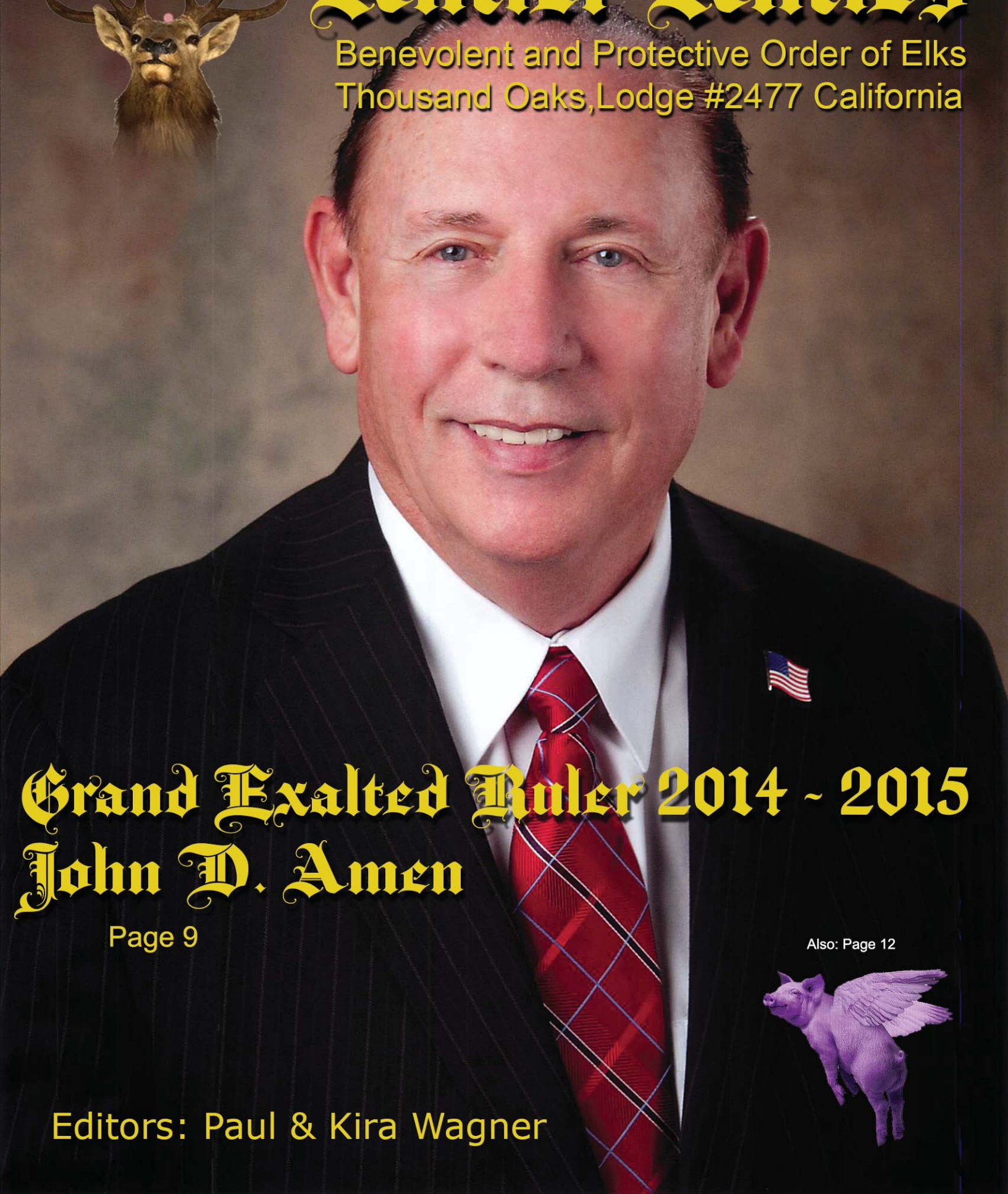




Antler Antics

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



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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!

Lodge Picnic	September 1
Blood Drive	November 22

DD Visitation - OCTOBER 16

More Information Next Month!

