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Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 California



Labor Day Celebration September 1



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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!

Charity Ball
Blood Drive

November 1
November 22

Buy a Friend Some Barbeque

If you would like to buy a friend or guest the gift of a BBQ sandwich, see the bartender any day and purchase a tri-tip sandwich coupon for \$7 (cash only).



Thanks Big Mamma (Dorothy Murray) for the great idea. Suggestions from members are always welcome.



ELK OF THE MONTH

Paul Stein



Our September Elk of the Month is Paul Stein. To begin with, Paul was born in the Bronx, the only borough of New York City to be located on mainland USA, and home to such notables as Edgar Allan Poe, Bernie Schwartz (aka Tony Curtis), Walden Cassotto (aka Bobby Darin), Gen. Colin

Powell, Jennifer Lopez, our own Rich Romani, and your current ER. After many years of public service, Paul retired from his position as Santa Monica Fire Chief. Paul is responsible for our annual Police and Firefighters Appreciation Dinner. He works on our BBQ, comes to meetings regularly, and helps out whenever needed.

Thank you Paul, 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 Visitation **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



My thanks to our members for allowing Karen and me to represent our Lodge at the Grand Lodge convention in July. New Orleans was hot and humid, but otherwise a great place to be. Despite the many warnings we received about the city, we found it to be a fun place with lots of history, great food, and southern hospitality. It's fair to say that one could find themselves in trouble if they were careless, just like in most big cities.

Following the opening ceremony on Sunday, there were general sessions in the mornings, seminars available in the afternoon and scheduled dinners in the evening. It was great to see and hear from the national winners of our Elks hoop shoot and scholarship programs. As is usually the case with any type of convention, some parts were more interesting than others, but there were several messages which came through loud and clear: First, we need to strengthen our public relations efforts to publicize the good works we do. Second, we must focus on membership through both recruiting and avoiding lapsation. Third, we must keep our Lodge financially sound, so that we can continue our charitable and community service efforts.

The convention ended on Thursday with the installation of Grand Lodge officers, including Grand Exalted Ruler John Amen and our district DDGER, Bob Schrum. We did get to take a bus tour of the city, and some of the most interesting sites were the famous New Orleans cemeteries. Because the city is below sea level, most burials are in above ground crypts or mausoleums. One of the most interesting is the tumulus tomb of Elks Lodge No. 30, which has an Elk sculpture on top of the structure and a clock with its hands stopped at 11 o'clock. Another highlight not to miss, if you visit New Orleans, is the World War II museum, which is interesting but is also a somber reminder of the sacrifices so many young men and women made on our behalf.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Antler, you will find the results of the vote on Grand Lodge resolutions presented at the convention.

Have a great September and I hope to see you at the Lodge.

Dan Martyn
Exalted Ruler
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A Message From The Leading Knight Jim Moyer



Fellow Elks,

It's been an exciting and busy summer for many of us at the Lodge. We have a core of hard working and dedicated volunteers who help out at this Lodge and chair various committees, but we can always use more help. Without the help of these volunteers, we wouldn't have a Lodge. Without the Officers to help direct the Lodge, there wouldn't be

a Lodge. . . no Charter, no dinners, no bar, no social events, and no way to help the children and other local charities and the veterans who count on our support. We are going to need new officers for next year, and I sincerely hope that YOU will consider becoming an officer and go through the chairs. There's work involved, but it's fun and it's rewarding. Coming around the corner quickly is a new Elk Year. There are lots of special jobs required to run the Lodge, many of them will need new people to fill the seats and committees. There is a list of committees and chairs listed in the back of the Antler. Maybe there is a committee you might like to chair or in which to become involved. If you have any questions about committees or chairs, please ask me. I will be glad to discuss them with you.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Fraternally,
Jim Moyer
Leading Knight



A Message From The Lecturing Knight Donna Leary



Dear Members,

This month's article is going to be mainly dedicated to thanking everyone for their support and help with my latest Elks National Foundation (ENF) "FUN"raiser. For those of you that did not attend the Pre-Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving dinner in July, you missed out.

