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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!

Blood Drive	November 22
Christmas Tree Lot Setup	December 1
Christmas Trees arrive	December 3
Christmas Tree lot open for business	December 5
Exalted Rulers Christmas Party	December 12
Christmas Basket Preparation	Dec 15 - 20
Christmas Tree lot closes	December 20
Christmas Tree lot teardown	December 20
Christmas Baskets Delivered	Dec 20 9 AM
New Years Eve Party	December 31



Watch the Christmas video at <http://bit.ly/1wn5sit>

ELK OF THE MONTH

Steve McKee



Steve McKee is our Elk of the Month for November. Steve has been a regular BBQ team member on the Cut-Ups for years. In addition to working Saturday BBQ's at the Lodge, Steve can usually be counted on to help out on our offsite events, as well as an occasional Sunday breakfast. If you have a knot in your back or a kink in your neck,

Steve is the man with the hands! He also recently arranged a donation and installation of a new mirror in the men's room, which somehow makes all the guys look younger.

Thanks Steve, 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



November brings us two very special holidays: Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. Both holidays are very special in our country, and for good reasons.

November 11 was originally celebrated as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of the first World War. General John "Blackjack" Pershing, who commanded

the American troops, was an Elk, and chose the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month for the time of the armistice with Germany. Armistice Day became Veteran's Day in 1954 when President Eisenhower signed a law changing the name and made November 11 of each year a day to honor all veterans. It is on this day that we give thanks to those who have served our country, too many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country and preserve the American way of life.

Our Lodge will have a brunch for veterans from the Sepulveda VA hospital and Saticoy veteran's home on Sunday, November 2, followed by a flag retirement ceremony. I hope you will join us and honor these men and women who have served in the military.

Later in November, we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time for family and friends to gather and thank God for the blessings we enjoy in America. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday; it's kind of like Christmas without the pressure of shopping, worrying about what gifts to buy and how to pay for them, fussing over decorations and what size of tree to get, etc. I am not Scrooge; I just find Thanksgiving somewhat more enjoyable and easy to handle. In any event, Karen and I wish all of you and your family and friends, a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Dan Martyn
Exalted Ruler
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RENOVATIONS

Good News! We have received Grand Lodge approval to proceed with our lounge renovation. We hope to start work On November 3 and complete the renovation in November. Undoubtedly there will be some surprises along the way, as there were with the ladies restroom and Lodge room renovation. Members can really help expedite this project by **staying out of the construction area** during the renovation. This is for your own safety, and will avoid interfering with workers trying to complete their tasks. The lodge will be closed for demolition from Monday, Nov 3 through Friday Nov. 8. Further, we will provide information to you through postings at the Lodge and the blog, as well as electronic mail. Following the closure for demolition, the Lodge will be open as usual,

A Message From The Leading Knight Jim Moyer



November is the month we thank all veterans of the armed forces for their dedication to protect this great nation. We will host a flag retirement ceremony on Sunday November 2nd at the Lodge following our veteran appreciation brunch. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this great event. This is also a period of time when some of you

will be traveling to see loved ones for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please drive safe during your travels.

On the 6th of this month, the Chairman of the Trustees, Secretary, Exalted Ruler and Leading Knight go to the Mid Term State Convention in Sacramento. I'm sure there will be lots of new information to pass on. Not to belabor the subject but we are looking for motivated individuals that want to become involved in the leadership of our lodge. We need individuals who will run for the position of Lecturing Knight in 2015. On the job training will be provided.

Bingo is back twice a month, the second and forth Thursday of the month. Thanks to "Bingo Dave", his "Vanna White", Jessica Stull and all of you who have supported this program, this daytime activity is gaining popularity. Activities like this are great for the lodge.

It's getting close to Charity Basket time. I will post a spreadsheet to sign up to volunteer for this years basket staging and delivery. This is an experience that you won't want to miss. Lets not forget the Christmas tree lot. Ben will need a bunch of us to unload trees and set up the lot. A signup sheet will be posted at the lodge for this event also.

