



Antler Antics

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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Party March 21st

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Installation & Inaugural Ball
March 28th

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ELK OF THE MONTH

Jim Porter

Our March, 2015 Elk of the Month is Jim Porter. Jim can always be counted on to help out around the Lodge, especially in the kitchen, where his culinary skills shine. No matter what Jim cooks, it turns out great, and his scheduled meals always attract members, whether it's his famous meatloaf, chicken and dumplings, pulled pork and corn bread, or whatever. He has prepared meals for just about every night of the week and special occasions, including visitations. And, on top of everything else, his two kids, Angela and "Little Jimmy", are members.

Thank you Jim, for all you do.

Dan Martyn
Exalted Ruler



Kendal Chock Wong represented Thousand Oaks in our District Hoop-Shoot Contest held in Goleta California. Kendal is standing with her parents Lester and Cindy along with Past Exalted Ruler 2006-2007 and Hoop-Shoot Chairman, David Naccarato. With help from member Ed Jones we have secured Thousand Oaks Community center for our Hoop-Shoot to be held **September 19th**. "I've never had a location so soon." I have plenty of time to promote this event. i will need the help of all our Elk members with registration, scoring and fielding loose ball fouls. More on this as the date approaches.

David Naccarato PER

2 March 2015

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



Every form of organization must evolve to survive, including ours. The challenge is to identify and stay true to our traditions, goals and principles while adapting to an ever-changing world. A refusal to embrace positive change is a commitment to eventual extinction.

So many times I have been told how much better and busier our Lodge was thirty, twenty or even ten years ago. The reality is that our Lodge has lost 200 members over the last ten years and, while we have been fairly stable at around 400 members, we are striving to grow in a very different environment. Thirty years ago, when Karen and I moved to the area, there was no Lakes Mall two blocks away, and the southeast and southwest corners at the intersection of Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Westlake Boulevard were vacant lots. The closest bars were the Yukon Belle and the Lounge (yes, I admit to patronizing both). Area residents now have many more choices as to where they eat, drink, socialize and donate their time, talents and funds.

In addition, it is no secret that participation in fraternal organizations such as ours has been on the decline for many years. I suggest that you google “decline in fraternal organizations” and read some of the articles about membership losses among Moose, Kiwanians, Free Masons, Odd Fellows and, yes, the Elks. All of these organizations are facing the challenge of recruiting younger members as their core membership ages. So, how do we grow in our current environment? It is not easy. We need to encourage our members to participate in our recruiting efforts and focus on family and friends who will be positive additions to our Lodge. I think one thing is certain: no internet experience, no electronic game, no TV show or movie or Starbucks coffee klatch can come close, in terms of enjoyment and personal gratification, to the feeling one gets when they deliver toys and food to needy families, or when they give a handicapped child a ride on the Elks train, or when they hand a homeless veteran some food and blankets. These are some of the best things we do and, to grow, we need to emphasize and publicize our good works, involve new members and potential members in these community service activities and, I dare say, let them “feel the glow of Elkdom”. You can’t get that feeling at home on a computer.

As my year as ER comes to an end, I thank those members who have supported our efforts to improve the Lodge, turn things around and to have fun while doing good works for our community. While I have not succeeded in covering my initial to-do list (where did the year go?), I am confident that my friend, Jim Moye, with his crew of officers, will continue to make our Lodge a better place for all members.

Finally, I have a special thank you for my wife, Karen, who not only served as our First Lady, but also served as our Lodge Chaplain for the last two years. She has supported my efforts this year and has represented the Lodge well at DD

A Message From The Leading Knight Jim Moye



Well here we are again ending our Elk year. This will be my last Antler Antics article as Leading Knight. I have had the opportunity to learn many new things over the past year and I hope that I have served you, the members and the Lodge, well. I have enjoyed every minute of this position, made many friends and I’m looking forward to the future.