My gratitude starts with Bobby Williams; he was there with me every step of the way. We started with shopping at Smart and Final in Moorpark. Bobby knows the manager who made it possible for us to receive additional discounts to benefit ENF. He was with me during the chopping, peeling, washing, baking, sautéing, questioning and pulling it all together. Thank you Bobby and also Paula for lending him out. Just as important is my thank you to Faye Stevens. She too was there chopping, washing, peeling, etc. Faye is always there for me anytime I need her help. She was with me throughout the week and also worked the BBQ that Saturday. Thank you Faye! We did discuss that she would be able to sit and enjoy the dinner! Tommy Claunch is also on the list as "kitchen staff" chopping and dicing. Tommy pulled double duty as a server as well. Thank you Tommy for being my friend and constant support!

There's never a time when any of these events get put on single handedly. My heartfelt Thank You goes out to Gregg and Jean Miraglia for their help in the kitchen and set up. Jean and Gregg are two people that you can always count on. Thanks to Gayla Lindquist for the holiday themed centerpieces. It is good to know the right people at the right time; when it comes to holiday decorating, there isn't anyone better. She added the necessary feel and flare for Thanksgiving in July.

Mike Flannery and Jim Moyer were the Chefs of the deep fried turkeys and did an outstanding job! I didn't know at the time I asked Jim to help that it was his birthday, so a double thank you to Jim for sharing his day with us.

My thanks go to Kathy Moyer and Jessica Stull for the sale of the 50/50 tickets. Again, it's knowing the strengths of your friends and where they will shine. My thanks also go to Karen Martyn, Coleen Morris, Angie Porter, Sherri Jones, Barbara Gibbs and Casey Bogiano for their service. Another special thank you goes to Coleen Morris for her additional \$\$\$ donation which took me completely by surprise. Steve Finnery also deserves a special thank you for his \$\$\$ donation as well.

You have to love it when all of the helping hands come together and create an evening that benefits so many.

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Thousand Oaks Members honor Eagle Scout Jeffrey Newmark

Our Boy Scout Troop 754 has added another name to our list of Eagles bringing the total to 67. Eagle Scout Jeffrey Newmark was honored Sunday August 17th at the Thousand Oaks Science Center.

Present were Greg Metzger and Bill Sternberg to present him with a certificate from Elks USA and an American Flag. Bill Sternberg founded Troop 754 in 1972 and Greg Metzger served as the second and fifth Scoutmaster.

Troop 754 continues to set the standard for Scouting in the Ventura County.



As I said before, these events are not done by a single pair of hands, it takes all of the members supporting these efforts to benefit our charity work. Speaking of charity; start watching for the different events that will support the efforts to raise money for the annual Charity Baskets and get involved.

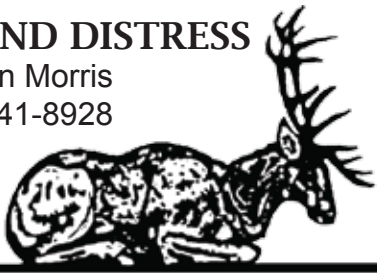
It really doesn't take that much to support your fellow Elks and officers in their endeavors to do something good. You can sit back and just let things happen around you, but when you do that, you lose your voice. I choose to get involved, I choose to volunteer, support my fellow officers, and keep my voice.

Donna Leary Lecturing Knight/ENF Chairperson



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928



Keep In Your Prayers the family of:
PER Roy Cooper

Calendar Highlights

- 9/1 Labor Day Celebration 12-4 PM
- 9/5 Dinner & Dancing
- 9/8 Golf Tournament
- 9/26 Dinner & Dancing
- 9/27 Thousand Oaks 50th Anniversary Parade

On the Mend

Billy Sternberg
Don Ansell, PER
Kathy Ryder
David Stull

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



Purple Pig Honor Roll

- Donald Shumon
- Darryl Kopacz
- Pam Price
- Jon Preston
- Diane Scott
- Pati Harrod
- Coleen Morris
- Bill Miller
- Donna Leary
- Barbara Ann Gibbs
- Gregg Miraglia
- Paul Stein
- Dan Martyn
- Karen Martyn
- Greg Metzgus
- Bill Sternberg
- Kira Wagner
- Paul Wagner