Grand Lodge Convention...The Walk



ELK OF THE MONTH



Rick Herrera

Rick Herrera is Elk of the Month for August. Rick is chairman of our Scholarship Committee, and works tirelessly raising funds for our program by promoting our recycling project. It

takes a lot of work to turn glass and plastic (only CA redeemable please) into cash that is turned into much needed scholarships for graduating high school seniors. Rick rarely misses a Lodge meeting and always brings his cell phone. A-MEN.

Thanks Rick, 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



Association Vice President Bob Alvarez's visitation was well attended by representatives of our Lodge as well as many other Lodges in our district. Bob and his wife Myrna were very appreciative of the warm reception they received, and were most complimentary to our kitchen crew and servers. Kudos to Jim Porter and his kitchen crew and Angie Porter and her servers. If I had known

that Jim had a ten pound meatloaf left, I am sure I could have auctioned it off for at least \$100 to one of our visiting Elk brothers or sisters. Thanks to Donna Leary and Kathy Moye for all of their help, and my very special thanks to my First Lady Karen, who helped me put the event together and was a terrific hostess.

Bob Alvarez's visitation included a meeting with our Lodge officers and committee chairs to review each committee's results and future plans. Our next visitation will be from DDGER Robert Schrum in October. That visitation will involve, among other things, a financial review.

While our Club and barbeque operations currently are performing at an acceptable level, a recent audit by Grand Lodge was very critical of the financial results for the kitchen. Although we have seen some recent improvement in the numbers, the bottom line is that while we do not expect a large net profit from the kitchen, we cannot afford to suffer a loss. I also emphasize that this problem is not a recent one and it isn't unique to our Lodge; many Lodges struggle with kitchen operations, and the problem at our Lodge has existed for years. Unfortunately, we can no longer dodge the issue.

Your House Committee will be reviewing kitchen operations and finances to determine what adjustments should be considered in terms of meal services and prices, and we have already decided to adjust our Sunday breakfast pricing by increasing each breakfast category (\$4-\$5-\$7) by \$1, to \$5-\$6 or \$8, depending on the meal chosen. The price for a Bloody Mary or Mimosa will also be increased by the same amount, to \$3.

In discussions regarding price increases, I have on more than one occasion been reminded that members pay dues and expect to pay less than "full retail". First, our pricing, even with recent increases, remains more than competitive. Second, dues are used to cover various administrative expenses. Dues do not cover operating expenses. Basically, the bar, kitchen and barbeque must operate profitably in order to cover the operating expenses of the Lodge including food and bar supplies, salaries, maintenance and repairs, taxes and utilities: gas, electric, etc.

I share this information with you because it has surprised me in the past that many members were uninformed about the financial realities of Lodge operations, and believed

A Message From The Leading Knight Jim Moye



Hello Fellow Elks,
Well we did it again. Everyone who went on our bus trip to Laughlin had a great time. If you didn't make the last Laughlin trip do not despair, Dave and Annie are talking about putting another trip together in January. Over \$1,100 generated by this event went to the Lodge Renovation fund.

Golfers, start putting your foursomes together for our annual Golf Tournament in September at Sunset Hills. Fliers will be coming out shortly but you can contact David Pearson for more information.

Our July 4th pancake breakfast was a great success. We served over 130 breakfasts. With a little practice we will get this event down pat. Thanks to Mike Flannery, Jim Mullen, Donna Leary, Kathy Moye, David Naccarato, Pam Price (Our Duty Officer) and our ER Dan Martyn for a job well done. And thanks to all of you who came out and supported our efforts.

David Naccarato is hosting Bingo on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm so for those of you who are looking for a little afternoon delight, come on down. This is open to the public so tell your friends.

Social functions such as these do not just happen, they require planning, coordination, a lot of volunteer time and effort, and finally, the response of the membership through participation. Thank you all for your support and let's keep it moving forward.

It is getting close to Charity Basket time. I will be selling 50/50 tickets to raise money for those families who will receive our Christmas gifts.

Remember - Purple Pig = Helping Disabled Children.

Fraternally,
Jim Moye
Leading Knight



that their dues supported our day to day operating expenses. As we watch our expenses increasing (have you purchased a pound of bacon lately?), it is the responsibility of your officer corps to take necessary steps to maintain profitable Lodge operations.

Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts or concerns about these matters with me. You can email me at the address below, or talk to me at the Lodge - I am there regularly.

