



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



*Mother's Day Brunch - Sunday May 10th
10:00am to 1:00pm - \$12.00 (See page 7 for details)*

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Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- *Providing karaoke at Cal-Vet Home in Saticoy monthly
- *Doing bingo party at Sepulveda monthly
- *Veterans Hospital Visitation monthly
- *Hosting blood drive for the community
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Hosting Law Enforcement and Firefighter appreciation dinner and awards
- *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

Upcoming Initiation Schedule

Investigation	Balloting	Orientation	Initiation
	May 4th	May 26th	May 27th
May 15th	June 3rd	June 23rd	June 24th
June 19th	July 1st	July 21st	July 22nd

Duty Officers

- 5/7-5/13 Karen Martyn
- 5/14-5/20 Dave Anderson
- 5/21-5/27 Terry Gicking
- 5/28-6/3 Darryl Kopacz

Elk of the Month



You may not know him, he doesn't hang around much after work to socialize, but if you have had breakfast at the lodge on Sunday or have come down to a Saturday BBQ you have seen him working. He is an excellent cook and a good friend who gives a lot of his time to our lodge. His name is Jesse Garcia.

Thanks Jesse for all you do.

LODGE ROOM RENTALS

Attention Members: Are you planning a party, banquet, wedding, birthday or other special event? Our renovated Lodge Room is available for rental at very reasonable rates. Catering can be arranged. Contact Brooke at 805 496 4550.



A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

Exalted Ruler Jim Moyer



Fellow Elks,

I hope that this note finds you all well. Let's start with April. Our Installation of Officers and Inaugural Ball had a good turnout. Thank you all for your support.

April was also a great month for our BBQ crews. Our Saturday revenues have increased significantly over last year's. Thanks to Ed, Herb, Jim, Jill, PERs and the BBQ crews, we are setting records for sales. This brings up the need to renovate and upgrade our BBQ equipment.

The children's Easter Egg Hunt was no less than fantastic. If you missed it this year be sure to bring your kids, grandkids or neighbors next year. Thanks to Bugsy, Dee, Ray, Esto, and our new members Beate and Mike (the Easter bunny) for making it the success that it was.

May is going to be a busy month. I'm sure that you have heard this before: "You make the difference". I say that because it is the truth. May 1st through 7th is Youth Appreciation Week with Youth Appreciation Night on May 1st.

Our Kentucky Derby Days on May 2nd will not only host a Derby pool but I will be hosting a "Salsa Contest" with first, second and third place prizes going to the winners. Cost is a \$5.00 entry fee going to the lodge beautification project. Entrants please register with me in advance. Winner also gets bragging rights for one year. Come on down for a great time.

Mary and Steve Woodlief have taken on the coordination of the youth dictionary project. They will need help so contact Mary to volunteer. This is one of our most visible community projects so thanks Mary and "Elroy" for volunteering. Terry Gicking volunteered to be the chairperson of the youth "Americanism" committee. These contestants get state and national attention so contact Terry if you are interested in getting involved. Thanks Terry.

Our State Convention in San Diego takes

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Loyal Knight Donna Leary



Dear Members,

There are a lot of things happening at your lodge in the coming months. Make sure you keep up on the calendar and weekly updates.

First on a sad note, we needed to say good-bye to Grandma Dee Swanson. Grandma Dee was an amazing spirit, fun to be around and a very unique personality. She was a longtime fixture at the lodge choosing to volunteer countless hours. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends. Because of Dee's memorial, I chose to postpone the ENF Gangster night out of respect for her and her family.

I have changed the availability of meals in the kitchen because of the lack of interest by the membership. Food will now be available Sundays with breakfast being offered, and on Wednesdays cheese and fruit plates will be available for purchase before the meetings at the bar. These plates will also be available Monday through Thursday if you like. The first Tuesday (Lady Elk meeting) night there will still be meals prepared by Jean and Gregg Miraglia which anyone can purchase. The participation for meals or should I say the lack of participation has led to slimming down on costs and waste. Friday night dinners will remain and I'm just trying to get new volunteers and menus to boost interest from the membership. Your support is key in the success of the kitchen remaining open. Time will tell and if there is something you want to see, just let me know. I can't do it alone and I want everyone that supports my efforts to know how much I appreciate you.

