



Antler Antics

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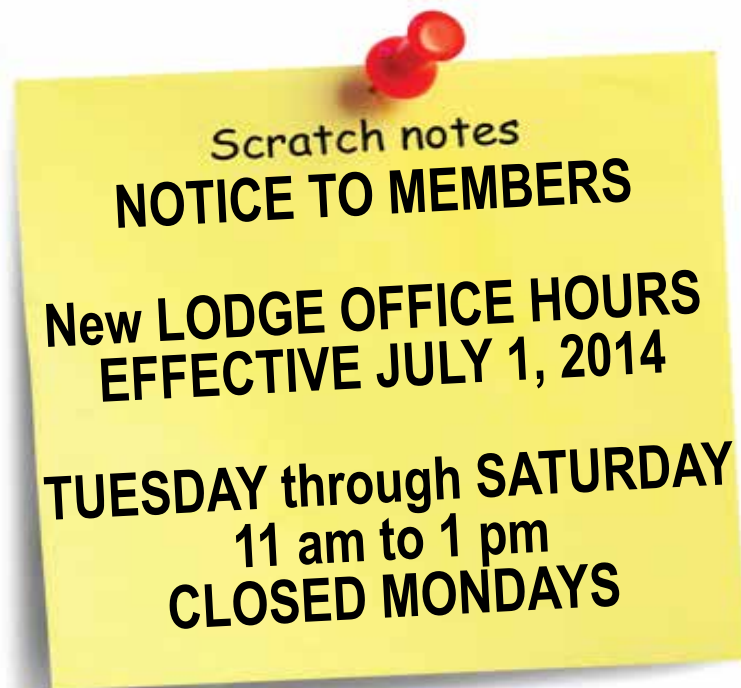
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In addition to the regular calendar, we will attempt to give everyone a heads up so that those that plan ahead can keep their calendars free for special occasions!

Hoop-Shoot	August 10
Lodge Picnic	September 1
Blood Drive	November 22



ELK OF THE MONTH



David Anderson

July's Elk of the Month is David Anderson. David is one of the pilots who regularly attends meetings. In addition to interviewing applicants for membership, David can be regularly seen working the BBQ on-site and at events. He helps out with the wood lot

and has been known to split logs with his bare hands. His contributions to the Lodge are many, and we appreciate all of the hard work he puts in for us.

Thank you Dave, for all you do.

Dan Martyn, Exalted Ruler

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



Before turning to a couple of serious subjects, I want to thank Donna Leary and all of those members who assisted her with the barn dance fundraiser for ENF. The event was a tremendous success, and the support of members who attended is greatly appreciated.

The same weekend on which the barn dance was held, Karen and I represented our Lodge at the annual Santa

Maria Elks Rodeo and Parade. My thanks to Gerry Gillies for his good company, his time and efforts in getting the train to Santa Maria, and for driving us down Broadway. The Lodge train was clean and shiny, and the brakes worked and we did not run out of gas. The Santa Maria Lodge welcomed our participation and could not have been more hospitable. It was a memorable event for us as was the rodeo, as neither of us had ever been to one. All I can say is, if you have to be crazy to ride the subway at night, you have to be beyond crazy to try and ride a 2,000 pound bull who does not like you very much.

On a more serious subject, some of you may be aware that recently a verdict of \$28 million was awarded in a Pennsylvania case involving a non-member who allegedly was improperly served alcohol while attending an Elks sponsored function. That individual was subsequently involved in a car accident that resulted in several fatalities. The verdict held the Pittsburg area Elks Lodge 40% responsible, and that Lodge is now closed.

As a result of these events, all Lodges have been instructed to reinforce Lodge policies prohibiting the service of alcoholic beverages to anyone who appears to be intoxicated or is approaching intoxication. Our bar staff has been instructed accordingly.

I remind you of our policy for members: If you are unsure if you can drive, please ask the bartender to call a taxi for you. If you do not have enough money to pay for a taxi, the bartender will pay for the taxi and that amount will be added to your tab, to be repaid the next day.