September Birthdays

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| 03 Ed Ayrat | 17 Ed Rice |
| 03 Julie Cook | 18 Christopher Campbell |
| 04 Tom Ryder PDDGER | 18 Kirk Keeler |
| 05 Harry Brockwell PER | 19 Ray Sorbino |
| 05 Joseph (Dick) Churik CHRTM | 22 Juanita Feamster |
| 06 Brian Horan | 23 Jerry Serota |
| 06 Ed Jones | 23 Stella Violano |
| 07 Dorothy Murray | 24 Boyd Lindquist |
| 07 Vernon Noell | 25 Robert Wyllie |
| 11 Larry Zarbnicky | 26 Michael Dow |
| 12 Dick McCann | 26 Marshall Knolton |
| 13 Dennis Anderson | 27 Vanessa Koeritz |
| 13 Keith Orr | 27 John Tracy |
| 15 James La Rue | 28 Steve Buczynski |
| 17 Bill Lloyd PDDGER | 28 Doug Carroll |
| | 29 John Nau PER |

The Crying Towel



- July 2nd
1st capsule drawing \$500 Ronald Schwartz not present
Lucky 13 \$105.00 Donna Leary Winner!
- July 16th
1st capsule drawing \$500 Vernon Jossy not present
2nd capsule drawing \$25 Ed Rice not present
Lucky 13 Steve Buzynski 2 of hearts no winner
- July 23rd
1st capsule drawing \$500 William Sandham not present
2nd capsule drawing \$50 Ronald Hull not present
Lucky 13 \$30 Barbara Ann Gibbs pulled the Ace Winner!

Duty Officers

- 9/4-10 Steve Smith
- 9/11-17 Terry Gicking
- 9/18-24 Darryl Kopacz
- 9/25-10/1 Billy Sternberg

A Message From The Secretary David Naccarato



We belong to the California-Hawaii Elks Association or CHEA. We all donate to our Major Project aka "The Purple Pig". As an association last year we raised \$3,234,413.52. Our Lodge raised \$14,293.60 which is a per capita of \$35.21. Our ENF per capita is \$20.10. Our little Lodge does a great job for our Elk charities which is why we are here. I want to explain "per capita".

The Grand Exalted Ruler issues a challenge that if a Lodge can achieve an ENF per capita of \$4.60, we can request \$2,000 back to the Lodge for local charity purposes. What per capita means is, for each and every member, there was a donation of \$4.60. Some members give much more than the \$4.60 that was requested of them, but it raises our per capita for all our members. We had many members who added on extra for both ENF and the Purple Pig when they paid their dues. Our Lodge is doing very well this year, so thank you and keep up the good work.

Looking ahead to next month, October 23rd through the 31st is Red Ribbon Week. What is Red Ribbon Week? For complete Red Ribbon Week history you may visit www.elks.org/dap. But let me fill you in real quickly.

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was born On July 26, 1947 in Mexicali, Mexico. He graduated from Calexico High School in Calexico, California in 1966. After graduation he joined the U.S. Marines where he served two years. Following his military service, Kiki joined the Calexico Police Department and later moved to the El Centro Police Department. On June 28, 1974 he became part of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Seven years later he was assigned to the resident office in Guadalajara. He worked out of this office for four and a half years and was close to exposing a major drug trafficking operation. On February 7, 1985 Kiki was kidnapped. That was the last time he was seen alive. He was 37 years of age.

Shortly after Kiki's death, U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter and Calexico High School classmate Henry Lozano launched Camarena Clubs in Kiki's hometown of Calexico, California. Club members wore red ribbons and pledged to lead drug free lives.

Red Ribbon Week eventually gained momentum throughout California and later the United States. The Elks have been supporters of Red Ribbon Week since the beginning. The campaign was formalized by President and Mrs. Reagan who served as honorary chairpersons. Congress officially established Red Ribbon Week in 1988. Nationwide, it is celebrated annually in the last week of October.

