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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477, California

Father's Day at the Elks Lodge

June 15

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ELK OF THE MONTH

Jill Williams

The Elk of the Month for June is Jill Williams. Few of us contribute as much as Jill to our Lodge. In addition to being a member of the Elks Ladies, Jill runs the monthly fish fry, is in charge of the Outcasts BBQ team, and seems to be helping out at most Lodge events. On top of everything else, Jill is the Lodge historian and photographer, so if Jill points her camera at you, smile and say "Thanks Jill, for all you do for our Lodge."

Dan Martyn, Exalted Ruler

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!

Grand Lodge Convention New Orleans	July 13-17
Hoop-Shoot	August 10
Lodge Picnic	September 1

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

New LODGE OFFICE HOURS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TUESDAY through SATURDAY
11 am to 1 pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

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 Dan Martyn



Greetings! It was 108° at the State Convention in Palm Springs, but it was cool inside where we attended meetings and seminars and enjoyed the company of fellow Elks from other Lodges in the Hospitality Room.

It was an honor to represent our Lodge in presenting our Lodge's annual Major Project donation, in the amount of \$14,293.60, with a per capita donation of \$35.21! Our Lodge's per capita donation exceeded that of many other much larger Lodges, and I thank our members for their generosity. My special thanks to the Konejo Kampers, who donated \$1,000, and to the Elks Ladies, who donated \$1,500.

I wish that each of you could meet this year's Major Project theme child, Ethan Kempton. As a result of being delivered with his umbilical cord around his neck,



Ethan was oxygen deprived. He suffers from cerebral palsy, affecting his vision, motor skills and cognitive abilities. His mother described the difficulties encountered in diagnosing Ethan's condition as well as his difficulties in performing routine tasks like getting dressed. She told us that he was embarrassed to go to school because he was afraid he could not button his trousers if he had to use the restroom. Ethan was provided with one of our therapists, courtesy of the Purple Pig, and with the assistance and support of his family, Ethan is now well on his way to enjoying a much more normal life. It was unbelievable to see Ethan perform a lengthy coordinated dance routine with his mom and brothers! This was made possible through the generosity and dedication of Elks. -->

A Message From The Leading Knight Jim Moye



With Mother's Day, the Elk State Convention in Palm Springs, Youth Appreciation dinner and the ENF Barn Dance fundraiser in May, we have been busy around here. June will be just as busy with Flag Day Service, Father's Day brunch, our blood drive held quarterly at the lodge and the visitation of our state

V.P. Bob Alvarez. Many of you will participate and support these activities not just as a function, but as a charitable act by virtue of thought, word, and deed. Teaching by example and deed is what we do as members and officers of Elks and defines us.

As Americans, we wave our beautiful Flag with its Radiant Stripes and Celestial Stars that ensure protection of our land of liberty and testify to its glorious victories. Stand ready to hear the cry of Affliction or aid those in distress. Remember Elks Care and Share.

Congratulations to our youth graduating this year. Your accomplishments will carry you well into your new beginning. To the parents, relatives and friends of these graduates, a really big thanks to you! Yours truly,

Jim Moye, Leading Knight

One of the benefits of attending the convention was to share ideas with officers from other Lodges. We need all of the ideas we can get, together with members who wish to do the work to turn those ideas into reality. Here are a few ideas from our members and some from the convention: mystery bus trips, cigar and whiskey nights, hiking clubs, pistol shooting clubs (not at the Lodge – at a range), wine tasting, horseshoes, bocce, cooking contests.

All it takes is a good idea and member support to implement it. If you have an idea for a fundraiser or activity, share it with an officer, or come to a meeting and share it with all of us.

Dan Martyn
Exalted Ruler
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A Message From The Loyal Knight Mike Flannery



Our activities and kitchen operations are shaping up. I think I am realizing the vastness of what is going on around me. The kitchen was closed for almost a full week for repairs and cleaning. We are trying something new on some of the Wednesday meeting nights; two dollar hamburgers and hot

dogs.