And lastly let me say, it's the volunteers that make this Lodge work and without them we would not have a Lodge. A lot of the present volunteers have been helping out for years and are getting tired. They/we need your help.

Get involved and remember, "Elks Care and Elks Share".
Leading Knight
Jim Moyer

with service from a new portable bar, purchased through the generosity (as always) of the Konejo Kampers. We will do our best to make things go as quickly and smoothly as possible, and keep you advised of any Lodge schedule changes.

We thank you for your continued support of the renovation project.

Dan Martyn
ER & Renovation Chair

A Message From The Loyal Knight Mike Flannery



Once again, after many weeks of planning, preparations and worrying, our Lodge has pulled off a very impressive success. Wednesday evening, October 15, we hosted a visitation by the West Central Coast District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert Schrum.

After hours of inspections, reviews, discussions, reports, etc., the officers and committee chairpersons returned to the lounge and were greeted with the disastrous news that there was not enough food to serve all the people who had arrived, nor enough tables and chairs to seat everybody!

You may ask, "How could something like this happen?" The answer to that question is that for the past six months we have been trying to get the members to make reservations for dinners so that the kitchen staff would have some idea of how many people to prepare for without purchasing more food and supplies than needed and causing financial losses through waste. This program has been only partially successful. We still wind up 'estimating' too much of the time.

As we prepared for this visitation dinner, we found that only twenty-two reservations had been made. Knowing that this could not be a dependable number, it was 'estimated', based on three previous visitations at near-by Lodges that, we should prepare for sixty-five dinners.

Obviously we underestimated, but some quick action saved the day. Jim Porter and his kitchen crew did a great job of adjusting the portions served, several members gave up their dinners and their seats and several people visited Taco Bell and Lupe's for their dinner.

Thanks to the accepting and understanding attitude of many of our members, a catastrophe was avoided, Jim and his crew did a great job serving eighty dinners and everybody seemed to have great time.

And this does point out the importance of taking the time to make a phone call and make a reservation for dinners, to avoid both missing out and waste. In the future, if you fail to make a reservation, do not be surprised if there is no dinner available for you.

Thank You

Mike Flannery, Loyal Knight



4 November 2014

A Message From The Lecturing Knight Donna Leary



It seems that I am always thanking our members for their charitable donations and help. Well, all of your efforts are paying off. Our small and humble little lodge is currently in second place in the State of California for our ENF per capita donations and number ten in the United States. We did this over all of the lodges in exist-

ence; let that sink in for just a minute. Our lodge of 399 members came in first place in our district with lodges sporting over 2,900 members. I am so extremely proud and humbled by your support in my efforts. I'm certainly not done and look forward to bringing our lodge into first place this coming year. Thank you, Thank you and Thank you again! I have a lot of thoughts for upcoming events and if you have some ideas, I am interested in hearing them. I've never thought of myself as being competitive but I was wrong; we are going to number one next year!

As Lecturing Knight, I still struggle with finding someone to step up and take over our Youth Activities. This is a very important part of our order and a shame it has fallen to the wayside. Don Sable is working on our Drug Awareness with a passion; I can't ask for more. Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg are also passionate and very involved with our scouts. Carl Lanterman's involvement and dedication to our Veterans remains strong. Rick Herrera remains faithful to our scholarship program and this is certainly a place that you can help. All you have to do is bring your California redeemable cans and bottles to the kitchen side of the lodge and drop them in the bin.

As a member, if you don't get involved, you are failing our children, veterans and the community in which you live. We all have lives, jobs, family and friends outside of the Elks, however, we joined the Elks to be a part of change in the lives of others. Just Saying!

Donna Leary

Lecturing Knight and ENF Chairperson

Last Wednesday my wife asked me if I was going to the meeting and being apathetic thought it over but decided to attend. Now I think about how glad I am that I helped make a difference that night.