As we come into a New Year we are close to filling all the positions of the Officer Corps. But I must tell you that the Lodge is in need of members to serve on Committees.

Events like Conejo Valley Days are coming soon and we’ll need help with getting things organized and set up. So if you would like to get more involved with the Lodge, please ask an Officer or Trustee for assistance. The Lodge wants your help.

Remember “Elks Care, Elks Share”

Fraternally,

Jim Moye Leading Knight



Clinics, conventions, visitations, installations and inaugurals. Any PER will tell you that one cannot succeed as ER without the support of a First Lady. I am proud to say that my First Lady is second to none.

Thanks again for the privilege of serving you.

Dan Martyn
Exalted Ruler
danmartyn2477@aol.com



A Message From The Loyal Knight Mike Flannery



Now January is gone and we are well into February with some already very successful activities. January ended with the return of the LAUGHLIN BUS TRIP. It ended with many people who had a great time, a great dinner by Jim Porter, a nice check for the Renovation Fund, and, regrettably, a number of people with

flu symptoms.

February kicked off with a fabulous "SUPER BOWL PARTY" on Feb. 1, followed by a spectacular "POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS APPRECIATION NIGHT" hosted by Paul Stein on Feb. 6. On Feb. 7, the PERs held the "SHRIMP FEED", with a "NITE AT THE RACES" and the drawing for two Carnival Cruises. And on Feb. 8 we had a very nice Elk's Memorial for Kathy Ryder.

Some upcoming events: Saturday, Feb. 21 the "ENF FUN RAISER", the 50's Sock Hop by Donna Leary. The PERs doing the New Member Initiation Ritual on Wednesday, Feb. 25. And don't forget March: The ST. PATRICK'S PARTY corned beef & cabbage dinner on Mar. 21, and "THE INAUGURAL BALL" on Mar. 28 with the "INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS".

Thank You
Mike Flannery, Loyal Knight



The Past Exalted Rulers of Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 have agreed to help out on the third Sunday's and offer a breakfast to our members.

Wanting it to be special event, we will offer an omelet and waffle bar as well as eggs and toast when you are ready, so those items are hot and cooked to order. The bacon and sausage will be in chafing dishes awaiting your arrival. Biscuits and gravy as well as blueberry pancakes are available on request. Coffee and orange juice is always available. The full breakfast is only \$8. For a lighter meal, we have a \$5 breakfast that includes bacon or sausage and eggs, hash browns and toast. This is the best deal in town.

On a different note, congratulations to Pati Harrod on winning the Cruise offered by the Past Exalted Rulers to raise \$3050 for the lounge renovation/furniture.

Finally, fun was had by all during the Night at the Races that was held after our "All you can eat shrimp feed".

David Naccarato PER

A Message From The Lecturing Knight Donna Leary



We have moved forward through New Year's, Super Bowl, Valentine's Day and the first ENF function of the year.

With that being said, I am hearing that we are having too many functions. I don't have the slightest idea as to what that even means. People complain that there really isn't any reason to come down to the lodge anymore. Then we

have different functions: fundraisers, potlucks, dinners and games but now we are doing too many things. There are members that complain about this and complain about that but aren't doing anything to make a change; complaining isn't a change. Oh, don't think that I'm being judgmental. I too, do my fair share of complaining. Those of you that know me would know that first hand. Usually, what is on my mind comes out of my mouth. Call it a fault if you will; I choose to call it being honest and/or stating constructive criticism. I do have to say in my defense that it's usually with absence of malice. I don't believe you can complain about anything and then do nothing. I've chosen to accept the chair of Lecturing Knight, the chair of Elks National Foundation and participate on two BBQ teams. I also participate on the Kamper's breakfast once if not twice a month and the occasional Friday night dinner. I don't say this to get acknowledgment or a pat on the back; you have other members that do the same if not more. We choose to try and be the change, and the best Elks we can be; after all, we all took the same pledge.