We have had two very successful activities I would like to mention. The Miraglias served seventy meals at a Friday night dinner and the Kampers served one hundred thirty seven Sunday breakfasts. But we have come up with a minor problem we need to see resolved.

For the past six months we have been requesting that members make reservations for dinners by calling the lodge and registering by name. This program has been fairly successful but I have heard some complaints and some comments stating that it is an unnecessary program.

The idea behind asking members to make reservations is to help give the kitchen staff an estimate of how many meals they need to prepare. With this information they will be better able to purchase food and supplies in the necessary quantities and cut back on wasted food. More cooperation in this program from the members should help the kitchen show a net profit rather than a loss.

Thank You,
Mike Flannery
Loyal Knight



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

496-4550 OR WITH ANY
BARTENDER

A Message From The Lecturing Knight Donna Leary



Another month behind us and we continue to look forward.

Under the station of Lecturing Knight there are several Chair positions. One of the positions is the Drug Awareness Program which has just been filled by Don Sable. Don Sable has been a long term member of the Elks Lodge 2477. Don's career

prevented him from getting involved because of the time constraints. Don has recently retired from his long time position as a Pharmacist. What more could we ask from our Drug Awareness Chairman than to have actual knowledge of "Drugs". Don is enthusiastic and he is hoping to make a difference in our Drug Awareness program. I would personally like to thank him for stepping up to the plate and ask that you as members do the same.

The Scholarship and Scouting programs are also under the station of the Lecturing Knight. I would like to thank Rick Herrera for his continued involvement in the Scholarship program. If you didn't know, all of you as members could help Rick with contributing to the recycling efforts. Every dime helps and your "California Redemption" bottles and cans add up to dollars into the Scholarship program. Donating your bottles and cans is one of the easiest ways for you to be involved and make a difference.

Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg are our Lodge's Chairmen for our Scouting program. The two of them have been and continue to be masters of the program. Their involvement in the Scouting program is nothing but stellar and I want to thank them as well for their continued support.

Areas still in need of your involvement are the Dictionary and Americanism programs. Please get in contact with me if you would like more information about these programs. Once again; remember the oath that you took and get involved in your lodge.

As your ENF Chairperson, I would like you to SAVE THE DATE of July 26, 2014 on your calendars. I am planning another "FUN"raiser; a "Pre-Thanksgiving Thanksgiving". This will be a complete Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings. Whoever said that you can only celebrate Thanksgiving once a year; not me! Complete information will be coming your way; watch for fliers.

Donna Leary
Lecturing Knight
ENF Chairman

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Rick Herrera on the passing of his brother-in-law

Keep in your Prayers

Pati Harrod's Sister and Mother

On the Mend

Billy Sternberg
Reino Hilden
Jerry Feldman
Bill Miller
Lynn Rodriguez
Billy Sternberg, Sr.

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

It is my sad duty to announce the death of our member "Someone Else"

Else's passing creates a vacancy that will be hard to fill. Else has been with us for many years and every one of those years, Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. "Someone Else can work with the group." Whenever there was a job to do, one name was on everyone's list. "Someone Else" will do it. It was common knowledge that Someone Else was always the one the organization relied on for support. Everyone assumed that Someone Else would provide what was needed. Someone Else was a wonderful person-sometimes appearing superhuman. But people can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of someone else.

Now, Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we're going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, But WHO is going to follow it? WHO is going to do the things that Someone Else did? When you have a chance to participate in our activities, REMEMBER WE CANNOT DEPEND ON SOMEONE ELSE ANY LONGER!

David Naccarato PER Secretary
(from Fox Tales)

Calendar Highlights

June 7 Blood Drive

June 14 VP Bob Alvarez Visitation

June 15 Father's Day Brunch

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Donna Leary
Barbara Ann Gibbs
Gregg Miraglia
Paul Wagner
Kira Wagner
Tom Baldrige
Peter Gordon (Century Club)
Kay Magil
Jim Lovato
Alan Hardie
Dave Anderson
Alan VanCleave
Dan & Karen Martyn (Century Club)
Robert Jones
Steve Smith
Donna Leary
Coleen Morris
Bag of coins (no name)
DDGER Terry Gicking



Duty Officers

6/5-11	Billy Sternberg
6/12-18	Donna Leary
6/19-25	Mike Flannery
6/26-7/2	Jim Moye

A Message From The Secretary David Naccarato



The question has been asked, "What is the P.E.R. Association and what purpose does it serve?" The answers you get are many and varied depending upon to whom you talk. I hope that this will help to clarify the matter.