It was announced that a young couple had a child with treatable Leukemia and the call went out to pass the hat for them. I'm glad I did not let apathy keep me from attending the meeting, and I was present when \$700 was collected on their behalf.

~Jerry Serota

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

On the Mend

Harry Brockwell
Sam Frankl
Richard Goldner
Kathy Ryder
David Stull

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

November Birthdays

John Duhig-01
Cathie Capolino-02
Brad Knupp-04
Steven Grindley-05
Al Koemmpel-05
Jack Carter-10
Brian Mattson-10
John D'Ambrogio-11
Louis Carlentine-12
Wayne La Farr-12
Jacob Panzack-13
William Golubics-14

George Thompson-15
Roy Ratcliffe-18
Robert Williams-18
Gerry Gillies-21
Betty McFarland-22
Donald Allen-24
Beverly Reis-26
Larry Thompson-26
William McIntyre-27
Wendell Oxford-27
David Burrows-28
Brian Thompson-29

Doing something next month for which you need help? Send it to the editors and we can post it here...but 'ya 'gotta ask'.

The Crying Towel

September 3rd

1st capsule drawing \$500 Mark Rediger not present
2nd capsule drawing \$150 Chet Kozlowski not present

Lucky 13 James Lovato no winner

September 17th

1st capsule drawing \$500 Donny Long not present
2nd capsule drawing \$175 Alan Van Cleave not present

Lucky 13 Karin Speights no winner

September 24th

1st capsule drawing \$500 David Maddox not present
2nd capsule drawing \$200 Jeff Conyers Present!! WINNER!!!

Lucky 13 no winner



Calendar Highlights

Friday:

Nov 21: Polish Sausage, Kraut, Mashed Potatoes
by Chet Kozlowski and Family

with the Veterans

Nov 28: Pulled Pork, Beef Brisket, Chicken by
by Tom Ryder & Friends

Sunday:

Nov 2: Kampers Breakfast

Nov 16: Hawaiian Themed Breakfast

Purple Pig Honor Roll

David Mcguire
Colleen Morris
Brenda Hagen (Century Club)
Max Maxwell
Dee Ansell
Barbara Ann Gibbs
Steve Finnerty
Diane Scott
Alan Hardie
Paul Wagner
Kira Wagner
Billy Sternberg (52 Club)
Dan Martyn
Karen Martyn
Bill Sternberg Sr.
Pati Harrod (Century Club)
Gregg Miraglia
Terry Gicking PER
Don Ansell PER
Jim Moyer
Ray Laraway
Pam Price
Darryl Kopacz



Duty Officers

10/30-11/5	Pam Price
11/6-12	Gregg Miraglia
11/13-19	David Naccarato
11/20-26	George Meehan
11/27-12/3	Jim Lavato

A Message From The Secretary David Naccarato



I enjoy history and learning how and why things were done.

The Elks have 149 years of tradition and members should be aware of how the rituals of our order developed. The following history of the Eleven O'Clock Toast is taken from the BPOE website.

The origin of the toast will have to go back long before the BPOE came into existence. One of the main contributions of Charles

Richardson, stage name Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks, was to deliver in the hands of newborn Elks the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010A.D., the Royal and Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

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

Among those rules was a curfew law requiring all watch fires, bonfires to be extinguished at 11 each night. From strategically placed watchtowers, that also served as early fire alarm posts, the call would go out to douse or shutter all lights and blanket all fires. This also served to discourage secret and treasonous meetings, as chimney sparks stood out against a black sky. The hour of 11 quickly acquired a somber meaning, and in the centuries that followed, became the synonym throughout Europe for someone on his death bed or going into battle: "his family gathered about his bed at the eleventh hour", or, the troops in the trenches hastily wrote notes to their families as the 11th hour approached when they must charge over the top.

Thus when the 15 Jolly Corks voted on February 16, 1868, to start a more formal and official organization, they were already aware of an almost universally prevalent sentiment about the mystic aura connected with the nightly hour of 11.