Dan Martyn
Exalted Ruler
danmartyn2477@aol.com

A Message From The Lecturing Knight Donna Leary



Dear Members,

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the 4th of July pancake breakfast. If you weren't there you really missed out and you need to make sure it is on your calendar for next year. You have not had a pancake until you have had Mike Flannery's pancakes. All I'm saying is that they are delicious and worth

twice the cost.

If you missed out on the Laughlin trip you might want to consider signing up the next time around. It was a great trip and Dave and Annie Pearson deserve a standing ovation. They do an excellent job on organizing everything. You don't have to worry about anything except having a great time. If you are not a gambler, no worries, there are several things you can do, or just enjoy the company and laughs with friends.

Did you know that there is an easy way to donate to the Elks National Foundation every time you shop with Amazon? The next time you shop just sign up for "smile.amazon.com". It is very easy and you can enter Elks National Foundation as the charity to which you would like to make your donation. Trust me, if I can do it you can do it. It is as simple as one, two, three! Smile.amazon.com will donate 0.5% every time you order. What could be easier than that? I myself am on a first name basis with Amazon, and now I am making a donation to ENF at the same time. Talk about killing two birds with one stone!

Watch your calendars for upcoming events and remember that you can always donate to the Scholarship Fund by dropping your CA redeemable bottles and cans off at the Lodge.

Thank you,
Donna Leary Lecturing Knight
ENF Chairperson

RENOVATIONS

Although we had hoped to commence renovation of the lounge in August, unfortunately we have not yet received our building permit from Grand Lodge. We hope to complete this process and commence work on the project in the near future.

Dan Martyn
ER & Renovation Chair

4 August 2014

A Message From The Loyal Knight Mike Flannery



The practice of members making reservations for dinners seems to be working pretty well. The Kitchen crews are getting an idea of how many meals they need to plan for and how much food they need to buy. But we still have one small problem. Most of the reser-

vations are being made on Thursday evening or Friday afternoon. This results in last minute rushing in an effort to get enough food. Please try to make your reservations by Wednesday evening at the latest.

Attendance at some of the dinners and breakfasts in recent weeks has dropped sharply. Serving twelve and thirteen breakfasts on a Sunday morning is hardly worthwhile. We will continue to monitor all activities and make any changes necessary.

Please try to remember: when you leave dirty dishes, or pots and pans, or trash and garbage in the kitchen, it only means that another Elk will have to clean up after you.

Please try to leave the kitchen clean and with everything put away.

Thank You

Mike Flannery
Loyal Knight



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!

August Birthdays

Darryl Kopacz	1	Mike Violano	13
James Mullen	1	Jan King	14
Erle Pittman	1	Ralph Vashaw	14
Janine Van Poppelen	1	J Ball	15
William Maxwell	2	Donald Skinner	17
Mike Ferragamo	3	James Barker	18
R Routh	3	Jane Watson	20
Robert Wissusik	3	Jerry Humphries	21
Harold Constantine	4	Richard Lucariello	22
William Doody	4	Jesse Garcia	23
Michael Kissick	4	Joel Erickson	24
Joe Medrano	4	Leslie Donovan	25
Louis Reis	6	Myrna Block	26
Steven Ogden	11		



The Crying Towel

June 4th capsule drawing \$500 Billy Sternberg not present.
Lucky 13 \$60 Dan Martyn no winner
June 18th capsule drawing \$500 Louise Bremmer not present
Lucky 13 \$75 Bobby Williams no winner
June 25th capsule drawing \$500 Jerry Humphries not present
Lucky 13 \$90 Mike Flannery no winner

A transfer for Frederick McCord of Glendale Lodge has been received by the office. Fred will be investigated and we will ballot on August 6th

Francine Pitasse is being sponsored by Cathie Capolino. Francine will be Initiated August 27th.