Membership in the P.E.R. Association of Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 is limited to the Past Exalted Rulers of Thousand Oaks Lodge who have maintained their membership in our lodge. Should they demit to another lodge, they are no longer eligible for membership in our P.E.R. Association. In addition, a Past Exalted Ruler of another lodge, who becomes an Associate member of our lodge, can also become an Associate member of our P.E.R. Association.

The purpose of the Association is two-fold; first, it is to advise and assist the lodge and its Officers and members for the good of the Lodge. Secondly, it is to maintain a spirit of fellowship among the P.E.R.s and their spouses.

The PER's have a monthly meeting at which everyone has an opportunity to address any subject relating to the lodge. A discussion of the subject follows and sometimes lively discussion too, I might add. If the members feel the matter needs to be brought to the attention of the Exalted Ruler, the Officers, the Trustees, or the general membership, the P.E.R. Association President is then instructed to present it to the appropriate person or group.

With the "good of the Lodge" as our primary purpose, our annual P.E.R. dues as well as any monies raised through P.E.R. activities, revert back to the lodge. Over the years our association has supplied the Elks clock, which hangs behind the Exalted Ruler station as well as the "smoke eaters" in the lodge room. We've made a contribution to the first remodel of the foyer and donated to the renovation of the dining hall, the Anteroom and Ladies Room projects. Our PER's have continued to chair lodge committees, as well as going on to be District and Grand Lodge chairmen. We have even had a successful Grand Marshal Candidate for CVD. Because we are no longer in front of you each week doesn't mean that we're not active, nor does it mean we are no longer interested in the success and well being of the lodge. WE ARE! Together our combined support will make Thousand Oaks#2477 a lodge we can all be proud of calling "Our Lodge"

David Naccarato, Lodge and PER Association Secretary

A Message From The Chaplain Karen Rose Martyn

Our Mother's Day Brunch was a great success, with many members and guests in attendance. Many thanks go to Mike Flannery, who put together a great kitchen crew: Abe Gamble, Boyd Lindquist, Jim Miller, Jim Mullen and Jesse Garcia. A special thanks to the officers and trustees, Sharon Baker and Tommy Claunch, who served the buffet. Thanks to Gregg Miraglia for serving the champagne and acting as photographer, and to Johnny D'Ambrogio for preparing his home made crepes and to David Naccarato for his delicious waffles with strawberries. Thanks to Mary Flannery for taking the tickets, and to Robert Jones, who once again provided beautiful Mother's Day cards. Thanks to Bartender Grant for getting us the flowers (and opening each and every one of them himself). The ceremony performed by the officer's was beautiful. And last but not least, a very heartfelt thanks to Donna Leary for doing my running around and to her and Kathy Moye who worked tirelessly decorating the rooms. You two always step up when you're needed.

Karen Martyn
Chaplain



Familiar Faces :)

(Facial) "Features, the great soul's apparent seat."

~ William Cullen Bryant)

Purple Pig Update

I'd like to offer a quick and heartfelt thank you to Big Mamma and Ed Rice for their help with the "Purple Pig 5th Wednesday" dinner April 30th. Paul and I were pleased that everyone enjoyed the meal and we had a blast spending the day at the Lodge.

Your contributions to the Purple Pig during this past year helped our Exalted Ruler cross the convention stage with a contribution of \$14,000. This played a part in raising over \$3 Million to help children in need. Thank you!

Every year we have a new theme child and we seldom get to know what becomes of them years later. Because of the wonders of Facebook, I know firsthand that everything we do makes a significant difference in the lives of these children. I've had the opportunity to befriend a young lady that was the 1995 Theme Child and, had her parents adhered to her doctor's recommendation, she would have been placed in a home and all but forgotten by society. Today, she is a college graduate and enjoying the activities young adulthood has to offer. She also has a pretty good sense of humor. Your donations to the little Purple Pig works! The success stories that result from your contributions are bountiful and heartwarming.