The Convention, Conejo Valley Days, and the Chili Cook-off are also right around the corner. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the lounge and get involved. CVD takes a lot of hands and your help will be greatly appreciated, especially by Eddie Rice.

The next Elks National Foundation (ENF) "FUN"raiser, GANGSTER NIGHT, was

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Leading Knight Mike Flannery



Words cannot express how flattered Mike is to serve the members of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477. Therefore, he will not be contributing an article this month.

Loyal Knight Continued

moved to SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2015. This is going to be such a fun night with a menu of amazing food. Johnny D is stepping up to the plate one more time. If you haven't tasted his fabulous Italian Cuisine, you are really missing something special. Johnny D will be assisted by Gregg and Jean Miraglia, Cathie Capolino and Casey Boggiano. I also have a little something different in regards to the entertainment; Chris Banta and his jazz/blues trio will be performing. Posters are up in the lodge and tickets are also on sale for only \$25.00. One other addition is going to be a little Texas Holdem game organized by Shannon Cunningham and her team. Shannon is a brand new member and her involvement is so appreciated. There will be something for everyone. Come and have an amazing night of food, music, games, raffle items and 50/50. The best part about supporting these events is helping others while having a great time.

Thank you,

Donna Leary, Loyal Knight and ENF Chairperson

Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn



Terry Gicking, as our new Americanism chairman, is launching a campaign to recognize the citizens in and around our community who demonstrate their patriotism by displaying the American flag 24 hours

a day. He asks our members who witness a home or business displaying our flag 24 hours a day to let him know so the Lodge can send them a letter of appreciation.

Members can email Terry at tgicker@gmail.com to report those deserving this recognition.

Turning to scouting, more than 180 Ventura County Eagle Scouts who earned their awards this past year were honored at an annual dinner held at the Los Robles golf course. Lodge members Bill Sternberg, Billy Sternberg, Greg Metzger, Terry Gicking and Bill Miller were among the many sponsors for this event.

Three Eagle Scouts were presented their awards by Lodge members at Courts of Honor this past month. Each of the boys had tasks that benefited the community and gave them a chance to organize and manage a project of their own. The total number of our Lodge sponsored Troop 754 boys that have earned Eagle now stands at 78 with two more expected to be confirmed during a review board in May. An Eagle Scout from Troop 753 will be presented with a letter of commendation from Elks National on April 25th – he was a Cub in our large Dos Vientos Pack 3763.

Richard Goldner and others from the Lodge are collecting funds in support of a new shower/bathroom facility at the Ventura County Council's Camp Three Falls located in the Lockwood Valley – Frazier Park area. The old building has been torn down to be replaced by a code compliant (structurally sound) one to serve the needs of the many youth who camp there.

Girl Scouts from our neighboring Conejo School had several successful cookie sales days at our Lodge Saturday BBQs. We'll

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Secretary David Naccarato



First some housekeeping;

Widows Identification Cards

If you are a widow of a member of this lodge and would like to have an ID card, please call the office and give us your name. The requirement for receiving a widow or widower's identification card is that the member must have been in good standing when he/she passed away and you have not remarried. The widow/widower's card allows you to come to lodge social functions. You may not go to a lodge meeting or be used as a proposer or reference for a new member.

Associate Members

If you are already an Associate member of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 and would like to continue your associate membership the dues are \$30 per year and are not pro-rated. Please provide a copy of your 2015-2016 membership card from your home lodge along with a check for \$30 to Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 2330 Los Feliz Dr. Thousand Oaks Ca. 91362. New Associate members need to visit the office and fill out the paperwork and show your 2015-2016 membership card.

Dues Statement's

You should have received your 2015-2016 dues statement. If not or have misplaced it please call the office at 805-496-2477 and a new form will be sent out to you. The Key card readers have been changed as of April 1st. If you have moved or changed your E-mail please forward that information to the lodge.