The Red Ribbon pledge reads:

I pledge to say NO to drugs,
To encourage my friends to say no to drugs,
To provide support to others who use drugs,
To help them learn to say no to drugs,
To become educated
On the dangers of drugs,
And provide this
Information to my community.

Each year, the Elks recognize a law enforcement officer with our Camarena Award, recognizing outstanding service in the fight against illegal drug use.

David Naccarato PER
Lodge Secretary

New Members



**Jack Henry with
-New Member
Brenda Hagen**



**George Meehan with
New Member
Michael Rosco**

Purple Pig Update

I really hope you took the opportunity to see our 2014 Theme Child, Ethan either in person or in the YouTube video (it's not too late as it is on our association website <http://www.chea-elks.org/2014-theme-child-ethan/>). Not only is he such an inspiration – but the fact that our dollars to the Major Project paid for the therapy he received makes it all the more heartwarming. Thank you

Our Purple Pig Dinner – When Pigs Fly – may still be upcoming by the time you receive this edition of the Antler! If so PLEASE join us on Saturday August 30th. It will be a great evening and we will have pictures of all of the goodies and laughter in next month's edition.

Did you know that if you would like to give an automatic monthly donation to the Major Project (Purple Pig) you can do so here <http://www.chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/>. Our Association provides the service and our Lodge (AND YOU) gets the credit. Nice Combination isn't it!

There are several levels of recognition that include the 52 Club, Century Club and the Millennium Club. Your ongoing donations are credited toward your becoming a member of both the 52 Club and the Millennium Club while the Century Club is a single donation of \$100 or more. However, we are blessed to have members donate whatever they feel compelled and able to contribute and their efforts are recognized each month in the Purple Pig Honor Roll. I'd like to thank these members once again for their continued support of this wonderful project. As I mentioned at the dinner last month – YOUR contributions mean all the world to someone, including the difference between life and death in some cases.

Finally a huge thank you to the members who supported the 5th Wednesday Dinner last month! The crew included, Paul as our head chef, Big Mamma's kindness helping out with the myriad of tasks, Rick Herrera helping out in the kitchen and everyone that brought in a pig or donation for dinner made it a success. I believe everyone enjoyed themselves and if you missed the meal Paul is fixing it again for the dinner on the 30th.

Here's to the future! Remember, ***A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play!***

Sincerely,
Kira Wagner, Major Projects Chair

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ELKS LABOR DAY CELEBRATION



MONDAY SEPT. 1 12:00-4:00 PM

***Join your fellow Elks, friends and family
for food & games***

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs \$3.00

\$3.00 drink specials

***All proceeds will go to the
Renovation Fund***

50/50 tickets will be sold



“The Names,” for the victims of September 11th and their survivors. By BILLY COLLINS, the nation’s poet laureate at the time of the attacks. One year later, he wrote this poem, “The Names.” He read it before a special joint session of Congress held in New York in 2002.

Yesterday, I lay awake in the palm of the night.
 A soft rain stole in, unhelped by any breeze,
 And when I saw the silver glaze on the windows,
 I started with A, with Ackerman, as it happened,
 Then Baxter and Calabro,
 Davis and Eberling, names falling into place
 As droplets fell through the dark.
 Names printed on the ceiling of the night.
 Names slipping around a watery bend.
 Twenty-six willows on the banks of a stream.
 In the morning, I walked out barefoot
 Among thousands of flowers
 Heavy with dew like the eyes of tears,
 And each had a name –
 Fiori inscribed on a yellow petal
 Then Gonzalez and Han, Ishikawa and Jenkins.
 Names written in the air
 And stitched into the cloth of the day.
 A name under a photograph taped to a mailbox.
 Monogram on a torn shirt,
 I see you spelled out on storefront windows
 And on the bright unfurled awnings of this city.
 I say the syllables as I turn a corner –
 Kelly and Lee,
 Medina, Nardella, and O’Connor.
 When I peer into the woods,
 I see a thick tangle where letters are hidden
 As in a puzzle concocted for children.
 Parker and Quigley in the twigs of an ash,
 Rizzo, Schubert, Torres, and Upton,
 Secrets in the boughs of an ancient maple.
 Names written in the pale sky.
 Names rising in the updraft amid buildings.
 Names silent in stone
 Or cried out behind a door.
 Names blown over the earth and out to sea.
 In the evening — weakening light, the last swallows.