If you haven't jumped on the band wagon to support the CHEA Major Project you can do so by dropping off your donation at the lodge office OR setting up a recurring donation through CHEA here <http://www.chea-elks.org/recurring-donations/> and our lodge will receive the credit.

Thank you again for all of your support!

Sincerely,
Kira Wagner, Purple Pig Chair
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**Friday
Night
Fun!**



Happy Fathers Day

A Champagne Brunch in Honor of Dad

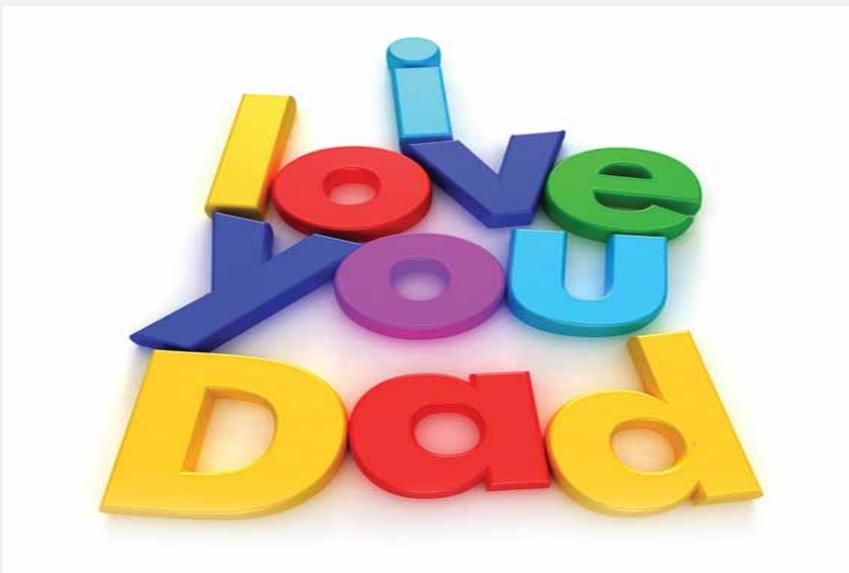
Hosted by the Elk's Ladies

Sunday, June 15th
10 AM to 1 PM

Adults - \$12
Children under 12 - \$5

Menu Includes
Favorite Homemade Dishes

Egg & Cheese Puff Bake
Cinnamon Baked French Toast
Bacon
Ham
Fresh Fruit
Pastries
Juice
Champagne
Coffee
& The Ladies "Mystery Dish"



Please Call 805-496-4550 for Reservations By June Wednesday June 11th

The Crying Towel



April 2nd 1st capsule drawing \$500

David Hobert not present

2nd capsule drawing \$300

Don Noble not present

Lucky 13 \$60 Julie Cook - no winner

April 16th 1st capsule drawing \$500

Henry Germain not present

2nd capsule drawing \$325

Bobby Adams not present

Lucky 13 \$75 George Meehan - no winner

April 23rd 1st capsule drawing \$500

Wilson Dyer not present

2nd capsule drawing \$350

Paul De Nublio not present

Lucky 13 \$90 Dave Anderson - missed it by
thiiiiiiiis much.