The great variety of 11 o'clock toast's, makes it clear that there was no fixed and official version until 1906-1910. An Elk is never forgotten never forsaken.

The Jolly Corks being entertainers and keeping late hours needed time to unwind and held their meetings that lasted into the night. At 11 o'clock the Jolly Corks and now all Elks stop all business and pay homage to our absent members. Elks live on and are never really "absent" – they are always present at Elks activities, festivities, events and celebrations.

David Naccarato PER
Secretary

New Members



Sponsor Vernon Noell (L)
Charles Lombard (R)



Francine Pitassi (L)
Sponsor: Cathie Capolino (R)

So, Why 150th Grand Convention When...

As we initiate more and more members, I get a lot of different questions. New members that actually read material I give them have questions about our order. I enjoy these inquiries because it lets me dig up information which is what I like to do. This latest one is "If the order is only 146 years old, how could you have just had the 150th Grand Lodge convention?" With the exception of the Grand Lodge session of 1877, which was held in Philadelphia, the Grand Lodge, from the date of its organization in 1871, met in New York City until 1890, after which date it was held in different cities. The Grand Lodge met twice a year for the first three years to allow for travel for the delegates. You do the math.

Thanks & More

MANY THANKS!

The ANCIENT ONES cooking crew, Chet Kozlowski, Gregg Miraglia, Ken Krabel, Greg Ryder and me, Tom Ryder, want to thank those who came to our dinner Friday night October 5th. Many thanks to Dave Naccarato for cashiering the dinner. We hope you enjoyed our efforts!

We also want to thank the Elks Ladies group, Lynn Rodriguez, Barbara Gibbs, Charlotte Gessler and Marian Anderson for the fantastic effort they did serving and picking up after all of you.

And thanks to Terry Gicking and Richard Goldner for leading the crew doing the NITE AT THE RACES. Sellers Kathy Moye, Karen Rose and Donna Leary were great.

All in all it was a great night for the lodge. We hope you enjoyed the effort put forth by all! We did!

WE WILL DO IT AGAIN!!

Right now planning is in progress for a BBQ dinner Friday November 28th, the day after Thanksgiving. Keep your turkey leftovers in the frig., come down to the lodge, kick back and enjoy! Menu to include pulled pork, beef brisket and chicken, chili and more--all to be served buffet style so you can choose what you would like and pig out! All of this will again be followed by NITE AT THE RACES.

Check the Lodge calendar.

Thanks again!

Tom Ryder, PER

Won't find this in any history book but here's a few interesting parallels between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln (yes it has circulated the internet; however, we've kept only the information that is true and can be corroborated):

Lincoln was elected to congress in 1846
Kennedy was elected to congress in 1946

Lincoln was elected president in 1860
Kennedy was elected president in 1960

Both were concerned with civil rights
Both wives lost their children while living in the white house
Both shot in the head
Both shot on a Friday

Now it gets weird:

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy
Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln

Both were killed by Southerners.
Both were succeeded by men named Johnson
Andrew Johnson was born in 1808
Lyndon Johnson was born 1908

John Wilkes Booth who shot Lincoln was born in 1839
Lee Harvey Oswald who shot Kennedy was born in 1939

Both were known by three names
Both names were 15 letters



Now stay with me here:

Lincoln was shot in Ford theatre
Kennedy was shot in a "Lincoln" built by Ford

Lincoln was shot in a theater and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse.

Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theater.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

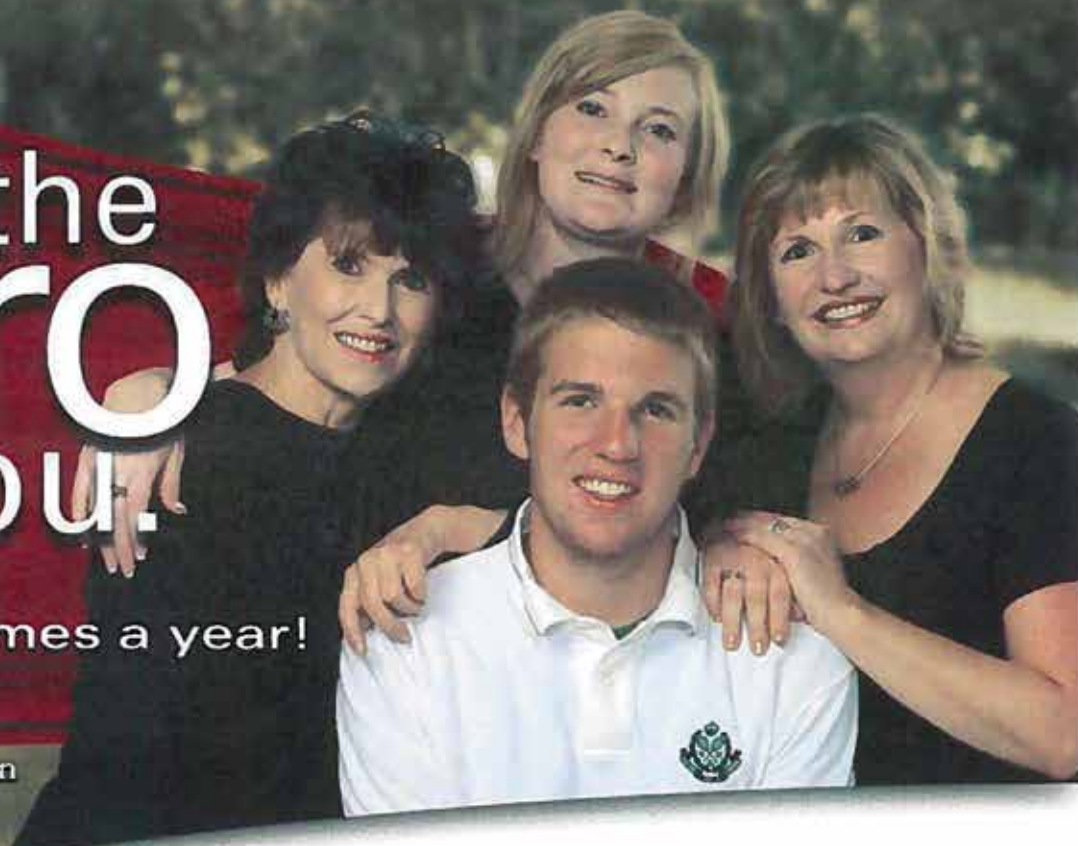
History you don't mind reading about

~ David Naccarato Lodge Secretary

Find the hero in you.

Give blood 3 times a year!

Keven, Lisa, Liz and Dayn donate blood as a family



Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Blood Drive

Saturday, November 22nd
9:30-1:30

Please sign-up at the Elks Lodge or
online at www.blood4life.org using
the sponsor code: 8360
Or call United Blood Services at
800-715-3699

*Thank you for giving the
Gift of Life!*



Donors Earn Points
Toward Great Rewards
With Each Donation
Movies, Ice Cream
DVD's, Games & More!
Make An Appointment
Online And Earn An
Extra 100 Points!



United Blood Services

www.UnitedBloodServices.org

BS210C (1/09)

Please bring photo ID and donor card. Free Cholesterol Testing every donation!

A Message From The Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen



November among Elkdom's greatest months Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler, JOHN D. AMEN

November is one of the most important months of the year in Elkdom. On the fourth Thursday we celebrate the second biggest family holiday of the year – Thanksgiving. Families across America travel for our traditional annual feast.

