of college but to assist. For applications contact ENF Office at 773-755-4732.

Troop 754 - Veteran's Flag Ceremony at the Elks Lodge



The attending Troop 754 Scouts from today's ceremony made me proud. Everyone was exceptional during the ceremony and I heard nothing but praise. The Elks Lodge really appreciated the help of each Scout.

The Suggestion Box

I had instituted a slot to drop off suggestions or concerns. I made mention that they would be discussed at the house committee meetings and listed in the Antler. The first month we had no one suggest anything. 2nd month I forgot to look so what's that they say "I'm bad". This month we had two. Probably from someone who may be new only because for the last three years that I've been Secretary we do this, the suggestion was to give a Christmas bonus to the bar tenders. 2nd suggestion which may have worked was to have a pot luck on Thursday night football. To advertise it now with the fact that I'm told we only have two more weeks of Thursday night football I missed the boat. I just want to point out that this is your lodge and if you want a Thursday night potluck just tell the Loyal Knight so he knows and then ask around and set it up. It's a great idea but someone into football needed to get it on the calendar a month before it starts. I know from being an Loyal Knight that having a night of food that I don't have to arrange for that would be awesome. Wait do we say awesome any more. Anyway next year for Thursday night football bring it up again. Don't drop it into someones lap, take the lead and set it up. It's what we do.

David Naccarato Secretary

New Members

Be sure to welcome our new members when you see them at the lodge!



New Member: Mike Violano - L
Sponsor: Jim Moye - R



New Member: Shawn Levens - R
Sponsor: Greg Metzgas for Charles Pederson - L



New Member: Christy Waller - R
Sponsor: Greg Metzgas, PER - L



New Member: Beverly Taylor
Sponsor: Ed Rice



New Member: Lindie Nelson - L
Sponsor: Tom Hartin - R



New Member: Kathy Edwards - L
Sponsor: Pati Harrod - R

Veterans - by Carl Lanterman

January 17, 1991 – Operation Desert Storm began
January 27, 1973 – Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord
Not many veterans events in December

- o Two more Vietnam Veterans were assisted through our lodge and the VC Military Collaborative;
- o One with spousal benefits
- o One with disability work on the house

Two veterans families were helped with Christmas baskets, along with our annual deliveries to local residents in need. Marshall Knowlton has continued to keep the bingo crew going. The bingo crew continues to visit Sepulveda V.A. Hospital on the second Friday each month @ 1:00 pm, leaving the lodge at 11:30 am. The Sepulveda V.A. Hospital is located at 16111 Plummer St. with access from Woodley Ave. between Lassen St. and Plummer St.

Robert Jones, David Naccarato and Kira Wagner and the karaoke crew made the Christmas karaoke night a success. In January, they will resume the 4th Thursday schedule.

CalVet Home-Ventura is located at 10900 Telephone Rd. (Telephone & Wells) in Saticoy.

Over the past few months, our veterans fund has taken a hit with all the activities and the normal fundraisers did not take place. If anyone has a donation for the veterans fund, please take it to the office; David will give you a receipt and all of us will thank you. Thanks to all of you for your wishes of condolence and your patience with my time off.

Carl Lanterman, Chairman-National Veterans Services
carl.lanterman@verizon.net(805) 630-8110





New Year's Eve Party and Casino Night

**December 31st
Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge**

Put on your dapper duds and
join us for tons of fun as we
ring in 2014.

Prizes awarded

**\$45 per person
includes hors d' Ourves
\$45 of Casino Scrip
9 PM and Midnight Champagne toasts**

Don't know how to gamble? No worries...We'll teach you...
And you can still win BIG-TIME!

Dance and fall in love all over again to the tunes of
Ventura County Big Adventures Band



Tables open for gaming at 6:30 PM
Cocktails - No host bar

Complimentary Champagne at 9 PM & Midnight

A Tribute to Sally Claunch, PER



At the regular lodge meeting held December 4th the Elks lodge members held the Vacant Chair for PER Sally Claunch. We asked for tribute from the members and here is what they said:

Chaplain Karen Martyn delivered her prayer,

not from the Elks Ritual guide, but a prayer from her heart.