June Birthdays

01 Michael Mathews

01 William Ratcliffe

02 Dwight Williams

03 Bob Adams

03 Ronald Barron

03 Henry Germain

03 Donald Velazquez

04 Abe Gamble Jr

04 Mary Woodlief

06 Woody Hammer

06 John Peterson

08 Jim McHarg

09 Elise Murray

11 Devin Carter

11 Cherri Peterson

13 Patricia Heckathorn

13 Kimberly Rediger

13 Steve Smith

15 Clarence Brown

15 Alan Hardie

15 Ken Krabel

16 Ronald Hull

16 Ronald Pizitz

18 Jerry Gilmore

18 Randall Hays

20 Charles Maslin

20 Walter Ogden

21 Steve Harrison

22 James Allen

22 Steve Mc Kee

23 Barbara Gibbs

24 Scott Dool

24 Anita Gorino

25 Howard Johnson

25 William Rodarme

30 James Horning

A Message From The Grand Exalted Ruler Millard C. Pickering



As Susanne and I prepare for New Orleans, my final trip as your Grand Exalted Ruler, I am reminded of the story from my boyhood I related to you in Reno. How the neighbor's kid and I would often sit near the curb at the intersection of Jackson Avenue and Route 66 in Sapulpa, OK, on warm summer evenings watching the cars go by and thinking about the many places they represented. We dreamed then of visiting those many places, getting to know the people there and learning about their way of life.

Looking back on the almost 12 months and many miles since that July day in Reno, I am struck by how reality far exceeded the dream of that adventure. Wherever the road took us this last year, we were greeted by generosity and graciousness. We visited big, indeed palatial, Lodges as well as those with modest surroundings and the many in-between. All were passionate about this Order, involved in their communities, proud of their veterans and protective and embracing of their youth. People exhibited genuine affection for each other as well as the stranger, and a willingness to care and share bigheartedly.

In short, we witnessed first-hand American people living the American Way of Life.

In my efforts to identify the many factors that make Our Order "Distinctively American" in that acceptance speech, I thought I had done a pretty thorough job. It's pretty easy, after all, to connect the Elks to Liberty, Godliness and Community. Yet with every visit this year I learned the inadequacy of that effort. The Order of Elks is literally woven into the fabric of this Country, an integral part, and a reinforcing presence wherever Elks live their lives. I also thought, after 37 years of membership, that I had a good grasp of what I meant when we adopted the remainder of our theme: Elks Give. Yet I barely touched on the length and depth of Elks' generosity. Our goals turned out to be too modest and were far exceeded. In addition, both the quantity and quality of all that you do for the people of this nation also went far beyond our anticipations.

I wish every Member could have this experience. Hopefully the letters we have prepared, articles in the magazine, and the blog have conveyed some sense of how much there is for every Elk to be proud of as a Member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

In short, Elks are Caring and Sharing, Living and Giving the American Way of Life as never before.
May it ever be so.

Thanks to you all, and congratulations on a job well done.

~ Millard C. Pickering G.E.R. "It's Millard Time".

Eleven O'Clock Toast

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their 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, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them 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."

Origin of the Toast

In regard to the Elks' 11 O'Clock Toast and its origin, we have to go back long before the BPOE came into existence. One of the main contributions of Charles Richardson -- in stage name of Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks -- was to deliver into the hands of newborn Elks the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010 A.D., the Royal and Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes, to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

The RAOB, or Buffaloes as we shall henceforth refer to them, also practiced an 11 o'clock toast in remembrance of the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. Following his victory, William of Normandy imported a set of rules, both martial and civil in nature, to keep control of a seething Norman-Saxon population always on the edge of a revolution.

Among those rules was a curfew law requiring all watch fires, bonfires (basically all lights controlled by private citizens that could serve as signals) to be extinguished at 11 each night. From strategically placed watchtowers that also served as early fire-alarm posts, the call would go out to douse or shutter all lights and bank all fires. This also served to discourage secret and treasonous meetings, as chimney sparks stood out against the black sky. A person away from his home and out on the darkened streets, when all doors were barred for the night, risked great peril from either evildoers or patrolling militia.

The hour of 11 quickly acquired a somber meaning, and in the centuries that followed, became the synonym throughout Europe for someone on his deathbed or about to go into battle: i.e. "His family gathered about his bed at the 11th hour," or "The troops in the trenches hastily wrote notes to their families as the 11th hour approached when they must charge over the top.

Thus, when the 15 Jolly Corks (of whom seven were not native-born Americans) voted on February 16, 1868, to start a more formal and official organization, they were already aware of an almost universally prevalent sentiment about the mystic and haunting aura connected with the nightly hour of 11, and it took no great eloquence by Vivian to establish a ritual toast similar to that of the Buffaloes at the next-to-last hour each day.