Another outstanding holiday this month is on November 11. That date was selected by a great Elk, General John “Blackjack” Pershing of New York Lodge No. 1, who set the date for signing the armistice to end the “Great War” – World War I – “the war to end all wars.” Brother John remembered that “with us, the hour of eleven has a tender significance,” and he set the signing of the documents for the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, thus, memorializing our hour of remembrance. More significant than these dates are the things we, as Elks, do during this month of special recognition and support for our military and our veterans.

If you have a VA medical facility near your community, November is a great month to give support to our hospitalized veterans. Something as simple as a personal visit and chat with a hospitalized veteran will brighten his or her life. Many Lodges will even provide a special “thank you” meal for all veterans. Plan to do something for your Elks veterans as well as the veterans in your community who will exemplify our motto of “Elks Care – Elks Share,” and by so doing you will prove that we are: “Elks: Elevating America.” In addition, you will honor and care for our veterans and help satisfy our Elks’ pledge: “So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”

Marcia and I wish you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Please take time to count your blessings, recognize our veterans, they deserve it, and give thanks that you live in America and have membership in the Elks.

~ John D. Amen G.E.R.

Other Veteran programs provided through the Elks

Adopt-a-Veteran Program

If you've ever been hospitalized, you know the loneliness and depression you can experience. Think how tough it must be for hospitalized veterans, especially those who are far from home or have no family. With that thought in mind, George Schwarz of Clawson-Troy, Michigan, Lodge devised a simple yet effective solution in 1980: the Adopt-a-Veteran program.

His idea proved so successful that it was picked up by the National Veterans Service Commission in 1983. Each year, Elks Lodges across the ... ***read more about this and all the Vet's programs at***

<http://www.elks.org/programs/vets.cfm>

Freedom Grants!

Freedom Grants are intended to provide financial support to local Lodges with programs assisting and enhancing the lives of Veterans, the active military and their families. One hundred and twenty-five Freedom Grants of \$2,000 each were awarded for 2013-14.

Veterans Leather Program

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission is the major source of hides and tanned leather used for recreational and occupational therapy throughout the Veterans Administration health care system. Elks Leather has become a national by-word among veteran patients everywhere.

Veterans Remembrance

For the Order of Elks, veterans remembrance is a daily proposition. We never have and never will never forget the sacrifices these heroes made so that we may be free. But it has been a tradition for the Order to redouble its efforts on behalf of veterans in November, not just for Veterans Day, but for the entire month. For the Elks, November is Veterans Remembrance Month.

Veterans - by Carl Lanterman

"For the Elks, November is Veterans Remembrance Month. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission asks all Lodges to run a special event to commemorate Veterans Remembrance Month and to raise funds for the Lodge's Veterans Service Commission." (Copied from Elks.org)

November: Veterans Remembrance Month

We have historically invited veterans from the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital to attend our Veterans Sunday Brunch, and 3 years ago, added residents from the Cal Vet Home – Ventura as well as local veterans who wish to join us. The brunch will be held on NOV. 2nd. Then, on NOV. 21st we are adding a special tribute to our own veterans to a regular Friday night dinner. And, of course, NOV. 11th is Veterans Day. Each member who is a veteran will receive a free drink, and will be asked to tell us when and where and with which branch you performed your service to our country.

We have a new organization that was introduced at our last collaborative meeting; Dreams for Veterans help to bring one last dream come true to veterans.

Refer to www.dreamfoundation.org/veterans or dial 888-4DREAMS (437-3267)

A gentle reminder to anyone who has an aging veteran in the family;

KEEP A COPY OF THE SEPARATION DOCUMENT (DD-214 or other) CLOSE AT HAND.

If the veteran was discharged prior to 1950, there is no DD214; it is called SEPARATION FROM THE U.S. ARMY, NAVY, etc. This is such a simple thing that can make so much difference. If you don't have one, call Carl @ 805-630-8110 or call the Ventura County Veteran Services Office @ 805-477-5480.

* The Ventura County Military Collaborative now presents a free legal counseling service for veterans. See the poster in the lodge, or see www.military411.org or call 805-419-3185.