Exalted Ruler Terry Baker shared a heartfelt history as he read her Bio.

Dick McCann told us Sally was not just another member, PER, kitchen helper, wife, and mother, but that she was always at the top of her game.

Dave Stull said she was his mentor when she talked him into being a trustee: and went all five years.

PDDGER Greg Metzgas said Sally was an inspiration.

Steve Smith said Sally got him over rough spots during his year as ER.

DDGER Terry Gicking had Sally as a mentor. Any one of us could call her and she would drop what she was doing and help.

My year (David) as ER, my philosophy was W.W.S.D. (What Would Sally Do). Right up to the days prior to her leaving this planet she was calling to see where we were with the Antler Antics. The last thing she needed to be worrying about--but that was *never* Sally's way.

Sally's picture will be on our wall forever 2005-2006.

"An Elk is never forgotten never forsaken."



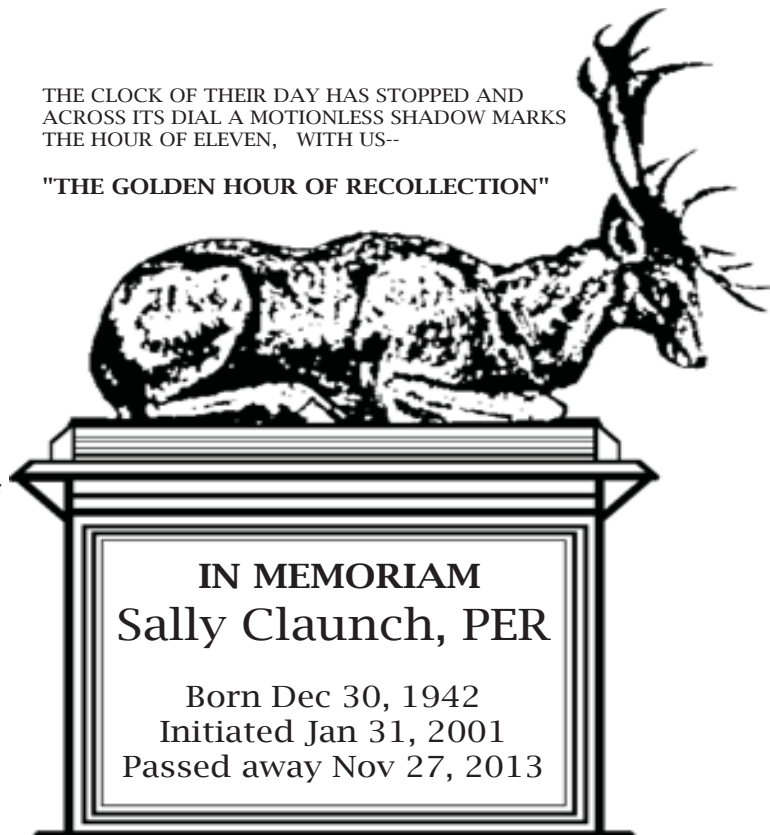
Life Line Screening has rented the lodge March 7th to scan your body to detect defects that you may not even know you have. AND, they offer an Elks discount and the cost is quite reasonable.

Just making you aware.

We'll get you more information and costs in a later Antler Antics, so look for it.

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"



A Memorial for Sally Claunch will be on January 4th at Saint Paschal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks and will be followed by a celebration of life at the lodge.

Service will be performed by the Past Exalted Rulers.