Elks Hoop-Shoot

September 19th will be our lodge Hoop-Shoot contest. It will be held at the Thousand Oaks Community Center 2525 Moorpark Rd. Registration is at 8AM with competition to start at 9AM. The shoot is for boys and girls from 8 to 13 years of age. Their age is determined by what the shooters age will be April 1, 2016. This will be a good opportunity for members to get involved with their lodge and the community. It takes 7 members per basket to efficiently work the basket.

Secretary's Message Continued

8-9, 10-11, 12-13 both boys and girls are eligible to shoot plus we have to register all of them.

SPECIAL Kids Day

Friday May 8th at Conejo Valley Days is "Special Kids day". Disabled children ride the rides for free. The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge cooks up 600 hamburgers for the Zonta Club who runs this event. We feed the kids, their handlers and the carnival workers who give up their time for this worthwhile event. This is also the same time the officers of the lodge will be at the State convention. Not that it means the Officers do everything. They do a lot but this is a members event. We need volunteers to cook the hamburgers (easy) transport them to the CVD site (easy) and build the burgers (a little harder). The kids have special diets so the hamburgers cannot be made up ahead of time. At the site you take a bun, add the burger, put on the ketchup, relish or mayo, give em a bag of chips and make a child smile. Not hard to do. The food and boxes of chips will all be ordered for you, but you will need some instruction on the kitchen, how to check out a key, where to go at CVD and what to do when you're done. If interested please call the office. I do have one volunteer as of now. A brand new member has jumped at the chance to get involved and for that I'm grateful. It's not brain surgery but a team to cook here, a team to transport to CVD and a team to assemble would be great. And you'll go home feeling good knowing you made a difference in a child's life.

Flag Bench

I want to thank Dwight Williams for picking up the bench decorated like the flag of the United States and redoing the paint job and repairing the wood. It looks as strong as our flag is now.

David Naccarato, PER

Sickness & Distress

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

Condolences:

To the John Puckett Family on the passing of his sister, Karen.

To the Swanson family on the passing of "Grandma Dee".

Keep in your prayers:

Paul De Nubilo

Pete Jackson who is back in Cedar Saini

Pati Harrod who is recovering from the flu

Ben Reiger is recovering from a shoulder injury

Harry Brockwell - admitted to Kaiser Sunset Blvd., L.A.
no calls or visitors please.

Calendar Highlights

- 5-01 Youth Appreciation Dinner
- 5-02 Kentucky Derby Party & Salsa Tasting Contest
- 5-10 Mothers Day Brunch and Ritual
- 5-13 Gourmet Cheese Platters w/Fixin's & Wine - \$10
- 5-15 Friday Night FISH FRY - \$10
- 5-17 Hawaiian Breakfast by Donna Leary & Crew
- 5-21 Bingo by Power Dave 1pm Early Bird 2pm Regular
- 5-22 Salad Bar by Donna
- 5-29 Pasta-Bil-ities by Wild Women on Wine

*CHEA State Convention, San Diego
May 6th through the 9th*

Elks Care - Elks Share

May Birthdays

Brian Thorkildsen-1
Dick Hejlik-2
Vernon Jossy-5
Peter Padilla-5
Dave Anderson -6
George Vivlamore-6
Tom Baldrige-7
Barbara Metzgas-7
Earl Walthall-7
Herb Jellander-10
Ben Morris-10
Wendi Stuart-11
Anthony Federico-12
Tori Rogers-13
Bill Miller-14
Alvin Caddin-16
Richard Rogers-16
Kathy Moye (1st lady)-17
Michael Cagley-19
Robert Koeritz-19
Fred Gessler-20
Ken Keeler-22
Dave Maddox-22
David Stull-23
Pam Price-24
Steve Woodlief-24
Thomas Varden-25
Mike Murray-27
Rick Naranjo-27
Jeff Conyers-28
Dale Haas-29
Beate Sable-30

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris (Century Club)
Gilbert Riding PER (Century Club)
Gregg Miraglia
Mary Woodlief (52 Club)
Jean Miraglia
Steve Woodlief (52 Club)
Billy Sternberg (52 Club)
Pam Price
Kathy Moye
Terry Gicking PDDGER
Alan Hardie
Jim Moye ER
Bill Sternberg PER
Bill Miller
Max Maxwell



The Crying towel



3/4/2015 1st capsule drawing \$500 Jill Williams paid but not present.