Calendar Highlights

8/1 Chicken Cacciatore & Dancing
8/3 Breakfast Ed Rice & Crew 9:30 am
8/5 Ladies Meeting 7 pm
8/6 Pulled Pork \$5
8/8 Veterans Bingo Sepulveda / Beef Short Ribs at Lodge \$10
8/9 Elks Ladies Appreciation Lunch
8/10 Breakfast by Miraglia and Crew 9:30 am
8/14 Bingo by PowerDave 2 pm
8/15 Fish Fry \$10
8/23 BBQ at Camarillo Air Show
8/24 Breakfast by PER's
8/27 New Member Initiation
8/30 Chicken Marsala "When Pigs Fly" Fundraiser



Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris (Century Club)(Millennium Club)
Barbara Gibbs (Century Club)
Cheryl Templeton (Century Club)
Steve Finnerty (Century Club)(Millinium Club)
Gregg Miraglia (Century Club)
Alan Hardie (Century Club)
Bill Sternberg (Century Club)
Paul Stein
Pam Price (Century Club)
El Konejo Kampers (52 Club)
Dan Martyn
Karen Martyn
Paul Wagner
Kira Wagner (52 Club)
Mike Flannery

Duty Officers

Aug 1 - Aug 2: Dan Martyn
Aug 3 - Aug 9: Sam Frankl
Aug 10 - Aug 16: George Meehan
Aug 17 - Aug 23: ?
Aug 23 - Aug 30: Karen Martyn

A Message From The Secretary David Naccarato



I get asked many question through out the day.Many of which I'm sure others have the same question so I want to put them in the Antler Antics.

A member who has been dropped from the rolls for non-payment has 30 days to pay their dues and come back as if nothing has happened. After that time a member not in good standing and wants to be reinstated is treated like a brand new member except for needing to go through the initiation. They may if they choose but it's not mandatory. What is mandatory is investigation(to find out why they left and could it happen again) and orientation (we may have changed some programs since they left). I feel if a reinstatement balks at those few requirements then their heart is not into it and better ask themselves if this is something they want to do again. Right now we have 40 on the delinquent list that this lodge has already paid their \$22 assessment totaling \$880. I've gotten all different excuses.

We just got done with the International Field Hockey Tournament out at Moorpark College. We have it easy, show up when we want, go home when we want, need one of the days off we take it. I have to hand it to Ed Rice, Jim Mullen and Tom Hartin who put in bell to bell hours. Offsite Barbecuing is something this lodge cannot do with out. The Barbecue is not the cash cow many think it is but it helps. If we didn't make any money I'm sure we would not be doing it but beef prices have gone sky high and now with the drought I hear they will go higher. Many take the beef price plus the bread price and tallys up the score. I have to remind them about the wrapping paper, boats, hot bags propane gas, fee's and entry charges. We have to buy sauce, garlic salt and pepper, plastic utensils and slicer up keep. We didn't attend this event last year and we had a bad turn out at CVD last year so we are still playing catch up. The people that run the Moorpark event called and asked, no begged us to come back. They had teams who would not make the trip if we didn't bring our Tri-tip sandwiches.The Trustees has us at \$13,000 for this years CVD we did \$13,200. We brought in \$6,800 in Moorpark. On the line we had Steve McGee, Herb Jellander, Dave Anderson, Gerry Gillies, Ed Rice , Tom Hartin, Louis Reis, and Jim Mullen . Inside Faye Stevens, Christine Harrison and Bill McIntyre. I was on drink patrol outside. We also had Jill Williams team at the lodge performing at their best as normal but to throw them a curve ball(nothing is easy here) we had a special order for three hockey teams from San Diego plus a private function here at the lodge. If I missed someone I'm sorry I can always print a retraction. The bills are paid we all still have our fingers and saw some good Field Hockey action.

Now follow me here, we are at State Convention. The Westin is so spread out they cart people to and from their rooms in golf carts. Large 6 passenger golf carts. To make a long story short My wife is in one cart along with about 3 others passing me in my wheel chair. Well the driver zigged when I should have sagged and low and behold he ran me over. Broke my chair in half. I'm now in a loaner. 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

New Members



Scott Yaeger (L) and Sponsor Donna Leary (R)



Jeannie Bateman (R) and Sponsor Steve Chizar



Jeff Connyers (R) and David Naccarato

The Old REAL Recycling.



In line at the grocery store picking up items for our "New kids on the block" breakfast the lady in front of me asked for plastic bags. The cashier mentioned she should think about bringing her own bags

because plastic bags are not good for the environment. The lady apologized and said "we didn't have the green thing back in my day" the cashier said "that's our problem today. The former generation did not try to save our environment" .