January Birthdays

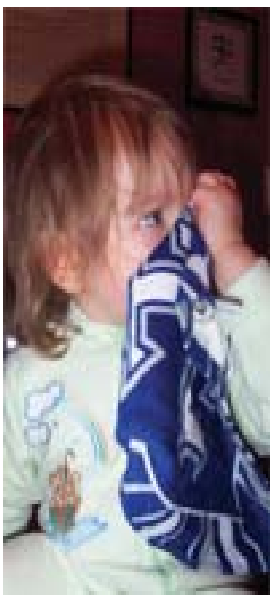
January 12	Paul Wagner
January 27	Cheryl Templeton
January 29	Ken Stockton
January 31	Sherri Jones
January 31	Mary Eve Moore

Proposed for Membership

To be investigated and balloted on: Ray Laraway being sponsored by PER Don Ansell. Now let me explain Ray was originally sponsored by William Wagner and served as our lodge Chaplain 85-86. He then became Esquire in 1986, 1989 and 1990.

Ray like many others, left when "life happened" and took a demit. Being a good friend, Don Ansell asked "How do I get you back in?" Don and I were talking and mentioned that Jill needed help on her BBQ team. Don calls up Ray and asked if he was available. He answered yes and showed up and helped out on the BBQ team. The following weekend was the PER's and we already knew we were going to have many out of commission and ed if he Zneeded some one on grill. Again Ray answered the call. Ray's lady came and helped me cashier and did a great job. Ray handed me the reinstatement fee and application and it will be turned over to the investigation committee. Welcome back Ray.

I am happy to tell the lodge that the transfers for Paul and Kira Wagner have finally been finalized. Paul and Kira had been members of our lodge being proposed by Rick Herrera.



The Crying Towel

Capsule 1 Tori Rogers not present.

2nd capsule drawing Ed Cassese not present.

Lucky 13 No Winner Gerry Gillies.

LODGE ROOM RENTALS

Attention Members: Are you planning a party, banquet, wedding, birthday or other special event? Our renovated Lodge Room is available for rental at very reasonable rates. Catering can be arranged. Contact Brooke at 805.496.4550



PLEASE MAKE
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
RESERVATIONS BY
CALLING THE LOUNGE
BY WEDNESDAY

496-4550 OR WITH ANY
BARTENDER



Seasons Greetings to all Elks and their families. Especially those who contribute to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The Elks were very generous last year in the way of collecting pull tabs, toiletries and toys. Your generosity made 2013 a little easier on all the Ronald McDonald families.

Thank you and please keep collecting those pull tabs and toiletries.

ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

Gerry Gillies



CVLPA Gives Through Elks

Conejo Valley Legal Professionals Association joins Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 in giving.

Every Year during the Christmas season the Conejo Valley Legal Professionals Association gathers together for the purpose of giving.

It is through their generosity, during this time of care and giving, that the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 is bestowed the blessings of gifts to be passed on to those in need.

To memorialize this event the following are pictured below from left to right; Barbara Haussmann, Governor CVLPA; Karen Martyn, Lodge Chaplin; Dan Martyn, Esteemed Leading Knight and Shirley Lipkin, President of the CVLPA.

Our Thanks go out to Elaine Goldner for arranging this event.

Elk of the Month: Donna Leary



Letters & Communications

Our El Konejo Kampers donated money to Manna and has a food drive for them here is the letter we received:

Dear Lodge Members Thank you for your charitable contribution to manna Conejo Valley food bank. Your commitment to helping our friends and neighbors in need is appreciated not only by the people we serve, but also by the many volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our pantry full. Its hard to imagine that hunger even exists in the Conejo Valley, but it does. In fact, Manna helps over 1,650 families, seniors and children from all walks of life. More than 21,000 annually. Sad truth is that the length of our economic stresses is crushing the middle class, forcing people to choose between buying food or other basic needs. The number has steadily increased over the last few years and will continue to climb as the cost of feeding a family goes up.

Manna is proud that we have been able to help so many people bridge the gap between putting a warm hearty meal on the table and going with out. We hope that you, too, will take pride in this joint accomplishment.

Thank you again for your support.