This flows somewhat naturally into my next serious subject: harassment. Our policy on harassment appears elsewhere in this issue of the Antler. Please read it. Harassment can involve a member vs. another member, or a Lodge employee vs. a member and/or the Lodge. Issues between members are resolved through the various processes set forth in our statutes and by-laws, ranging from incident reports to House Committee complaints to subordinate forums. An allegation of harassment asserted by an employee, however, may wind up being a matter handled by a court or other regulatory agency. It is important to remember that with regard to employees, each one of us has an obligation to refrain from inappropriate conduct. Issues with a bartender should not be addressed by a member, but should instead be reported to the Club

A Message From The Leading Knight Jim Moyer



Hello Fellow Elks,
Happy July 4th . I would like to invite you to come out and have a delicious pancake breakfast with us . The price is so low it is a sin if you don't. We hold down the price so you will have a good breakfast for a great price. All your friends will be there so don't be left out.

The lodge is looking for the support it needs to staff and run it. We need help. We need the new members to get involved. We also need to re-engage our older and experienced members to teach and fill in to show the new members what it takes to staff and run the Lodge. Many of our older members do this and I THANK YOU. So if you want the Lodge to remain as great as it is today, we need to grow it, love it and volunteer.

Jim Moyer, Leading Knight

Renovations

In response to questions from a number of members regarding the status of the bar renovation project, we intend to begin renovations in early August, after the funds necessary to complete the project become available. The completion time for the renovation is expected to be between 2 and 3 weeks, during which period bar service will be provided from a temporary bar. To avoid delay and possible injury, we ask members to stay out of the lounge during construction. We are in the process of working on logistics for continued Lodge operations during the construction period, and we will provide further information in the near future.

Dan Martyn

Lodge Renovation Committee Chair

Manager. Any issue with the Club Manager should be reported to Jim Moyer as bar liaison.

In short, we come to the Lodge to enjoy ourselves and socialize with members. While we may find that we like or dislike certain people more than others, every member and employee deserves to be treated cordially and with respect. In the words each member heard from the Loyal Knight at initiation: "do under others as we would they should do unto us."

Dan Martyn

Exalted Ruler

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A Message From The Lecturing Knight Donna Leary



Dear Members,

Here we are and summer is upon us; time is flying.

For those of you that didn't attend the ENF "FUN"-raiser/Barn Dance, you missed a great time. The best part is that we sold out of tickets and I can't ask for more than that. Remember to get your tickets early next time so that you are not left out. There are

several people that I need to thank and if I forget to mention someone I apologize up front!

The ambience came from different directions; Pete Jackson, Jim Porter and Tom Corrigan. They all contributed saddles, hides, blankets, lanterns, etc., which added to the atmosphere.

My thanks go to Mary and Mike Flannery, John Moran, Faye Stevens, Debbie Hawthorne, Sherri Jones, Kathy Moye, Karen Martyn, Coleen Morris, Christine Harrison, Sage Irwin, Jessica Stull, John Duhig and Evie Herrera. I certainly couldn't have pulled this event off without all of their help. They sold tickets, they served food, they made baskets, they ran errands and took the tickets at the door. I also have to thank the staff in the bar for all of their efforts to sell the tickets as well and to quench everyone's thirst.

Jay Dupler (ENF district Chairman) and his wife Kristi joined us even after a very busy day up at the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo. John Duhig sold tickets to members from different lodges. Bill Horst (our caller) tried to get everyone up and dancing and guided us through the steps. I myself found out that I have two left feet and that for some reason the message from my brain to my feet was certainly lost in translation.

Between the ticket sales, baskets and 50/50, we raised almost \$4,200; minus the expenses of food, some baskets items, decorations and the caller, we sent almost \$3,700 to the Elks National Foundation. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The next ENF "FUN"-raiser will be our Pre-Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving on Saturday, July 26th. This will be a traditional dinner with all the trimmings. Who said you can only have Thanksgiving once a year? Reservations will be required and more information will be coming your way shortly

Changing gears, I would like to thank Bill Miller, Bill and Billy Sternberg for their dedication to our scouts. For those of you that have not been to an Eagle Court, you are missing something special. These boys that strive to become an Eagle are our future and I feel comfortable in knowing that we are in good hands. Also, for those of you that don't know, Bill Sternberg hand carves and whittles kerchief slides for these scouts. These

slides are carved out of a single piece of wood which have three moving pieces within each other. You have to see them to appreciate his work. I think he is actually a magician.

Don Sable is also dedicated and very enthusiastic to make a difference in our drug awareness program which has been lacking. He is doing his homework and looking for directions that will engage our youth. Having been a pharmacist, Don understands the problems that our youth face every day. Rick Herrera is always working to get funds for our scholarship program. As I have said before, this is where you can contribute to your lodge and youth. Drop off your recycling and he and his team will do the rest. This is the simplest way you can make a difference.