I am not a believer in keeping things the same day after day, year after year. I really don't think I am alone in my thought, I just happen to be more vocal about my opinion.

You have current officers, renovation committee members and a bar manager that have been working tirelessly to make a change for the better. I don't believe for one minute we did it just to do it; I believe we did it to improve how we felt about our lodge and membership. We have become stagnant; and when the membership voted in favor of the renovation, I took that as a positive that you too wanted change. We have a new lodge room, we have a new ladies room and we have a new lounge. I plan to utilize them all to the best of my ability and make a difference in our stagnant thinking.

As I have told you in the past, I am a person of my word. I became your Lecturing Knight and took on the challenge of the Elks National Foundation with a pledge. The pledge was, "I will do what I can to make change for the better and to the best of my ability". I want to bring the FUN back into the lodge; I want our lodge to be the shining star in our hearts and mind and in the district. Okay, I've been told that I just might have a competitive gene, just saying.

I will say this again; "I can't do it alone; I can only do so much!" I try to do events that are fun and that will engage the membership in our charitable endeavors. You can participate or not. Remember, if you do nothing you can't complain.

Donna Leary Lecturing Knight and ENF Chairperson

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

Keep in Your Prayers:

Rick Spampinato Cancer has returned.
Chuck Morsa suffered a stroke.
Chuck is at Shoreline Care Center
Pete Jackson waiting for liver transplant
PER Michael Balster of Oceano #2504
wife Marion passed away suddenly

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

March Birthdays

Harvey Flam 1
Leslie Smith 1
Rick Spampinato 1
Moffat Hays 2
Alan Van Cleave 3
Ronald Collins 5
Dee Ansell 6
Jack Henry 7
Marie Reichelt 7
Thomas Hartin 8
Mark Rediger 8
Richard Romani 9
George Meehan 10
James Lovato 11
Robert Thornton 11

Tony Lerner 12
Carmine Prizzi 12
Don Yates 12
James Porter 15
Kevin Metzger 16
Casey Boggiano 17
Phillip Johnson 19
Jill Williams 20
Douglas Bevan 21
Jay Schmidt 21
Gary Erland 22
Richard Goldner 24
Beverly Taylor 24
Donald Shewmon 27

*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

January 7th 1st capsule drawing \$500
Forest Godfrey paid not present
2nd Capsule drawing \$25
Max Maxwell Present and paid
January 21st 1st capsule drawing \$500
Tommy Claunch paid not present
2nd capsule drawing \$25
Toni Hartin paid not present
January 28th 1st capsule drawing \$500
Rick Stampinato paid not present
2nd capsule drawing \$50
Beverly Taylor paid not present

Calendar Highlights

3/6 Chicken Piccata Dinner by Pati Harrod
3/7 Major Project Fundraiser See Flyer
3/13 Pasta w/Shrimp by Tom Ryder
3/20 Fish Fry with EOTY & PIN NIGHT
3/21 St. Patrick's Day Party See Flyer
3/25 Initiation / Step-up Night
3/27 Potato Bar by Pati & Donna
3/28 Installation / Inaugural Ball

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris
Diane Scott
Karen Martyn
Pam Price
Max Maxwell
Barbara Gibbs
Paul Stein
Donna Leary
Kathy Moye (Century Club)
Jean Miraglia
Dan Martyn
Gregg Miraglia
Darryl Kopacz
Bill Sternberg
Jim Lovato
David Naccarato
Jon Preston



Duty Officers

2/26-3/3	Gregg Miraglia
3/5-10	George Meehan
3/12-17	Julie Cook
3/19-24	Dan Martyn
3/26-31	Karen Martyn



By now you should have received your notice of Lodge dues for 2015–2016 which are due prior to April 1. Please send them in as soon as you can. If you had not received your dues notice, please contact the office. New cards and keys will not be ready until after election of officers and will be mailed out the

beginning of March. If you have changed your address, please notify the office immediately so that mail will not be delayed getting to you or returned to us. We have developed a new dues notice with the place to add your email address so that you can receive important reminders and updates for our lodge. I want to stress even though you will be receiving a new yellow key card it will not be activated until April 1. **DO NOT THROW AWAY THE ORANGE KEYCARD** (*yeah you know who you are*). The orange current keycard will operate until and including March 31st.