* Operation Snowflake is coming again to Camarillo; a day in the park with Christmas gifts for military families who are having a hard time, with Terry Gicking as Santa. Details to follow.

* Very soon, you can look for a short list of places to call for veterans assistance. Also, flyers will be posted from time-to-time on the veterans board at the lodge.

Once again, 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. AND, our Western Region Scouting Chairman and lodge Flag Chairman Bill Sternberg has arranged for a flag retirement.

BINGO @ Sepulveda V.A. – 2nd Friday each month at 1:00 pm
16111 Plummer St., at Woodley, Sepulveda, CA

KARAOKE @ Cal Vet Home – Ventura – 4th Thursday each month at 6:00 pm
10900 Telephone Rd., Ventura, CA

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November 10, 1775 – U.S. Marine Corps established

November 11, 1918 – Signing of WWI Armistice

November 21, 1983 – Granada Campaign ended

From the 2013 Vets Brunch

L to R; Justin Rosa-USMC Vet,
Carl Lanterman-USAF Vet and the Ronald Reagan
Marine Corps League Color Guard



Konejo Kampers

September at the Santa Barbara Lodge

As usual, Kathy Ryder and Tom tagged along (LOL), did a great job as wagonmasters. Actually, Tom was quite clever; he found a “white board” some place, wrote the schedule for the weekend and placed it in front of their rig.

Almost forgot, BIG sign at the entrance to the RV parking “Check In Before Parking” or some such admonishment. Guess Joe Nemtusak doesn’t read so pretty good. Got all set up, went to check in only to discover he was in the WRONG space. Pack up and move OMG!

Unfortunately, Patty and Jimmy Miller couldn’t come at the last minute. When Jimmy picked up the motorhome, he discovered a broken water pump. BUMMER!

As usual the lunches, etc. at the Lodge were awesome. Their Hot Dogs and Hamburgers on Thursday night were terrific.

Their membership is a continuing amazement to me. The cooperation and loyalty is a wonder to behold. There is never a sense of discord – truly “all for one and one for all”. A fabulously relaxed and relaxing atmosphere.

Jessica Stull and Kathy Moye have become quite the martini glass collectors. There is some rather unusual collection and they seem to be bent on acquiring the entire collection. Personally they’re a little too fancy for me, very pretty and unusual, but I’d be terrified of breaking one.

Prior to the Luau, Jessica challenged Kathy Moye to eat a whole jalapeno for which she would pay Kathy FIFTY \$. Kathy did without too many tears. Then Beverly took up the challenge. Jessica paid off – what a heck of a way to spend money!

John (Kathy Jenkins’ son) and Kim (Kudra’s daughter) won a HUGE basket in the raffle, haven’t a clue what all it contained, but it sure was BIG.

Don’t know if Ruth Mullen paid attention to my previously saying that Jim shouldn’t be out without a keeper or not, so they both were there. Jim’s behavior was much improved (giggle).

It was great to have June and John Leadam with us. June is such a sweetheart and the jury is still out on John, really he does have a great sense of humor. One should never “bite the hand that feeds you”. Seems while at lunch one day, the Leadam’s were at the next table when someone at our table asked if we know those people. Talk about sticking foot in mouth, till June reminded me they are the ones who provided me with paper towels because I was totally out! Speaking of June, if you check out the Kampers’ website, you’ll see a picture of her cutting a mean rug at the Luau. Couldn’t be quite certain of her partner (there were several), but I think this one was Don Booker. To get a glimpse of all those apparently having a great time at the Luau – check out the pictures on the Kampers website – they’re a hoot, especially one of Walter with

the lei wrapped around his head!

We had five (5) motel/hotel campers – hope I don’t leave anyone out, Barbara and Don Booker, Chet Kozlowski, Anne and Walter Ogden.

The schedule for Saturday at the Santa Barbara campout is really well-thought out. We have brunch, meeting, raffle, etc. all in the morning so that we have the entire afternoon and evening to do as we please.