Watch for future events and get involved. It's the right thing to do, every little bit helps.

Thank you,
Donna Leary Lecturing Knight
ENF Chairperson



Lifeline Screening Results

On March 7th Thousand Oaks Elks lodge allowed Lifeline Screening to use our facility to screen our lodge members as well as community members. For the most part, we are in pretty good shape.

Here are the general results from the screening:

Carotid Artery Disease: Screened:56 - found 1 possible need of follow up.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm: Screened 52 - found 1 Aneurysm

Peripheral Arterial Disease: Screened 54 - found 3 abnormal

Atrial Fibrillation: Screened 55 - found 2 critical:0

Total Cholesterol Test: Screened 15 - found 4 to be high

Glucose: Screened 15 14 normal - found 1 Pre- diabetes

If you were one of the where they "found" something of concern, you would have already been notified. Next opportunity for screening will be announced in the Antler Antics.

Hi Jim -

Thank you so much for the blood drive on Saturday. It was an excellent turnout and we really appreciate all you did to help get us there again and get the word out about the blood drive. We collected 42 pints of blood, which is definitely a record number there, and many lives will be saved because of it.

Thanks again!!

Sherie DeVillers

Sr. Donor Recruitment Representative
United Blood Services

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

Keep in your Prayers

Tom & Kathy Ryder

On the Mend

Billy Sternberg
Reino Hilden
Jerry Feldman
Bill Miller
John Leadam
Pat Halfhill

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

July Birthdays

Marshall Matz	02	Bob Stevens	15
Marc Donovan	03	Rick Bennett	17
Kay Magill	04	Roy Sapp Jr	17
Donald Booker, Per	05	Karin Speights	17
Steve Santa	05	Donald Sabol	19
Joel Warren	05	Daniel Hawkins	20
Dainis Eglitis	06	Gregory Lockwood	20
Carl Lanterman	09	Debra Hawthorne	22
Gregory Bolin	10	David McGuire	24
Michael Flannery	10	Brock Younker	24
Steven Kammerer	10	Diane Scott	25
Marian Anderson	12	Don Ansell, Per	26
Chester Kozlowski, Per	12	John Leadam	26
William Smail	13	James Moye	26
Lester Hight	14	Donald Long	27
Reino Hilden	14	Walter Eagan Jr	28
Johnny Mello	14	David Grannis	28
Wilson Dyer	15	Lynn Rodriguez	28
		Richard Case	31

The Crying Towel



May 7th 1st capsule drawing
\$500 Mike Idol.

2nd capsule drawing \$375 Lester Hight not present. Lucky 13
Donna Leary no winner.

May 28th 1st capsule drawing
\$500 Bobby Williams. Present
Winner!!!!

2nd capsule drawing \$400
George Hess not present Lucky
13 Andrew McDonald no winner.

Calendar Highlights

July 4 Pancake Breakfast

July 11 Night At The Races

July 24 Let's Make A Deal Fundraising Trip

July 26 ENF Pre-ThanksGiving Dinner

July 30 Purple Pig Chicken Marsala Dinner & Major
Project Vision Screening Presentation

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Alan Hardie
Ben Rieger (52 club)
Bobby Williams (Century Club)
Coleen Morris
Dan Martyn
Darryl Kopacz
Diane Scott
Gregg Miraglia
Jon Preston
Karen Martyn
Karin Speights
Kira Wagner
Pam Price
Pati Harrod
Paul Wagner
Rick Herrera
Robert Jones
Robert Williams (Century Club)
Steve Smith
Terry Gicking DDGER
Tommy Claunch



Duty Officers

7/3-7	Pam Price
7/10-14	Pati Harrod
7/17-21	David Naccarato
7/24-28	Gregg Miraglia
7/31-8/4	Dan Martyn

A Message From The Secretary David Naccarato



I would like to answer a couple of recent questions addressed to the Secretary.

A member who has been dropped from the roll for non-payment has 30 days to pay their dues and continue without any repercussions. Once the delinquency has gone beyond that period, the member is treated as a

brand new member with one exception – they do not need to repeat the initiation process. They may, if they choose, but it's not mandatory. What IS mandatory is investigation and orientation. This allows us the opportunity to determine and evaluate the reason why they left as well as ensure that the potential member is aware of changes in our programs. We currently have 40 on the delinquent list for which this Lodge has paid their \$22 Grand Lodge assessment totaling \$880.

