



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Celebrate Independence Day - Saturday, July 4th

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such Principles and organizing its Powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Tyranny, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and positive importance, unless he should signify his Assent thereto; and when so refused, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of People, unless those People would acquiesce in the Rights of Representation in the Legislature, a right unalienable to them and inseparable to freemen only.

He has called together legislative Bodies in places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their Public Records, in order to obstruct them in their compliance with the Measures.

He has refused to assent to their Petitions, and to dissolve them in many instances, after such dissolutions, to cause them to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of Anarchy, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States, for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Aliens; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their Offices, for the amount and payment of their Salaries.

He has created a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance.

He has endeavoured to keep us in a constant and unwarlike Arm, and to increase the Regular Army within our Borders, without the Consent of our Legislature.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

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We have petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered by insult and injury. —Alas! whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free People.

Not having Wished us in our Petitions, we have earned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unmerciful and oppressive Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Migration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common Kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity.

We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, and in Conscience.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown; and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of Right do. —And for the Support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

John Hancock	John Adams	Samuel Adams	John Jay	George Washington
Benjamin Franklin	Thomas Jefferson	Robert R. Livingston	Richard Henry Lee	George Mason
George Wythe	Richard Henry Lee	George Mason	James M. Smith	John Hancock
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Elk of the Month



Bobby Williams

This person will do anything for you at the drop of a hat. Not only is he a long time Elk, but a good friend of mine and known for his "Killer Pork Chops", Bobby Williams.

Upcoming Initiation Schedule

Investigation	Balloting	Orientation	Initiation
June 19th	July 1st	July 21st	July 22nd
July 17th	August 5th	August 25th	August 26th

Candidates to be balloted on July 1st

Suzanne Malvitz, Physical Therapist sponsored by Christine Harrison

Gary Harman, Retired sponsored by Ben Morris

Christina Boverson, Teacher sponsored by Terry Gicking

Frank Palacios, Auto Mechanic, Member Ventura Lodge #1342 requests Associate Membership

Remember, during July and August application and reinstatement fee's are \$1 plus prorated dues

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.

Flag Day comemorated with a Flag Retirement Ceremony



Bill Miller
Scouting Chairman
Thousnad Oaks Elks Lodge #2477
Coordinator of Scouts participation

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

Members of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge observe this solemn day by conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony. With the assistance and participation of patriotic members of the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, lodge members retired, with honor and dignity, flags of our nation which had become unserviceable.

Pictures highlighting this event are continued on page 9



Bill Sternberg, PER
Grand Lodge Western Region Scouting Chairman
Organizer of this event

Exalted Ruler Jim Moyer



Fellow Elks,

As I write this article I reflect on the great time I had participating in the Santa Maria parade and rodeo. The fact is that this annual event is the highlight of the Santa Maria Elks yearly events and rightly so. I feel that the participation of the T.O. Lodge in this event and seeing all of the other lodges there bonds and unifies our lodges. The parade is over a mile long. Kathy and I waved our arms off and Billy Sternberg (wearing his Hee Haw overalls) along with our district senior scout advisor and mentor Bill Sternberg, wooed the crowds with bells and whistles. Can't believe it was over with so quickly. Then there was the rodeo. Stands and pavillions that hold over 6,000 people were overloaded. Saying we had a fantastic time doesn't adequately express our enjoyment participating in these events.

At the beginning of June we hosted the area Vice President visitation of Shelley Gonzales. All of the officers and committee chairpersons presented their committee reports and were well received by Shelley. As always, there is room for improvement. Following our meeting we were treated to an excellent meatloaf dinner by our own chef Jim Porter and his crew.

On Saturday the 13th we had the rare opportunity to get wood from a very large oak tree. Because of short notice and members already committed to other tasks, the work force was a little less than we would have normally had and we are indebted to the members that changed their plans to help. They include Gerry Gillies, Jim Allen, Paul Stein, Jeff Conyers, Rick Herrera and son Eric, and some friends of our brothers whose names I don't know. The tree was cut down by Brad Harris of Thousand Oak Tree Service who engineered the donation. When I say large tree, Max said not only was it big, but will provide close to a year's supply of firewood. He said it was the best wood he has seen in years. A special thanks

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Leading Knight Mike Flannery



Attendance at the general meetings has recently been very low so I thought that explaining one of the incentives for you to attend might help.