A boy on a lake lifts his oars.
 A woman by a window puts a match to a candle,
 And the names are outlined on the rose clouds –
 Vanacore and Wallace,
 (let X stand, if it can, for the ones unfound)
 Then Young and Ziminsky, the final jolt of Z.
 Names etched on the head of a pin.
 One name spanning a bridge, another undergoing a tunnel.
 A blue name needled into the skin.
 Names of citizens, workers, mothers and fathers,
 The bright-eyed daughter, the quick son.
 Alphabet of names in a green field.
 Names in the small tracks of birds.
 Names lifted from a hat
 Or balanced on the tip of the tongue.
 Names wheeled into the dim warehouse of memory.
 So many names, there is barely room on the walls of the heart.

Remembering 9/11



September 11th 2001

I remember my Dad saying to me when I was growing up “everyone knows where they were the day President Kennedy was shot”. The same could be true for many other events that rocked our Nation.

Fifteen buildings were either destroyed or damaged on 9/11.

Where you have buildings you have people. In New York, taking in employees, first responders and Port Authority officers, the number reached 3000 lives lost. At the Pentagon the number was 189.

All we can do is pray for healing and keep moving forward.

David Naccarato, PER



A Message From The Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen



It is well recognized that an organization reflects the persona of its leader. In our Local Lodge structures the Exalted Ruler is President and Chief Operating Officer. It is imperative that this leader have the ability and motivation to get things done through others. There are simply too many things in motion for the Exalted Ruler to handle them all, in addition to presiding over meetings. The one power that an Exalted Ruler has – and how this power is used will determine a good year or be the cause of a bad year – is the appointment of committees. As leaders of your organization, choose your committees well and you will have a smooth and successful year.

Officers, committees and Members must all work together for the success of the Lodge. An authoritative management style rarely works well in a volunteer environment. The phrase that “it is much more effective to use honey as an incentive rather than vinegar” exemplifies an effective management style.

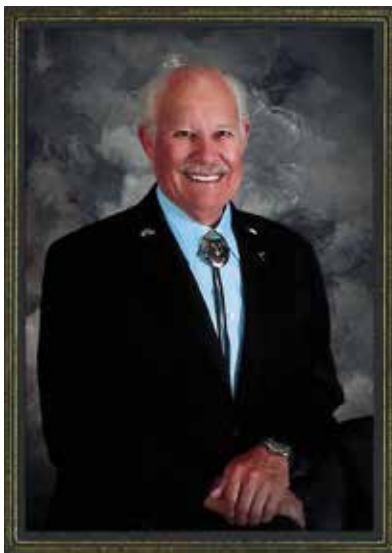
I frequently hear the complaint that only 5 percent of the Members do all the work. If that concern applies to you then on your next project go to inactive Members, call them on the telephone and ask for their help. You will be surprised at how many Members were simply waiting for someone to invite them to become involved. A good leader recruits the personnel needed to accomplish the goals of the Lodge.

In addition you must constantly reach out to those inactive Members to keep them interested and remind them why they joined your Lodge in the first place. One easy and effective tool for this purpose is your Lodge newsletter. Be sure every issue has at least one article and photo of a community service or charitable act performed by your Lodge Members. An inactive Member who sees that the Lodge is performing a useful community service is much more likely to value membership and continue to support his or her Lodge with annual dues.

Again, be sure to carry a tri-fold membership application – a propitious moment for inviting someone to join can be fleeting and lost if there is no paperwork handy.

Last, but not least, Patriotism Week starts September 8 this year. Be sure to fly the American flag all week in remembrance of that terrible event, September 11, 2001.

~ John D. Amen G.E.R.



Robert Schrum,
WCCD DDGER

Join us October 15 for an evening with our new District Deputy Robert Schrum from the Lompoc Lodge.

He will be joined by his Esquire, Jay Dupler and Auditor, Phil Daughton along with a number of other visitors from the lodges within the West Central Coast District.