2nd capsule drawing \$150 Keith Orr paid but not present.

lucky 13 \$60 Max Maxwell no winner.

3/18/2015 1st capsule drawing \$500 Tom Hartin paid but not present.

2nd capsule drawing \$175 Steve Finnerty paid but not present.

Lucky 13 \$75 Jim Lovato no winner

3/25/2015 1st capsule drawing \$500 Nick Sheile paid but not present

2nd capsule drawing \$200 Steven Ogden paid but not present

Lucky 13 \$90 Max Maxwell no winner

Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

May 7, 1945 – Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces was signed.

May 8, 1945 – V-E Day Declared/ Also, Military Spouses Day

May 15, 1942 - Women's Army Corps Founded

May 16th – Armed Forces Day

May 25th – Memorial Day Observed

May 30th – Memorial Day

(Dates are taken from the VFW Calendar)

Notes about notable days

Armed Forces Day was established in 1950, after the establishment of the U.S. Department of Defense in 1949. Individual days of the branches are still observed, and the longest running Armed Forces Day parade is in Bremerton, WA – 64 years.

The WAC was intended to bring 11,000 women into support for the Army, but the war brought in 25,000 to begin with. Outstanding performance in the field was the primary reason for success of the WAC until they were disbanded in 1978 and converted to the branch in which they worked. Women were first allowed in combat in 1994.

Coming Events

May 28th will mark 5 years of T.O. Elks karaoke with the Cal Vet Home-Ventura. We will celebrate with the regulars putting on a show for all who will attend. We want a big crowd, and it doesn't matter if you were in the military. See address below; Telephone & Wells Rd. in Saticoy @ 6:00 pm. There will be a rehearsal on April 23rd, the regular 4th Thursday visit. Come to both. Snacks will be provided.

Remember the upcoming 23rd Ventura County Stand Down on July 24-26th, and Veterans Brunch on the first Sunday in November (Nov. 1st).

WOW, 5 YEARS

We have come to the end of my 5th year as veterans chairman (National Veterans Service Committee). It continues to be my honor to serve the lodge in this capacity, and especially in a lodge where so many of you do so much to support the veterans. When I see a turnout as we did on Feb. 28th, it makes me feel like we can continue with a strong program. The comments that I hear from those outside our lodge are especially warming since I know that it took someone from within the lodge to say good things. Art has been very helpful in so many ways, in spite of his recent illness; glad to see he is back on his feet.

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Memorial Day - Remembering those who gave all



Mother's Day at the Elks Lodge

Sunday, May 10, 2015

10:00 am - 1:00pm

RITUAL: 11:00am

FLOWERS FOR ALL MOTHERS ATTENDING

**Please make
reservations
(805) 496-4550**

**ADULTS \$12
CHILDREN \$6**

#2477

MENU

**eggs, ham,
bacon, sausage,
hash browns
bisquits & gravy,
waffles by David,
crepes by Johnny
D'Ambrogia, fruit &
pasteries, orange juice
& coffee, complimentary
champagne to menu**

Pasta-bil-ities

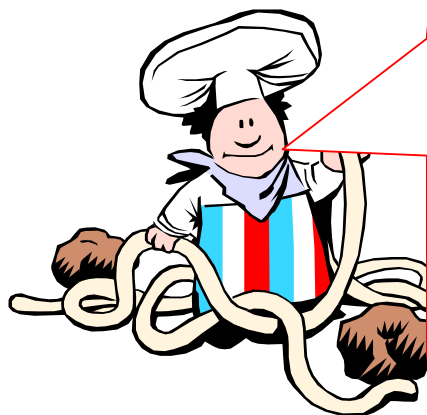
by the Wild Women on Wine



Friday, May 29th

6:30 pm

\$10.00pp



Hey!- You come'n
puta the pasta on
da plate, top with
some vegis & da
meat, & adda the
sauce. We mixa it
up 4 you in the
hota pan & mangia!