A Capsule Drawing takes place at each general meeting. The capsule is a small plastic container which contains the name and number of each currently paid-up member of the Lodge. The capsules are all contained in a tumbler which is turned to mix the capsules and ensure a random drawing.

The member named in the winning capsule must be a paid-up member of the Lodge, must be present at the general meeting, and must have purchased \$5 worth of tickets for the Good of the Order raffle.

The Capsule Drawing begins with an amount of \$25 and each time there is no winner \$25 is added to the raffle amount until it reaches \$500. Once we reach \$500, a second capsule drawing is started in the amount of \$25 and continues to be increased by \$25 each meeting until there is a winner or the raffle amount again reaches \$500 and a new capsule drawing begins.

So far this year we have drawn the names of ten members, who would have won if they had been present. At the last meeting, Darryl (Duke) Kopacz won \$500, but we are already up to \$350 on the remaining capsule drawing which increases at each meeting.

I encourage each of you to attend meetings. Not only may you enjoy a financial benefit, but you may also enjoy being involved in decision making and Lodge Operations. And, sometimes, the meetings are even a bit of fun.

Mike Flannery
Leading Knight

Loyal Knight Donna Leary



Dear Members,

As Loyal Knight I have the responsibility of running the kitchen and scheduling all of the meals that volunteers prepare. I try to get this done by coming up with the volunteers and menu choices that I hope everyone enjoys. No one tells you going in just how difficult it is to make it run smoothly. I was fine with that; the food industry was once my profession, so I thought our kitchen would be a piece of cake so to speak.

When the kitchen became my responsibility, I heard rumblings like "Is Donna going to be a kitchen dictator?" (not so much in those words). Well let me tell you, I didn't see the need to do that up until now. As time has gone on, I have been witnessing actions by a handful of members that is shameful. The amount of food that goes missing is ridiculous. I can cook something and have leftovers enough for another meal, however, when you go back in to use it, it's gone. This isn't just from the kitchen but from the freezers in the pantry and BBQ room as well. Who does this and shame on you. If you don't understand what you were doing, it's called stealing. The bags of BBQ that leave the property without being paid for is also called stealing.

With that being said, I have gone to the House Committee to request that the pantry and refrigerators be locked up. If a member is cooking in the kitchen, they would just have to check out the key with the bartender on duty and sign for it. There was also a discussion about the option of installing cameras. The second option is being priced out and will be presented at the next House meeting.

You all know me to say pretty much what is on my mind and this situation really disheartens me. It makes me take a second look at why I became an Elk because what I'm seeing is conduct unbecoming.

Donna Leary
Loyal Knight and ENF Chairperson

Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn



I am fortunate to have great committee chairs under this station. Bill Miller, Rick Herrera, Don Sabol and Terry Gicking all gave excellent reports at Association Vice President Shelley Gonzales'

visitation, and they are active and enthusiastic about their committees.

Among our Lodge's most active and successful committees is Scouting, and Bill Miller submitted the following report for this month's Antler:

Our Boy Scout Troop 754 looks forward to summer camp, six of the boys accompanied by two scoutmasters will spend a week in the Bahamas sailing with a Sea Scout group based in FL and one boy will be attending the International Jamboree in Japan with 35 other SoCal boys (he's the only one from Ventura Co.). Ten Scouts plus several 3763 Cub Families also helped with our traditional Flag Day event in June.

On June 6-7 one of our new 754 families chaired a fundraiser in Orange County, their previous residence, and also at the Oaks Mall, raising nearly \$8,500 for "Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation", a project for childhood cancer research. The family lost a young son to cancer a few years ago and when he was undergoing treatments he learned about ALSF and said he would like to help too. The family has carried on after he sadly passed and the Troop pitched in to support them this year at the Oaks.

One Eagle just earned his fourth Palm (5 merit badges each) – a first for the troop, we believe. Our next Eagle Court of Honor will be held June 28th. We now have one Life Scout awaiting his review and another 16 Lifers who are working on their Eagle requirements. Some lack only a project while a few have finished their projects and are cleaning up loose ends before submitting their paperwork.