In March we have a couple of events you'll want to attend. On March 8 daylight savings begins. So spring forward one hour so you will not be late for our Elks Lodge functions. March 21 is the wild and crazy St. Patrick's Day celebration hosted by the elk Aneho campers so you know will be a good time. March 25 is the birthday of our lodge and on March 28 is the installation of your lodge officers and Jim and Kathy Moye's inaugural ball. If you are a member, these are must make events. This is being involved.

Last February we celebrated the birthday of our order, in March the birthday of our lodge. Who would've thought at that time in 1868, that a bunch of actors in New York City had created what we have today.

I leave you with this: ***Be conscious of your words, especially when you're not in a good mood. You never want to mix bad words with a bad mood. You can always reverse your mood, but your words cannot be replaced.*** ~ Kiersten Butler

David Naccarato PER
Lodge Secretary

The following members will be investigated and balloted on March 4th 2015 during the general meeting.

Aaron McIntyre Health Insurance sales associate sponsored by Chad Rowedder
Member seeks reinstatement- **Robert Souza** retired

Longevity Pins

Longevity Pins

In April at the Fish Fry to be held April 17th we will be awarding membership pins in five year increments.

When you see your name come to fish Fry and pick up your membership pin and get your picture in the Antler Antics.

Below is a list of those who have earned longevity pins.
David Naccarato
Lodge Secretary

5 Years

Tom Baldrige
Ted Barnes
Leslie Donovan
Christine Harrison
Randall Hays
Michael Kissick
Roger Paskell
Ray Sorbino
Gregg Miraglia

10 Years

Steve Harrison
June Leadam
Barbara Metzgas
Dorothy Murray
Steve Santa
Mary Woodlief

15 Years

Rick Bennett
James Bodenhamer
Debbie Hawthorne
Max Maxwell
Steve McKee
Chris Metzgas

20 Years

Don Booker
James LaRue
John Leadam
Dave Maddox
Michael Murray
Henry Vega
Walter Ogden

25 Years

Ed Bianchi
Chris Campbell
William Sandham
Nick Schiele

30 Years

Bruce Cameron
Jerry Case
Wilson Dyer
Keith Orr

35 Years

Chuck Busch
Johnny D. Ambrosio
Clarence Brown
Walter Eagan
Terry Gicking
Dick Hejlik

40 Years

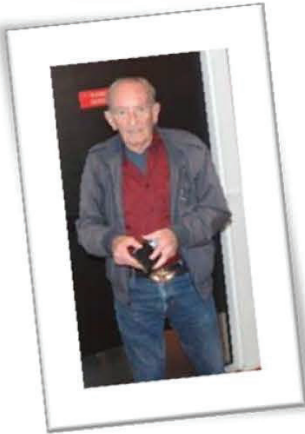
R.D. Routh
Roy Sapp
Tim Hinsche

45 Years

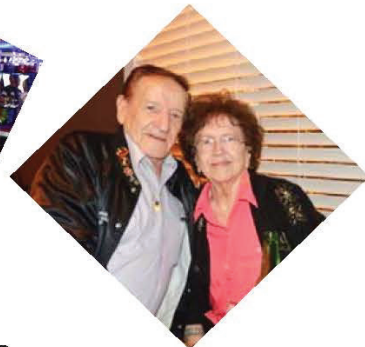
Dick Churik
Harold Constantine
Dennis Gillette
Jerry Gilmore
Jack Henry
Robert Huffman
Robert Jennings
Kenneth Keeler
Kenny Krabel
George Meehan
George Vivlamore
Jan King

50 Years

Rick Herrera
Robert Scudder



Around The Lodge





**In Honor of
Our
First Responders**



A Message From The Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen

March transition to new Officers a busy time



March brings with it an ending and a new beginning. It is a time of transition. Nature brings the beginning of spring and a re-birth of plant and animal life.