I thought about that a minute. I remember returning milk, soda and beer bottles to the store to be washed and reused. That's the same bottle not a new one. *Really* recycled. My Mom walked to the Pigley Wigley grocery store. She didn't fire up a 300 horsepower machine every time she needed to go two blocks. I remember the diaper pales and the smelly messes my sister had to go through with my nephew before the throwaway kind of diaper made it's debut. They dried clothes on a line not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar really did dry clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or

sisters, not always brand new clothing. My mom maybe had one TV or radio in the house with a screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of Montana . In the kitchen she blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. We used old newspaper for cushioning not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap that will stay in a landfill for 30 years. I had a push mower. I didn't burn gas to cut the lawn. I used human power. By doing so I didn't need to spend money to go to a health club to run on treadmills that run on electricity. We drank from a fountain or the garden hose and not reach for a plastic bottle every time we wanted a drink of water. We refilled our pens instead of buying a new one or replace a razor blade instead of buying a whole new one. Back in the day kids rode their bikes to school or took a streetcar instead of turning to their Mom for a ride to school. There was one outlet in a room instead of a whole bank of outlets to power a dozen appliances. We didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint. Isn't it sad that the currant generation laments how wasteful the old generation were just because they didn't have the green thing back then?

Editor's Note: I still like the new things, they give me time to watch more of my Montana. :-)

McDonald's Can Tabs

Thanks everyone for your continuing support of the pull tab program for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and our Veterans. On July 4th, Julie and Bud Vashaw dropped of a huge bag of pull tabs (approx. 13 pounds, that's 16,484 pull tabs). WOW!

Our Greeter, Dorothy Murray, has had a full ziploc sandwich bag of pull tabs every week in 2012 and 2013 and so far in 2014. Even when Dorothy was off visiting her relatives for a few weeks in that far northeastern country of Sweden, she would have a bag of pull tabs for each week. Those are true Elks that care and share.



ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE
Gerry Gillies

Fourth of July Rewind



A Message From The Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen



Marcia and I express our thanks and gratitude for the special help and support we have had from many Elks in leading up to this position, and we promise to fulfill your expectations to the best of our ability. We look forward to seeing you in our travels and making many new friends throughout our nation of Elkdom.

First, let me explain a little bit about our motto this year, “Elks: Elevating America.” Elks elevate, or lift up America by their good works in their communities. The good works make America a better place to live and work. When we go into a Veterans hospital and entertain the patients with a game of cards or a healthy snack we are “Elevating America.” We make our country higher and better than before we performed that voluntary act. When we grant a scholarship to a student who would otherwise miss the opportunity to attend college, we “Elevate America.” The work to educate our young regarding the dangers of illicit drugs carries forward the theme: “Elks: Elevating America.” Likewise, when we help a fellow Elk who is sick or in distress, we are taking a step toward our motto: “Elks: Elevating America.” I think you now have the meaning of what is meant by our motto.

Our per capita goal for our great charity, Elks National Foundation, is continued at \$4.60 per Member. I am hopeful that every Lodge will work hard to meet or surpass this goal and become eligible for the Gratitude Grant and use it to “Elevate America.” There is no better way to show the world that “Care – Share” than a visible community project, financed by our great charity and our individual efforts to meet the per capita goal!

We must also be mindful that “charity begins at home.” We must be sensitive to needs within our ranks and we must keep our Lodges financially sound in order to do our great work. If we keep in mind the true meaning of charity and are loud and proud of our accomplishments, we will achieve our goals.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve this great Order as your national leader. Marcia and I look forward to making many new friends on our journeys and thanking them for “Elevating America.”

P.S. Remember to carry a tri-fold membership application in your pocket – you never know when you might need it.

~ John D. Amen G.E.R.



Dan and Karen Martyn in the Santa Maria Elks Lodge 1538 Parade on the Thousand Oaks Train.

Veterans - by Carl Lanterman

Thank you Coleen Morris for \$300 in gift cards for veterans and their families. Please take donations of cash, gift cards, clothing or others to David in the office.

The **Anacapa Yacht Club** held its third annual disabled veterans sail day on July 20th. The 22nd annual Ventura County Stand Down was held from July 25-27th. See our new website at www.vcstanddown.org
Carl and Steve Lanterman spent many hours working with Claire Hope, founder and CEO of the Ventura County Stand Down to rebuild the website (comments & suggestions appreciated).