Jennifer Schwabauer



Dec. 1, 2013



You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes.
This is to remind us that with Elks the hour of eleven has a tender significance.
Wherever an Elk may roam, Whatever his lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.
It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.
Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.
Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message --

"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"





HOLY COW BATPERSON #@&!!!

November at Kenney Grove was outstanding! We had 15 rigs and would have had more if several people had not had other obligations come up unexpectedly.

On the way, it was astounding to find that gas at the Oxnard Costco was \$3.22 per gallon; I thought I'd filled up completely, but seems my view of the pump was not too good, so I was a few gallons short; so, on my way home on Monday, stopped to top off the tank the price had gone up 3 cents – who cares, Jeremiah has a full tank!

Thursday was arrival for several, but a whole crowd had arrived on Wednesday. Despite earlier concerns, Jim Moye was out and about acting like himself. There had been some concerns about the doctor releasing him to drive prior to the campout.

Walter and Anne Ogden came camping too, seems there were more than one of us who hadn't been out for a while.

The usual group gathering during the day, a bunch of women can sure talk the guys not so much.

It has become almost tradition to go for dinner at La Cabana – great Mexican food. What a bummer, I was so tired after getting the rig ready, etc.. I couldn't muster the energy to go – Now that's BAD!!! I think every person there went. I was so tired, got into bed to read about 6:30, was asleep by 7:00 and didn't get up until 7:00 Friday morning.

Heard some interesting tails of the drivers getting to the restaurant - apparently Gene Ewald's memory wasn't quite as clear as he believed (he'd actually stayed at Kenney Grove for a period of time before he hit the road full time). Had no clue that Fay Stevens had a motorhome, all she knows about me is that I like my beef ribs medium rare (raw in her book ☒) Her friend Kathy Quinn came out Saturday and stayed over to Sunday.

Had a new member, Carol Spinner and her friend Ann Digman (I think) sorry Ann, lost and/or misplaced my notes.

Found out they are in to Geocaching also, like Donna & Ed Colleran. Ann is absolutely amazing, she has had both knees replaced and thinks biking for 8 miles or so is nothing!

Carol Gottlieb "Scrabble Queen" got me into a game. She is so good, but was very complimentary that my play had improved during the year. I've been playing on my Kindle – guess it helped a little bit! (Yah, the Gottliebs show up once or twice a year – wish it was *more* often.)

Jimmy Miller lucked out when he found a manifold for his rig in time to get it here and installed. It was moment-by-moment for a while.

OH YAH! The Kathica team was in rare form Friday afternoon; so rare that one of the team missed Happy Hour – guess she was already too happy.

As usual, Happy Hour provided enough food that dinner was out of the question. The weather was incredible for this time of year, so the campfire was well attended. In the past, we've had COLD weather, we've had RAIN—you name it—but we have always managed.

Saturday was the usual hubabub of activity. I feel relatively certain there was a poker game going *somewhere*, although several of the turkey cooks were players when they could get away from turkey tending. With Gene Ewald and Doris New-comer in the park, it's a lead-pipe cinch there was a poker game going.

What can be said other than the food was *deliciously* abundant.

Quite a few folks stayed over Sunday night. The group went to Enzo's Italian Restaurant. Again the food, as well as the company, was just so *danged* good.

Sincerely hoping to make more of the campouts in the coming year. Again, I want to thank Beverly Erickson, Cheryl Templeton and Jessica Stull for picking up the ball to score, when I wasn't even at the game (sigh). I was asked to be sheriff, but that didn't mean we were safe. We were all fined a dollar because she forgot!

This was Sue Osgood's first time to be wagonmaster. Everyone agreed; she did such a good job that she should do it again next year.