The great variety of 11 O'Clock Toasts, including the Jolly Corks Toast, makes it clear that there was no fixed and official version until 1906-10. Given our theatrical origins, it was almost mandatory that the pre-1900 Elks would be expected to compose a beautiful toast extemporaneously at will. Regardless of the form, however, the custom is as old as the Elks. <http://www.elks.org/history/NewsStory.cfm?StoryID=80543>

Veterans - by Carl Lanterman

Results of the OPEN VETERANS FORUM on May 29th are not known at the time of printing.

The need continues for gift cards for food and gas; Target & Walmart are also very useful. They should be in \$5 to \$25 denominations for the needy military families in VC. Take cards to David in the office.

Below is a reminder of events coming up:

The Ventura County Stand Down will take place from July 25-27th. Again, we will be coordinating transportation, providing the Saturday lunch and 200 bag lunches on Sunday. The Oxnard, Ventura and Simi lodges will also be participating once again in providing food & drink. Please bring any clothing contributions to the office within 2 weeks of the event. We have little storage space to accept these donations earlier.

The Military Expo will be held on August 16th in Camarillo, sponsored by the Ventura County Military Collaborative. We will have a table again this year and need someone to help recruit new Elks members. Hopefully, the May 29th meeting at the lodge will provide more insight as to what we can tell the public about our specific veterans program.

Karaoke at the CalVet Home-Ventura is the 4th Thursday each month @ 6:00 – 8:30 pm
On Telephone Rd at Wells Rd in Saticoy

Thanks again to Marshall Knowlton's bingo crew for making the monthly trek to Sepulveda V.A.
Meets the 2nd Friday each month @ 11:30 am at the lodge

Carl Lanterman
Chairman-Veterans Services Committee
805-630-8110
NEW EMAIL: carl.silverstrand@gmail.com

June 14, 1775 – U.S. Army Founded
June 14th – Flag Day
June 22, 1942 – Pledge of Allegiance recognized by congress
June 6, 1944 – D-Day, Allied Forces Invaded Europe
June 22, 1944 – GI Bill signed into law.
June 25, 1950 – Korean War began
June 29, 1950 – First U.S. ground forces arrived in Korea
June 8, 1967 – USS Liberty Attacked

Also Remember:
June 15th – Fathers Day
June 21st – First day of summer (Summer Solstice)



Elks have always been moved in the presence of the flag of the United States of America, which is why, in 1907, Elks members adopted a resolution designating June 14 as Flag Day.

In 1911 the Grand lodge mandated that all local Lodges observe Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies, making the Elks the first national fraternal organization to require the observance of Flag Day.

Finally, on August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman, himself a member of the Order, permanently designated June 14 as Flag Day by signing an act of Congress.

Taken from **The Elks and Patriotism: Inspiring National and Civic Pride** - you can read the entire article here
<http://tinyurl.com/BPOEFlagDay>



Elk of the Year - Bill Sternberg

Bill Sternberg was named the Thousand Oaks Elk of the Year in a ceremony last month. Bill joined the Oxnard Elks Lodge in 1995. He served several years as Lodge Esquire and was elected Exalted Ruler at Oxnard Lodge for lodge year 2001-2002. He transferred to Thousand Oaks lodge in November of 2004. He made the decision to transfer after spending some time at our lodge remodeling the enclosed patio area. He saw the activities going on at our lodge and the friendly people in the lounge and decided to make the move.

Bill became the founding Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 754 in Newbury Park in 1971. Troop 754 is still going strong and is sponsored by our lodge. Bill's awards in scouting include Scoutmaster of the Year, Wood Badge Training, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, George Meany (AFL-CIO) Elks in Scouting Award, James E West Award, and the Marvin M. Lewis Elks Scouting Award. With all of his Scouting experience, Grand Lodge decided to make him the Western Region Scouting Chairman where he serves today. Bill has attended many Eagle

Award Ceremonies representing our lodge and presents each new Eagle Scout with a hand carved neckerchief slide.