We also see the end of a Lodge year and the installation of a new array of Lodge Officers. It is a time to reflect upon the goals achieved and those goals that continue to challenge for the new Lodge year ahead. This is a time when we take stock of our membership accomplishments and resolve to first match and then exceed the past year's results. We trust your Lodge has been among the nationwide links in this great chain of brotherhood that has Elevated America to new heights with your community service.

Congratulations are in order to the new Lodge Officers. I challenge you to set worthy goals for your Lodge and the Order of Elks. As thousands who have gone before, you will enthusiastically go about meeting the challenges of leading and operating your Lodge and engaging in visible Elks volunteerism in your community.

I trust that your Trustees, Board of Directors and Governing Body of the Club have been working on a budget to present to the Membership in April. This is one of the most important tasks of the entire Lodge year.

It is also time to plan the Lodge volunteerism and community service. We will naturally attract a large group of good new Members who seek to join our ranks in this great crusade of elevating the human condition in America.

Throughout this new Lodge year let us always remain mindful of our mission as set forth in the Preamble to our Constitution. As leaders of our Local Lodge we must inculcate the four great principles that are the foundation of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. We vow to remain steadfast in our belief in God in the face of distractions from many quarters.

Our benevolence must start by promoting the welfare and happiness of our Members. American patriotism will be paramount in our thoughts and deeds. Good fellowship flows from our principle of Brotherly Love. We must always seek to perpetuate ourselves as a great fraternal organization of American men and women. We must govern ourselves with an eye on preserving and enhancing the beautiful ideas set forth in our mission statement, which is derived from this Preamble.

Let us pray for the safety of our troops overseas and at home in this small world in which we live. May God help us and bless our beloved Order.

~ John D. Amen G.E.R.

The History of the BPO Elks Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477

The foundation of this fraternal organization is found in the Elks Mission Statement: "To inculcate* the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share."

With that vision as the root of the organization Thousand Oaks Elks lodge #2477 became a reality with a dinner and dance taking place at the Oxnard Lodge on March 25, 1972 (at a cost of only \$3.00 per person).

The series of meeting locations began with Du-Pars Restaurant located on TO Blvd. but due to on-site fund raising restrictions it quickly became apparent that a new location was needed. Thanks to one of the members we found ourselves in a tack room in Lynn Ranch meeting for free. Still, a tack room isn't necessarily the place to grow an organization so the hunt continued. After an inspection of a warehouse off Skyline Drive conducted by cigarette lighter in conjunction with an "offer they couldn't refuse" the Elks had a new home. However, temporary.

Again in early 1973 members came to the aid of the lodge moving to our present location a former Lutheran Church at 158 Conejo School Road. Needing \$85,000 to purchase the property, some members put their homes up as security against default of the loan. Bob Clark Sr., Dick Churik, Dick Flake, John Farhat, Jack Henry, Paul Jones, Erle Pitman, Frank Rindone and Don Steinhelper did so under the name "The Conejo Brothers". Thanks to them and twelve other brothers who each loaned \$1000.00 to the lodge, funding was guaranteed. The purchase of our lodge building and property was complete and a new era began.