Some of you have asked about the different wheelchair I have been using. We were at State Convention and the Westin is so spread out that they cart people to and from their rooms in large 6 passenger golf carts. So, to make a long story short, my wife is in one cart along with about 3 others and they are passing me in my wheel chair. Well, the driver zigged when he should have zagged and low-and-behold he ran me over. I'm OK, but it actually broke my chair in half. I'm now in a loaner. It reminds me of a Rambler my Dad used to own...

I leave you with this "You don't know how much of a shadow you'll throw.....until you stand up".

David Naccarato PER, Lodge Secretary

In The Kitchen

Sundays: All Breakfasts except Kampers are \$4/\$5/\$7

July 6-Newbies - July 13-Officers - July 20-Elk Ladies

July 27-Kampers

Tuesdays: \$2 buck Tuesdays

Wednesday July 30: Purple Pig Fund-raiser Dinner Chicken Marsala \$10 or FULL Pig

Thursdays: July 24: Ladies Fundraiser Trip to Let's Make A Deal

Fridays:

July 4: Pancake Breakfast 9am-12pm- Open to Public -\$5 adults/\$2 children ---

Bar Hours: 10 am-6p

July 11: Dinner by Pati Harod Green Chili Enchiladas-\$10



July 18: Fish Fry-\$10
Music by Pier 101

July 25: Dinner by The Pilots Mexican Fiesta-\$10

Saturday July 26: ENF Fundraiser Pre-Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner-\$15

New Members



Andrew MacDonald
Sponsored by David Naccarato



Jerry Humphries
Sponsored by John Peterson



Angelique Milner
Sponsored by John Peterson



Amanda Skoczek
Sponsored by Cherri Peterson

Purple Pig Update

“That will happen when pigs fly” is a saying we often use to describe the impossible, yet it pretty much sums up what happens when you combine the concerns of loving parents, visionary Elks and dedicated therapists.

This year’s theme child is Ethan Kempton and this YouTube video <http://bit.ly/elks2014> along with his history proves that any one of us can certainly fly given the care and nurturing opportunity of our Purple Pig / Major Project.

Ethan was born on June 16, 2006 and the birth was complicated by the umbilical cord being wrapped around his neck, cutting off oxygen to his brain. Ethan did not breathe immediately and he was in the neonatal intensive care unit for a week before being discharged. Prior to his third birthday, Ethan had limited language and no two-word phrases. Additionally, his poor large and small motor skills made it difficult for him to perform such activities as buttoning clothes, catching a ball, using a crayon, riding a bike and athletic activities in general. Things many of us tend to take for granted. This was just a small sample of the challenges Ethan faced before Mavis Johnson, the Occupational Therapist that has been working with him, came into his life in 2011.

When you watch the video you’ll have the chance to hear more of Ethan’s story and, as our ER Dan Martyn mentioned at one of the meetings this past month, you’ll be amazed when you see him dance with his Mom (and the rest of the family gets into the act).

Please take a moment to watch and see a small example of one family’s transformation made possible by YOUR dollars. YOU make it possible for us to help so many children that would be given up for “lost” and often put in long term care facilities as a result of a doctor’s recommendation and a family’s despair.

Remember, CHEMPI (California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.) is a unique program that funds 32 paid therapists and preschool vision screeners, hired by CHEMPI, to help disabled children when no other organizations can or will.

Thank you again for all of your support!

Sincerely,
Kira Wagner, Purple Pig Chair
kira@kirawagner.com



Join us on July 30th for our 5th Wednesday



Purple Pig Dinner

FREE with a full pig or \$10 donation
we will have a CHEMPI Therapist that evening to tell
us a little more about what goes on in the program
and how we are helping them!
Chicken Marsala by Paul & Kira Wagner

FRIDAY JULY 11

6:00PM

Gary, Pati, Papa Bob and

Green Chili Enchiladas



\$10.00

805- 496-4550

Margaritas
from 5-8pm
\$3 US Pesos

Authentic New Mexico style w/ Beans & Rice

Limited amount will be made. Don't get left out.