Featuring

The Pasta Bar

- * **Pasta** (spaghetti or penne)
- * **Vegetables** (broccoli, zucchini, onions, mushrooms, peppers)
- * **Meats** (chicken, meatballs, Italian sausage, shrimp)
- * **Sauce** (Marinara, Alfredo, garlic & olive oil)



Chocolate, Cheese and Wine always from the W.W.W.

(Catherine, Donna, Karen, Kathy, Mary, Paula, Toni & Vanessa)

*Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 presents it's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
by
Don "Bugs" Ansel*



**2015 - 2016
Committee Chairpersons**

1st Vice President Mary Woodlief
 2nd Vice President Marian Anderson
 Secretary Lynn Rodriguez
 Treasurer Karen Naccarato
 Auditor Beth Kozlowski
 Communications Mary Flannery
 & Carol Fredericks

Elks Ladies



Beth Kozlowski, President

**2015 - 2016
Committee Chairpersons**

Parliamentarian Jessica Stull
 Chaplin Barbara Gibbs
 Major Project Beth Kozlowski
 Sunshine June Leadam
 Historian Jeri Miller

Our new President, Beth Kozlowski, is a long time member of the Elks Ladies, having volunteered and Chairing many fundraisers and many other various events. Beth will do a fantastic job and is planning many scheduled events this year.

The Elks Ladies, for those that do not know what we do, is to help the Elks in the work that they do and fundraise monies to help purchase things that the Elks and the Lodge need. Some of the many things that we are involved in are fundraising for Major Project and ENF, help with the BBQ crew, decorate the Lodge for visitations, and other events such as Police and Firefighters Awards Dinner, Children's Christmas Party, Christmas Tree Lot, amongst many others. Oh yes, we do fun things on our own such as audience participation in various TV shows, Chelsea Lately, Arsenio Hall, and the most fun was three trips to Let's Make a Deal! Look for more On Camera Audience trips in the future helping to raise money for Major Project and ENF. Everyone is welcome to come and help to support the Ladies to help the Elks.

The Inaugural Ball was last month and

Tom Ryder and crew cooked up a delicious prime rib dinner. The Elks Ladies served the dinner thanks to those who volunteered; Charlotte, Shirste and Tanya Gessler and Jeri Miller.

Inspirational

The Beauty of Hope

We've all heard the English Proverb "April showers bring May flowers". Yes we can feel better on a rainy April days because we can think of the warm weather and pretty flowers just around the corner in May. Isn't it a blessing for us to know that the periods of discomfort in life can provide the basis for future happiness and joy if we will hold onto our hope and faith in God.

Remember: Faith and hope moves you forward, energizes the present, lightens the darkness, purifies the soul, broadens the mind and stabilizes the storm.. Even though troubles and trials are unavoidable, in the midst of those April Showers, the power and beauty of hope can shine through and bring us those May Flowers to get us through another day.

Let us Pray:

Lord, thank you that no matter what my earthly life brings, my hope rests in You. Help me to trust You when life doesn't make sense and to see beyond our circumstances for the hope of May Flowers and to always begin each new day with renewed hope in You. We pray in your precious name, Amen.

May Birthdays:

- 7 Barbara Metzgus
- 11 Joan Ayrat
- 13 Nell Rosco
- 17 Patti Serota
- 19 Robert Koeritz
- 20 Diane Isaman
- 29 Alice Kennedy

- 50/50 Drawing - Niki Case \$42.00
- Bubble Draw - Jill Williams \$20.00

THANK YOU ELKS LADIES

I wish to thank the Elks Ladies Association for the outstanding waitress support they provided me and the Lodge in support of this year's Inaugural Ball dinner.