Changes to the current lodge building have continued over the years including some of notable interest. In March 1983, what is now the men's room was under construction. The project of John Nichols, the ER at that time, was a new men's room, something to replace the "one holer" which was currently in use. With donations of time and materials from many, it became a reality and the "Johns John" was ready for the Grand Flush Opening! The spring of 1981 saw the remodeling of the bar and efforts to upgrade and renovate the property continue this today. http://www.elks2477.com/about_us/

2015 Note: With the recent updates to our lodge we want to thank each of you for being a part of our history!

St. Patrick's Day Party

March 21, 2015

\$15.00

**Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge
158 S. Conejo School Rd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362**

**Corned Beef Dinner With All The Fixings & Dessert
Including Jim Mullen's Colcannon Potatoes
Prepared By Mike Flannery & Kamper Krew**

HAPPY HOUR 6:00 PM



DINNER 7:00 PM

Raffles - Prizes

Tickets Available At Lodge Bar & Flannerys 1-818-706-0680

Net Proceeds Benefit The Lodge Renovation Program

Sponsored by El Conejo Kampers



Konejo Kampers

SUNSHINE AND RAIN LOVE THEM BOTH VALENCIA TRAVEL VILLAGE

We arrived at the campground late Thursday morning. The weather was beautiful: blue skies, sunny and warm. We were parked next to the Stulls, and I was invited to go to their rig to have a sample of a new liqueur Jessca had found. Mighty tasty! But the taste wasn't what intrigued her. When she shook the bottle, it looked a lot like a lava lamp!

Later in the day a number of people gathered for a gab session. The main subject of discussion was where to go for dinner. Out came the smartphones. What restaurants are available? How to get there? Do they have a Happy Hour? Claim Jumper was chosen. Their Happy Hour, we found out later, starts at 3:00 pm and lasts all evening. That was good for us as we rode with Howard and Carol Jacobson and got lost. If Happy Hour had only been one hour, we would have missed it.

Speaking of Howard and Carol, they are one of several couples who haven't been kamping in a while. The others are: Jeff and Debi Drake, Chuck and Judy Kudra and Wayne and Debbie LaFarr. It was great seeing all of them again. Don't stay away so long the next time.

Friday morning was pretty quiet around kamp. Jeff Drake had to go to work (poor guy!). Kathy Moye and Jessica Stull went to the mall and out to lunch. Their spouses, Jim and Dave, went to Walmart and Costco. Ed Colleran and Chuck Kudra went to Camping World. Howard and Carol went golfing. Those of us who stayed in kamp busied ourselves with reading, sewing, crafts and putting puzzles together. After the wanders returned, the poker players were able to get a few hours in. It was getting pretty dark when they quit. Most people ate dinner in their rigs. Mike Flannery brought firewood so after dinner we gathered around the fire.

Saturday morning we gathered in the clubhouse for brunch. We had terrific food, as usual. The clubhouse has two main rooms and we had the whole clubhouse for the day. A number of ladies played Mexican Train in one room while the poker players gathered in the other room for their game and to watch sports on TV.

It was good to have the clubhouse because it began sprinkling in the afternoon.

Ed and Donna Colleran were the Wagonmasters. Donna has a knack for coming up with creative ideas. This time it was a White Elephant silent auction. We had brought good, but unwanted, items from home and set them up on tables before the brunch. Throughout the day people bid on the items. After the evening potluck (also wonderful!), time was called, and we anxiously waited to find out what treasures we won. We raised \$74.50 for the Purple Pig.

By the time dinner and the auction were finished it was raining pretty hard. It rained until early in the morning. That didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Most of us enjoy hearing the rain on our kamper roofs. It did, however, keep us from having a fire that evening.

Sunday was another beautiful day, except for the fact we had to say goodbye. Four of us stayed for one more day. There were enough poker players for a four-handed game (Cheryl, Joel, Ed and Chuck), but for some reason they decided not to play. Judy, Donna and I put a puzzle together. We all left on Monday morning, leaving behind a nice pile of firewood for some lucky camper.