Strongly Recommend Reservations

805-496-2477

A Message From The Grand Exalted Ruler Millard C. Pickering

“In all things, give thanks’ has new meaning”



When Susanne settled on that phrase for her pin last year we thought we had a clear concept of what it meant: To recognize the small things we do for others every day as a way of accepting, as St. Thérèse wrote, that not everyone can do the great ones.

As our journey has progressed now to the end of the term our understanding of that phrase has broadened and deepened with the many experiences we have had. Wherever our travels have taken us we have seen the best the Elks community has to offer and spent quality time with the Best People On Earth.

We have seen the joy in the face of a challenged child experiencing normalcy for the first time in the caring environment of a treatment center. We have shared in the wonderful “shoot-for-the-moon” optimism of young scholars as they see their future open up because of winning a great scholarship.

We watched men and women who had never felt the satisfaction of being productive citizens proudly display the fruits of their labors.

Who could not be moved watching a young child set aside the tears and pain of cancer treatment by sorting through the “Owie Box” to find that special toy or the grizzled veteran wiping away a tear after realizing his service and sacrifice has not been forgotten?

These are but a few of the great experiences you have shared with us this year, each more than worthy of gratitude and recognition. But the cumulative effect of all that our membership provides is immense, indeed.

So as we close this marvelous experience we find it challenging to fully comprehend the many things the Order achieved this year. It could be that, even after looking back on this time and reviewing the many mementos and pictures of our visits, we will still be unable to fully grasp the magnitude of what so many living, giving, caring and sharing Elks accomplished in the year past. But we will ever be thankful for all things – great and small.

From GL Newsletter, July 2014 GER Message

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

At this year's 2nd annual CVD Outhouse Races held at Conejo Valley Days, Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 returned as the defending champions. As many may not know, this year we won "Best of Show" and took second place in the races. We have the trophies in the office (toilet seats with badges--we had the fastest toilet in town). This year our theme was the “Little Grasssssssss Shack” and the outhouse was built by member Tom Hartin. Last year's design really gave us an advantage. It is required that there is a driver in the outhouse and, as I am the driver, we used a wheelchair to build from and we were fast. This year there were a lot of wheelchairs being used. While I was dressed as Kyle Busch (NASCAR stock car racing driver), I had a secret weapon this year – youth! Pushing was Timothy Long, son of member Donald and Donna Long, and his best friend Eli Reeves. The races are structured like bracket races and we won them all (well, almost). We ran the semi-main event and it was so close that they could not tell who won, so they had us immediately run again. This time it was a landslide but then they had us go right into the main event while our competition, the girls' soccer team from CLU, had a couple of “brackets” until being rested. Fading a bit at the 3/4 mark Timothy and Eli met the challenge and put on a good show to retain our championship status. Timothy and Eli had a great time and are looking forward to next year.



If you want to be involved with the races, so we can bring back the crown to Thousand Oaks Elks, let me or Tom Hartin know and we'll all get together and plan our strategy for next year.

David Naccarato PER
Lodge Secretary

Veterans - by Carl Lanterman

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.

June was full of behind-the-scenes activity related to the following events. This is an update from last month's article.

The **Ventura County Stand Down** will take place from July 25-27th. See details at our new website:

www.vcstanddown.org

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 between July 20-23. 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. Please contact Carl or Art if you are interested.

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

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

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

July 4, 1802 – West Point Academy Opens
July 2, 1926 – U.S. Army Air Corps established
July 4th – Independence Day
July 1945 – World War II Allies hold the Potsdam Conference
July 26, 1948 – President Truman issues Executive Order No. 9981 Desegregating the Military
July 24, 1953 – Final U.S. ground combat of the Korean War began
July 27, 1953 – Korean War ended; National Korean War Armistice Day



Past VC Standdown Participation

El Konejo Kampers

Kampers at POINT MUGU – MAY 2014

Very interesting/unusual. I arrived shortly after noon, could have fired a cannon down our row, never hitting a thing! I went out, everywhere I joined a few, they disbursed like I had the plague – come on folks, and I took a shower before I came.

Parked diagonally across from me who I thought were the Drakes. I could only see the top of the woman's head – blonde – what in heaven's name had Deb done to her hair? Wrong – it was Virginia Pucket Grindley, John's sister. Had no clue he had a sister, never mind THREE!

Thursday remained relatively quiet for this group. So quiet, I don't remember what happened that evening/night.