Beverly Erickson

2013-2014 Committee CHAIRPERSONS

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The Ladies helped bring
Christmas to
Young and Old alike



Lodge Renovations

by Dan Martyn, Leading Knight

Last month my article on rennovations discussed plans and rationale for rennovating the lounge. To date I have had minimal feedback from members, all of which have been positive in supporting the renovation of the lounge. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please share them with me

In the event you did not see the article you can download it from the website

Dan Martyn
 Lodge Renovation Committee Chair

SECOND ANNUAL HAIR OF THE DOG PARTY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2014

11 am – 1 pm: \$3 Bloody Marys or Mimosas

1 pm – 5 pm: \$3 well drinks or house wine

POT LUCK starts at 1 pm – see sign-up sheet in patio

SOUTHPAW BOWLING TOURNAMENT: 2 pm

Bowl lefty if you're a righty, righty if you're a lefty

See sign-up sheet in patio

FOOTBALL – Rose Bowl on Lodge TV at 2 pm

50-50 drawing and a few other surprises!

Bar Hours New Year's Day 11 am – 8 pm

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Daryl Kopacz 1 Year
Pam Price 2 Year
Sam Frankl 3 Year
Steve Smith, PER 4 Year
George Meehan, PER 5 Year

2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Exalted Ruler

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2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Leading Knight

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG: David Naccarato, PER
SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Coleen Morris
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Donna Leary
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Dan Martyn

ORIENTATION: Terry Gicking, PER
CHARITY: Dan Martyn
CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Dan Martyn
MEMBER CONTROL. COM.: David Naccarato, PER
Investigation: Alan Hardie & Dave Anderson

2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Loyal Knight

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Jim Moye
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Jim Moye
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS: Jim Moye
WEDNESDAY NIGHT TICKETS: Gregg Miraglia
MOTHER'S DAY: Karen Martyn
SCOUTING: Bill Miller/Bill Sternberg
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

STRAY ELKS: David Naccarato, PER
CVD: Tom Hartin
LAW ENFORCEMENT DINNER: Paul Stein
HOOP SHOOT: David Naccarato, PER
DRUG AWARENESS: **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**
INAUGURAL BALL: Jim Moye

2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Lecturing Knight

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY: Bill Sternberg, PER
AMERICANISM: **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**
KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sally Claunch, PER & Robert Jones
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GOLFTOURNAMENT: David Pearson
EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Joel Erickson
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You're invited to roll back time and space with an exclusive membership to a

CHICAGO SPEAKEASY

Saturday, February 8, 2014

5:30 pm Social

6:30 Dinner

\$25 per person

Choice of Chicken Picata or Pot Roast with all the trimmings, including dessert



Chicago was a wild time in the 30's with Flappers, Mobsters, Revenuers, Sports Players and Fans. Choose a costume from this list, make up your own or don't dress at all (well, within reason). Join your friends and make new ones as we flip our noses at Prohibition.

This is an Elks Ladies Major Project Fundraiser. For further information or questions, contact Jessica Stull @ 805 371-4023. Tickets on sale after New Year's behind the bar and from your favorite Elks Ladies. Everyone is welcome.



Raffle

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LOUNGE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur, Sat: 10 - 8 PM
Wed, Fri: 10 AM - Closing
Sun: 9 AM - 8 PM

Meetings in the Conference Room



House Committee: 2nd Wed of the month @ 7:30 PM
Officers Meeting: Immediately following.
Trustees meet the 2nd Wed @ 6 PM

**Your input is valued. Your attendance is welcomed.
Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.**

PAST EXALTED RULERS

1972-73 *Marvin D. Smith	1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1996-97 *Jack Loughran
1974-75 *Richard Flake	1997-98 *John Kelly
1975-76 Bill Wagner	1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
1976-77 John E. Henry	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
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1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2005-06 Sally Claunch
1983-84 John Nau	2006-07 David Naccarato
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1987-88 John E. Henry	2010-11 Harry Brockwell
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1989-90 Don Skinner	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
1990-91 Don Ansell	
1991-92 Gary Sleight	
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	
1993-94 * Jim Wallace	
1994-95 *George Pekow	

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