Submitted by,
Beverly Erickson, Substitute Kampout Reporter



Harry Isamen's Retirement from the JV BBQ Team
This is a retirement party held for Harry Isaman. In the picture is Herb Jellander, Bobby Williams, Dwight Williams, Jim Allen, Dave Anderson, Dick Johnson, Alan Hardie and Jon Preston

Veterans - by Carl Lanterman

Feb. 28th: David Naccarato's presentation to honor our own Elks veterans will be the centerpiece of an evening of BBQ dinner, musical entertainment and fundraising drawings to support our veterans fund. In addition, local veterans have been invited to attend and become familiar with our lodge, and with veterans services to be made available; hopefully some new members as well. Ed Rice will be out of town, so Tom Hartin will be picking up the kitchen event. THANKS TOM! These two events have been postponed twice and combined for this special day. Let's make it a BIG DEAL!

Watch our website, www.elks2477.com, for photos and up-to-date announcements. If you want to join the veterans committee in meetings as they are scheduled, or if you want to volunteer your time for veterans, please use the contact information below, or call the office – 805-496-2477.

Other than the two regular happenings, bingo & karaoke, nothing has been planned for March.

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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Vice Chair-Veterans Service Committee
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www.vcstanddown.org

March 1st – Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day

March 3, 1931 – Star Spangled Banner was made the U.S.

National Anthem

March 19, 2003 – Iraq War Began

March 24, 1999 –

Kosovo Campaign Began

March 31, 1995 –

Somalia Campaign Ended

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

was founded on

March 19, 1912



2015 Elk's Ladies Major Project Fundraiser

SOUTH OF THE BORDER



SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

Social Hour @ 5:30

Dinner @ 6:30



\$3.00
MARGARITA
¡ESPECIAL!



DOOR PRIZES
BASKET RAFFLES
MUSIC

\$25 PER PERSON
BUY YOUR TICKETS BY MARCH 2ND

Tickets available at the bar
or call Beth Kozlowski @ 402-6647

No tickets sold at the door



2014-2015 Committee CHAIRPERSONS

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Marian Anderson
2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Barbara Gibbs
SECRETARY: Mary Woodlief
TREASURER: Karen Naccarato
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: Beth Kozlowski
SUNSHINE: June Leadam
HISTORIAN: Jeri Miller

Sickness and Distress:

Kathy Ryder's memorial service was held at the Lodge on February 8th.

Kathy was a long standing Elk Lady having served as Past President in 1988-1989 and was honored as our Appreciation Recipient in 1996.

She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. She was a shining light and an inspiration to us always.

Our annual major project fundraiser is March 7th with a "South of the Border" theme.

The Elks Ladies Installation of Officers will be March 10th with the following officers being installed:

President Beth Kozlowski
1st Vice President Mary Woodlief
2nd Vice President Marian Anderson
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Just a note of thanks from your editors Paul & Kira. It has been a pleasure serving you this past year. God Bless and *see you round the lodge.*
Paul & Kira Wagner

March Birthdays

1 Angie Prizzi
1 Jet Perry
5 Phyllis Riding
6 Dee Ansell
11 Crystal Dool
20 Jill Williams
22 Melinda Pekow
25 Jessica Stull

Inspirational

A Matter Of Love

"And now these three remain: Faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love". 1 Corinthians 1:13

It's that time of the year again, You know red hearts, pink roses, balloons, cards, candy, and animals that sing songs of love. Do you know that more roses are sold on Valentine's Day than any other day of the year?

All over the world, it is the day that people show their love for special people in their lives.

However, flowers will die, candy gets eaten, balloons will pop, stuffed animals may stop singing and cards may get lost or thrown away, but the love that is shared with one another and God's love for us, will never pass away.

Let's find little ways to show kindness to those we love as well as to those difficult people in our lives not just on February 14 th but on a daily basis this coming year.

Let us pray :
Loving Father,

Thank you for loving us all equally just as we are every day. Teach us to love in this manner and thank you for giving us the capacity to do so.

We pray in your Holy name,

Amen
Barbara Gibbs
Chaplain

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Inaugural Ball – Mike Flannery

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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.**

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1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	

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