Thanks to all those who had some part in the stand down; in next month's Antler, I will have a count of dollars, miles and hours plus other contributions from our lodge. Until then, thanks to all for your donations, to Art Urbano for his hours in helping with transportation, food and other related events, Tom Hartin helping with food & sleeping bags, etc., Rick Herrera & crew for the Saturday lunch, Terry Gicking & crew to build sack lunches at Ventura Lodge for Sunday and provide water & soda, and thanks to Pat von Wittenberg for being there every year as an all-around volunteer.

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. 2nd Friday each month @ 11:30 am at the lodge; average about 24 residents.
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; average about 12 Residents.

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

visit VCStandDown.org

Ventura County Stand Down



El Konejo Kampers

SMALL CAN BE WONDERFUL

The June kampout was held at the Lancaster Elks Lodge. This is a lovely Lodge with a beautiful bar and eating area. The kampout was one of our smaller ones, but very enjoyable to those of us that attended. It was a busy week-end for many families with Father's Day and Graduation which deterred some from coming.

The Flannerys were at the bar when we arrived on Thursday. The Collerans and Ericksons soon joined them for a few afternoon toddies. The bartender was happy to see us and told us 'that we made her day!'. (There were only two other people at the bar.) Sue Osgood and Cheryl Templeton arrived a little later in the day. That was the extent of our group. Five rigs, 8 people and 2 dogs.

We all ambled over to the Lodge that evening for their "Famous Fish Fry". It was well attended by the locals, but we all agreed that our Lodge's fish is better.

Friday morning Ed and Donna went to pick cherries at a local orchard. They got 3-4 pounds not counting the half-pound they ate while picking them. They also went Geo-caching before returning to kamp. The way I understand it, Geo-caching is an adult version of a scavenger hunt. There are sites all over the world.

We all met for lunch at the Lodge. The bartender seemed happy to see us again. After lunch, we all went our separate ways. Sue and Mary went shopping. Sue was looking for an outfit to wear to her son's wedding in July. The poker players (Ed, Joel and Cheryl) were thrilled to find a fourth player, Rudy, the Camp Host. Donna retreated to her rig to do some quilting, Mike to his to do Sudoku and watch whatever

sporting event was on TV and I always enjoy doing my needlework.

We gathered at a lovely little picnic area under the trees Friday evening for appetizers and to watch the King's hockey final. You would think that with so few of us, there would not be enough food for a meal. NOT US! To top the meal off, Joel and I brought a cake and homemade ice cream to celebrate two June anniversaries: Donna and Ed 18 years on Sunday and Mike and Mary 45 years the following Saturday. We dispersed and then gathered at Mike and Mary's to finish watching the Kings win the Stanley Cup.

Mike and Mary left Saturday morning. Being an Officer at the Lodge, Mike had to be there Saturday evening for the State Vice-President's visitation.

The rest of us gathered in the picnic area for brunch and later for a very impressive dinner consisting of homemade pizza, Chicken Caccitore, a wonderful Italian salad and ice cream with a choice of toppings for dessert.

The poker players were able to play in the afternoon with their new found friend (who happily took their money).

We all agreed it was a really nice kampout. Being able to get away from home and spend quality time with friends is enjoyable and important no matter what the surroundings are.

KAMPERS DONATE \$3000 PLUS TO THE LODGE RESTORATION FUND

Where does this money come from??

This money and others raised for Lodge charities comes from the Kampers fund raising activities at the Lodge. The Kampers host a once-a-year corned beef and cabbage dinner fund raiser. This was the major source of the \$3000 plus donation, of which \$2000 has been earmarked for a portable bar. The other source of the Kamper donations comes from the once-a-month Sunday breakfast that the Kampers host. The Kampers prepare a breakfast for an AA group followed by an Elks Sunday breakfast. The monies earned by these events are held in a restricted Lodge account. The disbursement of these funds are selected by the Kampers for Lodge improvements and charities. They are also used to support local and national charities in the Lodge's name.

Submitted by,
Beverly Erickson, Substitute Kampout Reporter



See more pics at:

elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com

New Member Dinner



Elks Make this Happen.