Let's show our support for those that work to keep all of the lodges moving forward and working together! Additionally, it shows a tremendous respect to our own ER Dan Martyn and his First Lady Karen as they "host" the visiting dignitaries.

Veterans - by Carl Lanterman

GO AIR FORCE – Sept. 18, 1947;

Harry Brockwell, Robert Jones, Carl Lanterman, Bugs Ansell and others

Thanks to all those who had some part in the stand down; see enclosed report. A total of 23 people drove 1,580 miles and spent 691 hours to provide \$35,105 in goods & services on behalf of the Thousand Oaks Elks. A lot more services were provided that cannot be counted, but just happened because our Elks were there.

September is full of military recognition, but no special events are scheduled for the lodge. We always continue serving our veterans as the need arises. That was evident on one day when I left my car in the shop for service and spent the day at the lodge. Three occasions for veteran services came up that day, and one the next day. Thanks to our great network of organizations in Ventura County, all the immediate needs have been met, or are in progress. Thanks to all of you who continue to support our veterans. The Veterans Fund is in need of replenishment.

Don't forget the Veterans Brunch coming on November 2nd. We'll have the same good food and company as always; from the CalVet Home, Sepulveda VA and local friends of the Elks.

Thanks 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 with Robert Jones, Carl Lanterman, Elks friend Marlene Nord and others are invited.

On Telephone Rd at Wells Rd in Saticoy; average about 12 Residents.

Carl Lanterman

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September 1, 1952 – Largest All-Navy Raid

September 2, 1945 – V-J Day, Japan signed formal surrender

September 10, 1962 – U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated

September 11th – Patriot Day (9/11/2001)

September 14, 1814 – Star Spangled Banner written by Francis Scott Key

September 17, 1787 – U.S. Constitution approved

September 17, 1914 – Ladies Auxiliary VFW organized

September 18, 1947 – U.S. Air Force established

September 19 - POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 29, 1899 – VFW Day, VFW established

September 29th – Gold Star Mother's Day

See our new website at www.vcstanddown.org

Letter and Cards Received

Dearest members of Thousand Oaks 2477,

Although I am not an Elk I am an Elk widow for the past 25 years.

For a number of years I've called many of the Elk Ladies and a number of male Elks on their birthdays. I imitated the tune that Marilyn Monroe made famous when she sang to President Kennedy on his special day. I sang a sultry rendition to the men of the lodge and a bit faster version for the lady's.

I am writing this note to let those of you that had received one of my birthday greetings that I will be unable to continue this tradition. I can no longer perform the styles of happy birthday of the past. It was fun and I enjoyed doing it!

Jeanne Sandt AKA Marilyn Monroe's younger sister.

GOLF TOURNAMENT TEXAS SCRAMBLE

FOR ELKS CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM

SUNSET HILLS CC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

SHOTGUN START: 8:00AM

CHECK IN: 7:15AM

\$90 pp

(Includes golf, cart, and lunch back at Lodge)
(by Tom Corrigan)

Deadline: AUG 22nd **Call for AVAILABILITY**

AWARDS - HIDDEN \$\$\$ RAFFLE



Contact: David Pearson
805-341-0984



Fun At The Lodge



*Whether it's the BBQ, meeting, a Thanksgiving Dinner in July (ENF!) or a Friday Night at the Lodge - you'll find friends and family having a great time!
Invite a friend to join and make some GREAT memories!*



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 July 24th the Elks Ladies continued their fundraiser venture with the third show "Let's Make A Deal" attended and supported by 18 fully costumed participants ready, willing and able to be chosen as a contestant to win cash and prizes. But alas, none in our group were called by Host Wayne Brady, but there's always next time!

The Elks Ladies Annual Appreciation luncheon was held on August 9th and was well attended and enjoyed by members, guests and vendors.