In case some of you have not noticed, the Ladies have supported some of the lodge Friday night dinners with waitress support. This allows you to come down to the lodge, sit down and be served at your table. It makes for a nicer dinner if you do not have to stand in line for your meal.

Going to do it again!

Again Thank you Ladies.

Tom Ryder - PDDGER

*Three Amigas at the Elks Ladies Fiesta Fundraiser
June, Carol and Faye*



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place May 6 through 9 so the first meeting in May will be dark due to the lack of personnel available to conduct our meeting.

Please mark your calendars and invite Mom to brunch, as we will be hosting our annual Mother's Day Brunch on May 10th. Our new Chaplain, David Anderson, will be hosting this event.

Yours truly
Jim Moye

Exalted Ruler

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be seeing more of these girls when we cook hot dogs for them during the annual Brownlympics to be held on Saturday, May 16th at Redwood Intermediate School. This will be about the 7th year in a row that the Lodge has supplied hot dogs and is lots of fun – if anyone is interested in helping, call Bill Miller or David at the Lodge Office to volunteer.

Karen Martyn
Lecturing Knight

Meet our New Members



Beate Sable
with sponsor Pati Harrod, Treasurer



Viki Novak (R)
with sponsor Jane Watson



Mikael Cagley (R)
with sponsor Robert Williams



Shannon Cunningham (L)
with sponsor Jennifer Hassel

Veterans Services continued from page 6

One area where I feel insufficient is in planning events, especially for those special veterans occasions where we haven't always celebrated. If you can help me in this endeavor, please call; Max usually does when I haven't planned anything (I need your calls Max). With the stand down coming at the end of July, we will again need help on the food line on Saturday, and there is always room for another volunteer.

Looking forward to another good year for veterans service and remember that you don't have to be a veteran to join us in celebrating.

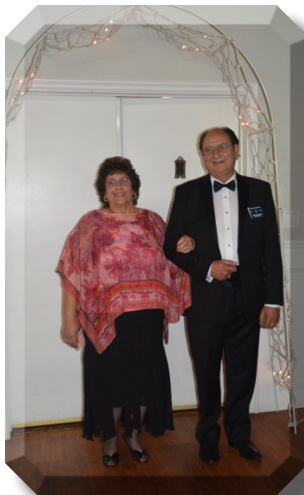
BINGO @ Sepulveda V.A. – 2nd Friday each month at 1:00 pm
16111 Plummer St., at Woodley, Sepulveda, CA

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

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Installation of Officers and Inaugural Ball





El Konejo Kampers

SANTA MARIA ELKS LODGE MARCH 2015

WOW – blazing HOT! 90 degrees way too warm for most of us. We'd gather for a short while then everyone, well almost everyone headed for air conditioning, whether in our rigs or in the Lodge.

The Ericksons, Nemtuszkas, Collerans and Kudras went up on Wednesday, Thursday the majority of people arrived, except Jane Watson, who arrived Saturday. Poor thing has decided money comes before playing, and has gone back to work for a while.

Howard and Carol Jacobson joined us for the first time in quite a while. Howard is a big man and he has BIG dogs. One thought Clyde would make a lovely snack.

Cheryl had invited me to travel with her. It's a long boring drive alone. Needless to say, Cheryl marches to a different drummer. In our previous conversations, I was to meet her at the Lodge at 9 a.m. I got up early packed and was ready to go. Cheryl had moved our time to meet to 10:30 a.m. She finally arrived at the Lodge at 11:00.

It was difficult to keep track of the happenings because a large group was parked in the north 40.

Before I let my train of thought completely jump the track, we want to express our condolences to John Puckett for the loss of his sister. Further confirmation that a person should NEVER get up on a ladder with no one else around. Have had two neighbors who did - to their regret.

Thursday night 23 Kampers descended on Jocko's in Nipomo. Some had never been there, the majority (I think) had been there numerous times. The general opinion being, it is one of the best places to eat on the Central Coast.