Bill has served as our Lodge Officer at Large, filling in for absent officers when required. He is also instrumental in our lodge's fine Flag Retirement Ceremony. He built our present Flag Retirement fire ring and has acted as Master of Ceremonies for Flag Retirements at both our lodge, Oxnard Lodge and the Veteran's home in Saticoy. Bill also served a District position as Esquire to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

Bill's service to our lodge includes participation on 2 BBQ teams where he usually can be found slicing meat. He also serves on special BBQ teams when required off site such as the Street Fair, Field Hockey and Conejo Valley Days. He has used his talents as a retired carpenter to do various improvements around our lodge. He has helped build the recycle area, fencing around the BBQ area, supervised the improvements in the new BBQ room and built several shelves and pull tab collections containers. If you have seen the pin board in the enclosed patio, that is Bill's handy work and he keeps it up to date. He has built shadow boxes for departed member's memorabilia and for presentation of the Past Exalted Ruler's Jewels.

Bill is a fine example of an Elk and, with his actions shown what Elks can do for our community. Our lodge is proud to Award Bill Elk of the Year, 2013-2014. His picture can be seen in our lodge's Anteroom and his name has been added to the list of other Thousand Oaks Elks of the Year.



Pictured Above: Eagle Scout, Christopher Fields

Youth Appreciation Dinner Award Recipients

On May 2 the lodge held their annual Youth Appreciation Dinner to recognize the outstanding youth in our community. With the excellent caliber of character we know that the future will be in good hands.



Pictured Above: First Place Americanism Essay Contest Kendall Chock-Wong.



Pictured from L-R: Scholarship Award Recipients. Sara Hanne Heredia, Exalted Ruler Dan Martyn, Dominic Conte, Monica Shi, Scholarship Chair Rick Herrera, Amanda Shi, Alexander Loh, Kishan Desai, PER Leo Rodriguez (behind) and Lecturing Knight Donna Leary.

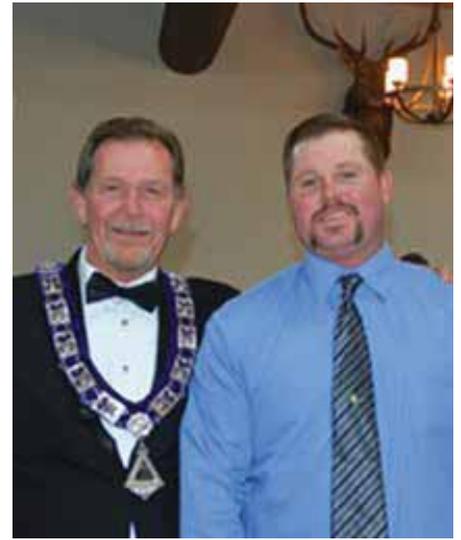
Kendall was also First-Place Hoop Shoot Contest Winner

New, New, New Member Welcome Night!

As most of you are aware, our new members receive a free steak dinner the night of their initiation. They join a small group of members that attend the Wednesday night meetings. Our Exalted Ruler has introduced a "New Member Night" to be held on the last Friday of the month, following initiation. For the first "New Member Night", the new members initiated during the first quarter of the Elks' year will be invited to attend that night and receive a complimentary welcome meal for new member and spouse. Their sponsors are encouraged to join them as well.

The benefits: The cost of the meals for the new members will be minimal; the new members will have an opportunity to meet other members who do not always attend regular meetings; we will have entertainment that night, and all new members can meet one another at the same event.

Membership Chair
Catherine Koeritz, PER



New Member:
Joel Warren (R)
Sponsor: Jim Moye (L)

FRIDAY
JUNE 27th, 2014
\$10 / \$8

KILLER
PORK CHOPS

or Chicken

Twice Baked Potatoes
Paula's Green Beans
and Soup

By **Bobby Williams**
and the Crazy Krew



NEW
NEW
NEW MEMBERS
NIGHT!

Enjoy a "Killer"
meal

.....
Introduce
yourself & your
Elks Lodge to
our New
Members!

.....
Dance to the
Runamucks!