Steve Chizar’s friend, Jeanie, is absolutely amazing. She is a “special ed” teacher who loves her job, has a pit bull that’s a “pussycat” and a small dog (can’t recall the type/breed and perhaps another critter) and cares for her aging mother. She decided she needed some “me” time (certainly couldn’t argue that point) so she came camping. Sunday morning, Steve was out and about, when asked where Jeanie was, “She’s cleaning” with a smirk! Really wanted to give him an “NCIS” smack to the head!

Usually several of us hit the thrift stores; unfortunately my daughter had taken my tow car to come back to Thousand Oaks to pick up her car to return to Lancaster. Just didn’t seem to be in the cards this time.

Had an opportunity to visit quite a while with Jane Watson, (which seldom happens), what a fun, funny person.

Another couple seldom seen is Jim and Lee Wiens – another fun couple. Sure hope to see more of all these folks.



NOTICE REGARDING BAR RENOVATION

The Lodge will be closed beginning Monday, November 3rd for demolition of the lounge. We will reopen on Saturday, November 8th. We expect to complete renovations by Thanksgiving and during renovations we will provide bar and kitchen service, with seating available in the Lodge room and patio. For the comfort and convenience of all of our members, there will be **NO SMOKING** on the patio until the lounge reopens.

The lounge entry door will not be available during construction. Members must enter through the anteroom door.

We will keep you updated as the renovation progresses, and we apologize for any inconvenience.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY AND TO AVOID
INTERFERENCE WITH WORKERS, PLEASE DO
NOT ENTER THE LOUNGE DURING
RENOVATIONS.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dan Martyn, ER

**2014-2015 Committee
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Sickness and Distress:
Continue to lift up Kathy Ryder and Kathy Jenkins in prayer.

Back by popular demand, a live Audience Fundraiser to the Let's Make A Deal Show will be resumed on October 23 and with much anticipated participation.

A check in the amount of \$1,000 was presented during the October 15 DDGER visitation of Robert Schrum to Jay Dupler, WCCD ENF Chair.

October Inspirational
"God has made everything beautiful in its time".
Ecclesiastes 3:11

Our Fall season called Autumn arrived September 22 transitioning summer into winter and causing leaves to change colors and fall, the days to get shorter and cooler and squirrels to gather acorns.

Many also will agree that this is the one season that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it.

But what does God consider beautiful? The fruits of the spirit taken from Galatians 5:22 lists love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control to be beautiful virtues and the more we reflect upon and practice these words, the more we will radiate God's beauty in our own lives.

October November

5 Flo Lloyd
9 Jeri Miller
22 Betty Mc Farlin
23 Anne Tebbetts-Frankl

Let us pray:

Beautiful Heavenly Father,
Thank you for today and for the gift of another beautiful Autumn. Help us to reflect during this season by taking inventory of our words and actions from the past year and to practice more faithfully your beauty in our thoughts, words and deeds daily.

We ask in your precious name,

Amen

Barbara Gibbs
Elk Ladies Chaplain

The holidays are coming - please be prepared to help! Thank you!

Around The Lodge



Celebrations of Accomplishment
and

Support for the future!

Elks Care and Elks Share



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Christmas Basket Program – Jim Moye

Community Activities – Jim Moye

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Christmas Tree Lot – Ben Rieger

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Inaugural Ball – Mike Flannery

Law Enforcement Dinner – Paul Stein

2014-15 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Lecturing Knight

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Hoop Shoot – David Naccarato

Drug Awareness – Don Sabol

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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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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
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1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2005-06 *Sally Claunch
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1983-84 John Nau	2008-09 George Meehan
1984-85 Vern Ogden	2009-10 Terry Gicking, DDGER
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1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER	2011-12 Steve Smith
1987-88 John E. Henry	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
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1990-91 Don Ansell	
1991-92 Gary Sleight	
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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