Asked Jim Porter several times when/if Sherri was coming. Trying to get a straight answer from him what like asking one of the sea gulls.

Talk about late arrivals, the Dows pulled in at 1:30 am. Poor Donna had been asleep, but said she didn't have too much trouble going back to sleep.

Friday was a quiet morning. Finally that afternoon Donna got out a puzzle, wahoo, Donna, Deb, Sue and I spent the majority of the time putting that together.

Friday evening was happy hour, everyone was out, we did our usual, and then everyone scuttled back to their rigs. I when out about 9:00 and Donna was sitting by the fire alone. The temperature was very pleasant, with no wind at all.

Although we had our share plus of wind during the weekend.

Stella and Mike's daughters were a kick in the behind. Jenna and Sara are twins, definitely fraternal; you would NEVER recognize them as twins. Jenna is a well-built young lady soft ball player, and Sara is very petite, gymnast type. Speaking of Sara, that girl is perpetual motion. She attached herself to Sherri Jones with an energy I wish

could be bottled.

Donna is one hard act to follow. She had decorations, beach theme, so cute. She always goes over and above, making the rest of us look a little out of step. For feature wagon masters – don't even consider competing – NOT NECESSARY!

Saturday brunch, put on by the Collerans and Drakes was fabulous. Pancakes to die for, sausage, bacon (some cooked to my liking – limp, crispy for others).

Saturday afternoon, a corn hole tournament. Marathon. Had a terrible time keeping Tina Dow and Jan Stockton apart. Felt like a fool, sitting there routing for Tina calling her Jan. I swear to my eyes, they could be sisters, in the end, John and Virginia were first, Tina and Jeannie were second and Mike and Sherri were third. Almost forgot to mention that Sara (little bit of a thing) got THREE bags in the hole in one game. I can't even throw the stupid bags far enough. What I got was sunburn on the top of my virgin white feet. Still have the perfect design of my sandals on them. (only one bonehead trick I pulled for the weekend)

Saturday evening potluck, again awesome food. Steve cooked salmon and halibut from Alaska – oh my goodness, he worked most of the afternoon preparing these amazing fish. Interesting information comes out occasionally. Learned Judy Nemtusak does not eat fish, interesting considering her religious background.

Second bonehead move. Sunday morning, came out of the motor home, coffee in on hand, dogs leashes in the other, started to sit on the concrete bench, slid right off onto the ground. I'd probably still be sitting there, if not for Virginia coming to my rescue. Wow, that really stung – right TWO broken ribs. Fortunately, I was able to get the rig home, and my grandson parked it, doing all the necessary things.

Kind of a crummy end to an otherwise great campout.



See more pics at: [Pat Halfhill
elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com](http://PatHalfhill.elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com)





Gatherings at the lodge - dinners & WCCD VP Bob Alvaraz Visitation June 14

2014-2015 Committee CHAIRPERSONS

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Marian Anderson
2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Barbara Gibbs
SECRETARY: Mary Woodlief
TREASURER: Anne Tebbetts-Frankl
AUDITOR: Beth Kozlowski
COMMUNICATONS: Mary Flannery
& Carol Fredericks

THE ELKS LADIES Lynn Rodriguez



2013-2014 Committee CHAIRPERSONS

PARLIMENTARIAN: Jessica Stull
CHAPLAIN: Barbara Gibbs
MAJOR PROJECT: Carol Stewart-Larson
SUNSHINE: June Leadam
HISTORIAN: Jeri Miller

On May 20th, the Elks Ladies continued their new fund-raising venture, “**On Camera Audiences**”, with the second show. We had a group of 22 people participate at the Chelsea Lately Show taped at NBC Universal Studios.

I want to thank all those people who attended and supported our fundraiser. We will continue to host these live tapings in the future as long as there is continued participation from Elks Ladies, Elks and your family and friends! All the monies that we raise through these live tapings are for the Lodge and will be contributed to both ENF and Major Project.

The next show that we will be hosting is “Let’s Make a Deal”, so come dressed in a costume and have the opportunity to not only be a part of the audience, but the chance of being chosen as a contestant on the show to win cash and prizes.

For further information or to RSVP on a first come first serve basis for this show taping on Thursday July 24th, you can either sign up at the Lodge or contact Lynn Rodriguez at 805-449-4282 or email lynnarchbold@aol.com.