2014-2015 Committee CHAIRPERSONS

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Marian Anderson
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SUNSHINE: June Leadam
HISTORIAN: Jeri Miller

On April 11th, the Elks Ladies started a new fundraising venture, "On Camera Audiences", and 14 people attended the first outing for the taping of the Arsenio Hall Show.

The Ladies have the opportunity to be a part of the audience during the live taping and receive compensation for each person attending. We are looking for 25 people to meet the required number of participants. For the June fundraiser, it will be Let's Make a Deal, and we need participants to commit ASAP so we can book our group. All Elks members, family and friends are welcome to attend. You can RSVP on a first come first serve basis for either or both shows to Lynn Rodriguez at 805-449-4282 or email lynnarchbold@aol.com.

All the proceeds from the "On Camera Audiences" fundraisers will go to both ENF and Major Projects.

On June 14th we will be hosting the Father's Day Brunch at the Lodge. This year we are serving up a new menu that will knock your socks off! See the flyer in the Antler for the complete details. Be sure to make your reservations at the bar. We look forward to seeing you all there!

In Our Prayers:

Kathy Ryder is home and open to visitors, please call first, Barbara Booker is doing very well in her recovery, and Carol Fredericks daughter is home from the hospital.



June Birthday's:

2 Pat Peterson
4 Mary Woodlief
12 Marian Anderson
16 Pat Jellander
17 Anne Ogden
19 Marcy Shewmon
23 Barbara Gibbs

Inspirational

God has made everything beautiful in it's time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11

The month of April and Spring reminds us of new beginnings and of the beauty that surrounds us if we will only take a few moments from our busy lives to reflect on the many blessings that present themselves to us daily.

Our created purpose is to let God's light shine through us, expressing his love and beauty in ways no one else can.

Remember: The beauty of a diamond is seen when someone holds it up in the sunlight and everyone can see it sparkle.

The same holds true with us. When you appreciate yourself and others, you will dare to live out the beauty you were created to express in yourself, your family and friends and all humans. Gracious heavenly Father. Thank you for the gift of another day, for April, for Spring's beauty and for our many blessings.

Help us to open our eyes to the beauty in the world, to be a blessing to others around us and to serve the people whom you have put in our lives. Let us be Your light in today's dark world, place us where you want us and help us to shine for you Father.

We pray in your Holy Name. Amen

OFFICERS 2014-2015

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El Konejo Kampers – Jim Moye

Christmas Tree Lot – Ben Rieger

2014-15 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Loyal Knight

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Mediator – Boyd Lindquist

New Year's Eve – Mike Flannery

Mother's Day – Karen Martyn

Inaugural Ball – Mike Flannery

Law Enforcement Dinner – Paul Stein

2014-15 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities – Robert Jones

Hoop Shoot – David Naccarato

Drug Awareness – Don Sabol

Scholarships – Rick Herrera

Scouting – Bill Miller/Bill Sternberg

Americanism – **chairperson needed**

Dictionary Program – **chairperson needed**

Lodge 4th of July and Labor Day Activities – Donna Leary

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Wed, Fri: 10 AM - Closing
Sat: 10 AM - 6 PM
Sun: 9:30 AM - 6 PM

Meetings



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	1997-98 *John Kelly
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
1974-75 *Richard Flake	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
1975-76 Bill Wagner	2000-01 Jacob Panczak
1976-77 John E. Henry	2001-02 John D'Ambrogio
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2002-03 Don Booker
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER, DL
1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2004-05 Jay Block
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2005-06 *Sally Claunch
1981-82 * Robert Hardy	2006-07 David Naccarato
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1983-84 John Nau	2008-09 George Meehan
1984-85 Vern Ogden	2009-10 Terry Gicking, DDGER
1985-86 Dan Snyder	2010-11 Harry Brockwell
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER	2011-12 Steve Smith
1987-88 John E. Henry	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
1988-89 *Ted Lipka	2013-14 Terry Baker
1989-90 Don Skinner	
1990-91 Don Ansell	By Affiliation:
1991-92 Gary Sleigh	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1993-94 * Jim Wallace	1999-00 *Ralph Vester
1994-95 *George Pekow	2002-03 Russel Robison
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