Your generous contributions
let kids to Walk, Talk, See and Play.

Purple Pig Dinner



Chicken Marsala
by Paul & Kira Wagner
\$12 (surprise dessert)

Saturday, August 30th, 6:30 pm

Purchase your tickets in advance
at 805.496.4550

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

In the United States, the Fourth of July is a national holiday when barbeque grills are heated up, beaches are packed and cities and towns have parades and fireworks displays, picnics and patriotic celebrations.

All of this is in remembrance of July 4, 1776, when the 13 American colonies declared their independence from England.

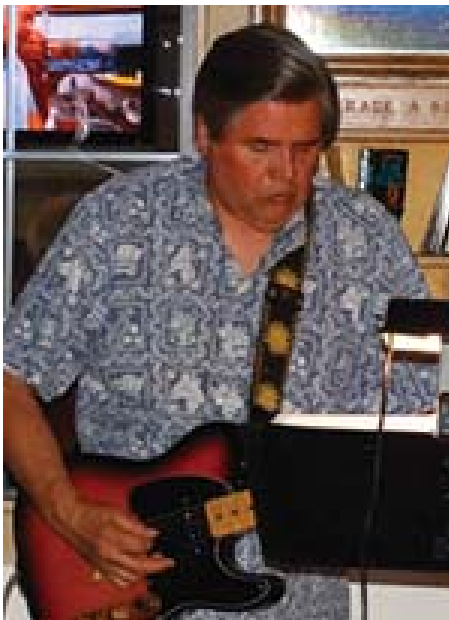
However, freedom has never, in the history of mankind, been free, and there is a cost for freedom in courage and sacrifice--resulting in blood, sweat and tears. But still the craving of personal, political and spiritual independence appeals to us all....

Sickness & Distress

Jeanne Sandt and Margaret Thornton on the mend and Kathy Ryder in our prayers.

On the July 1 meeting it was voted on and approved to change our meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00

Effective August 5



August Birthdays:

2 Sharon Baker
2 Beth Kozlowski
5 Jacque Turner
9 Niki Case
10 Jeanne Sandt
16 Faye Stevens
17 Tina Dow
21 Jean Kammerer
26 Myrna Block
30 Gladys Einnis

Inspirational

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit: for without Me, you can do nothing. John 15:5

Father God,

Thank you for allowing us to live in this great country and for the brave men and women in our armed forces who have sacrificed greatly to preserve our independence, freedom and liberty.

We ask that You will instill in us that our greatest strength comes from You Lord through our recognition and acceptance of our deep spiritual need and dependence on You alone, for without You we can do nothing.

We pray in your Holy name,

Amen

Barbara Gibbs, Chaplain

Thousand Oaks Elks honor 4 Ventura County Eagle Scouts



The new Eagle Scouts from L-R are Brandon Boyd, Cameron Tenn, Thousand Oaks Elk Charles Coughlin and Collin Chamberlain.

The Ventura County Council held an Annual Recognition Dinner for Scouts attaining the rank of Eagle Scout during the past year. Four of the members of Thousand Oaks Elk Lodge honored and sponsored 4 new Eagle Scouts. Countywide, 208 Scouts were advanced to the highest rank in Scouting in the past year. The Elks in the back row L-R, Greg Metzgus, Bill Miller, Bill Sternberg and Billy Sternberg.

Bill Miller, Bill Sternberg and Greg Metzgus are Marvin M. Lewis Award winners for Elks in Scouting recipients.

Billy Sternberg became an Eagle Scout in 1976.



Western Region Scouting Chairman Bill Sternberg shows his unique hand-carved scout neckerchief slide that he makes for Eagle Scouts.

THE SCOUT OATH *On My Honor I Will Do My Best:*

To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey The Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW

1. A scout is trustworthy.
2. A scout is loyal.
3. A scout is helpful.
4. A scout is friendly.
5. A scout is courteous.
6. A scout is kind.
7. A scout is obedient.
8. A scout is cheerful.
9. A scout is thrifty.
10. A scout is brave.
11. A scout is clean.
12. A scout is reverent.

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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

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1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
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1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	
1993-94 * Jim Wallace	
1994-95 *George Pekow	
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	

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