September Birthdays:

- 5 Cornelia Meehan
- 10 Jean Miraglia
- 12 Annie Pearson
- 17 Dolores Swanson
- 22 Becky Krabal
- 26 Evie Bystrom

Inspirational

"...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians: 3:12

It takes an enormous amount of humility to bear with people that we do not like, but our capacity to do so says a lot about how we understand what the Lord has done for us. When we bear with people in our lives that are difficult, messy, frustrating and irritating, we reflect the love of Jesus that He has shown us. God continues to love us in the midst of all that we do, and that should bring us the humility to bear with one another

Father God,
 Thank you for loving us unconditionally and for giving us the capacity for compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Give us the strength and desire to practice these virtues always and the knowledge that only by doing so can we experience true freedom through your love for us .

We ask in your precious name,
 Amen

Barbara Gibbs, Chaplain



**The following Resolutions were proposed and voted on at the
Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans.**

The results are as follows:

1. To change the office of Grand Tiler from an elective to an appointed position. **Passed but requires majority vote by Local Lodges**
2. To allow a Lodge in Texas to become a member of the New Mexico Elks Association with the concurrence of the Sponsors of both states. **Passed but requires majority vote by Local Lodges**
3. To authorize a Lodge to require its officers to memorize the Opening, Closing and Initiatory rituals under penalty of removal from office. **Failed**
4. To authorize a Lodge through a By-Law provision to impose an annual assessment on its members to be applied toward the use of specified club facilities. **Failed**
5. To authorize a Lodge through a By-Law provision to impose assessment on its members to be applied toward the use of specified club facilities. **Failed**
6. To reinstate the Grand Lodge and Local Lodge Public Relations Committees. **Passed**
7. To limit the authority of an Exalted Ruler who is the subject of a club suspension proceeding. **Passed**
8. To allow a Local Lodge Mediator to hear from witnesses during mediation sessions. **Passed**
9. To eliminate the Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee and reassign its duties to the Activities Committee. **Failed**
10. To change the office of Lodge Tiler from an elective position to an appointed position. **Passed**
11. To define "Restricted Funds" under the Laws of the Order. **Passed**
12. To limit a Lodge's ability to disburse or borrow against Restricted Funds in a manner which is contrary to the restricted purpose. **Passed**
13. To allow the governing body of the Home, Club or other facility to suspend or revoke club privileges of a visiting Member without the requirement of a club suspension hearing. **Failed**
14. To clarify the time frames within which action is to be taken by a Presiding Justice as part of a Local Forum proceeding. **Passed**
15. To allow a vote to be taken by secret ballot instead of the voting sign of an Elk by a majority vote of the Lodge. **Passed**
16. To facilitate the timely collection of membership statistics by the Grand Secretary's Office, leaving the process of charity reporting and dues payment unchanged. **Passed**
17. To increase the number of officers who may serve as alternate check signers and the amount of any authorized Club supplies account. **Passed**
18. To amend and clarify the procedure to drop a Member from the Lodge membership rolls for indebtedness to the Lodge. **Passed**
19. To authorize the appointment of multiple Presiding Justices and/or Mediators as needed. **Passed**
20. To allow a Lodge to hold regular Lodge meetings monthly, semi-monthly, trimonthly or weekly as provided by approved Lodge B-laws. **Failed**
21. To revise the timetable of nominations for Officers in the event resolution #20 is confirmed. Resolutions #21 and #22 are dependent upon the approval of Resolution #20. Resolution 20 failed so Resolution 21 likewise **Failed**.
22. To revise the annual election of Officers in the event Resolution #20 is confirmed. Resolutions #21 and #22 are dependent upon the approval of Resolution #20. Resolution 20 failed so Resolution 22 likewise **Failed**.

If you would like more information or to see the full explanation of the Resolutions, please contact Exalted Ruler Dan Martyn at danmartyn2477@aol.com

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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
CHAPLAIN Karen Martyn
ORGANIST Karin Speights
OFFICER AT LARGE Terry Gicking, DDGER

TRUSTEES

Pam Price 1 Year
Sam Frankl 2 Year
James Lovato 3 Year
George Meehan, PER 4 Year
Darryl Kopacz 5 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

Elk Of The Year - Bill Sternberg
Officer Of The Year - Gregg Miraglia
Citizen Of The Year - Max Maxwell & Alan Hardie

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Officers Meeting: Immediately following.
Trustees meet the 2nd Wed @ 6 PM

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Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.**

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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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