Come with us July 24th

July Birthdays:

4 Kay Magill
8 Denise Burns
12 Diane Lovato
22 Audrey Huffman
28 Frances Bodenhamer
28 Lynn Rodriguez
30 Barbara Booker



Inspirational

Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about what happens to you. Father, thank you for your loving care and for giving us fathers to love and care for us down here on earth. Help us to always trust in You during times of fear and anxiety and through threatening situations and concerns of life. Let us find peace without worry in the many promises from You. We pray in your precious name, Amen.

HARASSMENT VIOLATES THE LAW

STATEMENT OF OUR NO HARASSMENT POLICY AND REPORTING PROCEDURE:

Federal and state laws and Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 (herein called the Lodge) prohibit discrimination against members, guests, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, pregnancy, or sexual orientation. Discrimination is also prohibited on the basis of a perception that a person has any of the above characteristics, or that a person is associated with a person who has, or is perceived to have, any of the above characteristics. Federal and state laws and Lodge policy also prohibit retaliation against anyone who has expressed a good faith concern about unlawful discrimination or harassment against himself or another individual, or who has participated in the investigation of any such concern.



Harassment based on these characteristics (whether actual, perceived, or by association) is also prohibited. Harassment consists of unwelcomed conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual. The Lodge will not tolerate harassing conduct on these bases that affects tangible job benefits, that interferes unreasonably with an individual's work performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. The Lodge does not allow anyone, including any member, supervisor, co worker, vendor, client, or customer, to unlawfully harass lodge members, guests, employees, or applicants for employment. Harassment is also prohibited against any person providing services to the Lodge pursuant to a contract, as that term is defined by the Fair Employment and Housing Act.

This policy applies at all Lodge sponsored social events, as well as activities at which any member or employee represents the Lodge.

Harassment can include jokes, slurs, innuendoes, and the display of cartoons, posters, or other materials.

Sexual harassment deserves particular mention. Unwelcomed sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other physical, verbal, or visual conduct based on sex are not allowed. This includes such things as sexual innuendos, suggestive comment, sexually suggestive posters or other materials, suggestive or insulting sounds, looks, or gestures, and physical contact such as patting, pinching, or brushing against another's body. Obviously, more severe forms of harassment, such as assault and sexual assault are also prohibited.

All Elk's lodge members and employees are responsible for helping insure that we avoid unlawful harassment. If you feel that you, another member or employee, or an independent contractor have been harassed in violation of this policy, you should immediately notify Exalted Ruler Dan Martyn, Lodge Secretary David Naccarato, or Chair of the Membership Committee, Catherine Koeritz.

It is the Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 policy to investigate all concerns about unlawful harassment thoroughly and promptly, and to take appropriate remedial steps. This can include discipline of the harasser up to and including termination, loss of house privileges, suspension or expulsion. To the fullest extent that is practical, the concern, the investigation, and the resolution of the concern, will be kept confidential. The Lodge will not allow retaliation against anyone who has expressed concern about harassment or who has participated in an investigation.

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EXALTED RULER Dan Martyn
LEADING KNIGHT Jim Moye
LOYAL KNIGHT Mike Flannery
LECTURING KNIGHT Donna Leary
SECRETARY Dave Naccarato, PER
TREASURER Pati Harrod
TILER Gregg Miraglia
ESQUIRE Billy Sternberg
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ORGANIST Karin Speights
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Pam Price 1 Year
Sam Frankl 2 Year
Steve Smith, PER 3 Year
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2014-15 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Leading Knight

Bar Liaison – Jim Moye

Major Project/Purple Pig – Kira Wagner

BLT – Jim Moye

Elks National Foundation – Donna Leary

Christmas Basket Program – Jim Moye

Community Activities – Jim Moye

Sickness and Distress – Coleen Morris

Charity Matters – Jim Moye

El Konejo Kampers – Jim Moye

Christmas Tree Lot – Ben Rieger

2014-15 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations – Mike Flannery

Lodge Activities – Mike Flannery

Flag Day Service, Retirement – Bill Sternberg

Government Relations – Dan Martyn

Elks Memorial Service – Karen Martyn

Veterans – Carl Lanterman

Public Relations – Lynn Rodriguez

Conejo Valley Days – Tom Hartin

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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Mon, Tue, Thur: 10 - 8 PM
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 Metzger, 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 Sleight	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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1996-97 *Jack Loughran	

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