Cheryl was begun walking for exercise. Judy Kudra and Donna Colleran have been walking for months. Cheryl went walking with them for a short time. She came back to the rig with her tongue hanging, she couldn't keep up with the "race walkers". Keep it up Cheryl, you'll get there. Friday night was cook your own whatever at the Lodge. Been there done that, but with leftovers from Pea Soup Anderson, (forgot to mention that stop on the way to Santa Maria), as well as steak from Jocko's, there was no need to leave the rig. Cheryl returned rather disappointed, she over cooked her fish.

Although the flyer said Continental breakfast – wrong, Potluck as usual. For the

first time I can remember in the number of years I've been out with this group, we have never gone without EGGS. There was not an egg in any form on the table. Not to imply there wasn't plenty of food, but it was odd to have no eggs!

We had the usual 50/50 and drawing for free campout. As per usual, my campout donation produced NOTHING! Cheryl won the 50/50 and the Ericksons won the free campout, again!

These drawings were no more than complete, when Mary Flannery was around with raffle tickets for the St. Patrick's Dinner. Come on people, give it a rest.

Saturday afternoon, Donna and I made the rounds to the quilt shops in the area. Big surprise, we found fabric to make us drool, but I've sworn off buying any fabric, except for the backing of tops already completed. I think it pained Donna to leave behind some fabric that was absolutely stunning.

Some stayed behind and some left on Sunday. The Collerans and Kudras were proceeding on to Flying Flags on Monday. Good luck at the casino, guys!

The PERs Corner

The Past Exalted Rulers (PERs) April meeting was opened by President Terry Baker. Items discussed were:

* Support given to the incoming Exalted Ruler's get together for discussion of the 2015-2016 Elks year and general operations of the lodge.

* Authorized PERs donation to the Elks Ladies Association for their waitress support of the Inaugural Ball dinner.

* Authorized yearly donation of the Frank Rindone scholarships to the Lodge in support of the lodge scholarships given to

the local high schools.

* PER monthly Sunday breakfast omelet bar with pancakes and waffles, usually the third Sunday of the month. It was decided to continue with the way it was set up and all are invited to attend. Suggestions welcomed!

The PERs are required to meet monthly in accordance with Grand Lodge statutes. The PERs are also tasked with support of the lodge and the Officers as advisors and will provide assistance only when requested by the governing body of the lodge.

The PERs have two sources of income. Monies they raise from their yearly dues and monies raised in support of lodge

functions during the year. Dues monies are kept in a separate account and are used in support of PER activities not related to lodge functions. Monies raised in support of lodge activities are retained in a lodge restricted funds account and are spent for lodge purposes in accordance with budgeted items documented in the budget prepared by the lodge Trustees.

PERs continue to support our Lodge!

Fraternally,

Tom Ryder - PER/ PDDGER

Officers 2015 - 2016

Exalted Ruler	Jim Moye
Leading Knight	Mike Flannery
Loyal Knight	Donna Leary
Lecturing Knight	Karen Martyn
Secretary	David Naccarato, PER
Treasurer	Pati Harrod
Tiler	Christine Harrison
Exquire	Billy Sternberg
Chaplain	Dave Anderson
Organist	Karin Speights
Officer at Large	Terry Gicking, PDDGER

Trustees 2015 - 2016

One Year	Pam Price, COB
Two Year	James Lovato
Three Year	George Meehan, PER
Four Year	Darryl Kopacz
Five Year	Dan Martyn, PER

Elk of the Year	Gerry Gillies
Officer of the Year	Pam Price
Citizen of the Year	Richard Herrera

2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

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Community Activities: Mike Flannery

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2nd Wednesday of the Month

Trustee Meeting: 6pm

House Committee Meeting : 7:30pm

followed immediately by Officers meeting

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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1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2004-05 Jay Block
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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, PDDGER
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1987-88 John E. Henry	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
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1989-90 Don Skinner	2014-15 Dan Martyn
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1991-92 Gary Sleigh	By Affiliation:
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1993-94 Jim Wallace	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
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