A Girl Scout Troop from our Conejo

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Secretary David Naccarato



Quick, I only have 350 words. Our time at the Cal-Cup Field Hockey Tournament was a huge success. You can't help but stick your chest out when you have teams from

other countries coming to purchase our Tri-Tip Sandwiches and telling us they have waited all year for this. Of course they pronounce them Trip-Tip sandwiches.

At every offsite event one member always stands out. During this four-day event it was Faye Stevens. Faye is the widow of a member who got really involved with Christine Harrison who also worked the tournament. Jim Mullen, who took the lead at the event, never lived it down when he asked for help getting the bread BBQ off the back of the pickup. Who shows up? None other than Faye Stevens and he gives her the heavy end. No harm done.

The long weekend worked like a well-oiled machine. Chairman Ed Rice was at the lodge on his phone running down more bread, Tri-tip and arranging delivery. If that was not enough we had an order for the San Diego Flyers for 50 sandwiches, racks of ribs and 15 chickens. It was all done, packed in hot boxes and delivered on time.

Ben Reiger was at the lodge on BBQ duty. It was a great weekend. Along with Christine, Faye and Jim were ER Jim Moye, First Lady Kathy Moye, Alan Hardie, Tom Hartin, Dave Anderson and myself. If I left out those who worked on Friday and Saturday I apologize. I was at the lodge working the PER BBQ.

We've been hassling with the health department about our Streaker Dog Wagon. So we incorporated the wagon for the refrigeration, three-basin sink and the awning. We also added a serving tent rented from Lister and the board of health loved it.

Offsite events are needed to support our lodge. They raise the money to pay the bills and allow for fund raising activities.

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Secretary's Message Continued

Yes, a lot of work but ask any of us if we had a good time? I'm sure it would be a resounding yes.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary



Thursday June 3rd we held our biggest bingo session to date. Remember more players bigger payouts.

I've been playing with different game patterns and I'm beginning to discover which ones work the best and still keep the players interested. The winners for the afternoon were Bobby & Paula Williams x 4 (so what else is new), guest Doris, member Sylvia Kofer and a split between Sylvia and Veteran member Art Urbano.

First Lady Kathy Moye got in the action with a win. ER Jim Moye blanked this afternoon. Kathy Jenkins with a win and a split with Pat Heckathorne who also won one on her own. Kathy Jenkins had some medical issues and we're glad she's back. New member Margaret Gonzales (Dick McCann's daughter) won her money back. Guest Nonie had two wins, Doris Conn a guest had B O. Come to a bingo game and see all the fun we're having. Lunch is always provided.

We do not have a lighted numbers board but we have something better. Jessica Stull has taken on the roll of Vanna helping the players track their bingo's. Bobby Williams is a big help with setup (feels guilty) and Pati Harrod helped tear down for me. I love this country. We play on the first and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1 PM. It is open to members and their guests only. 10 + games \$15.00. 20% to a charity, 10% to the lodge and the rest goes back to the players.

David Naccarato, PER

Sickness & Distress

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

Condolences:

To the family of Dan Martyn on the passing of his father
To the family of Tony Gomes
To the family of Beverly Reis on the passing of her father

Keep in your prayers:

Dick McCann

Harry Brockwell - At home now. Dialosis three times per week. Plus he suffered hearing loss.

Steve Smith - Recovering from back surgery

Pat Von Wittenberg - Going through knee replacement surgery

Barbara Metzgas - Resting at home after a brief stay at Los Robles hospital

Calendar Highlights

- 7-02 Bingo 1pm Early Birds 2pm Regulars
7-03 ER Going Away Party & PERs Night at the Races
7-04 Independence Day
ER Jim & 1st Lady Kathy Moye depart for the 151st Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis, IN
7-10 Enchilada Night - Green Chili Chicken and Red Chili Beef with sides
7-16 Bingo 1pm Early Birds 2pm Regulars
7-17 Friday Fish Fry \$10 - Entertainment by Runamucks
7-24 Ventura County Standown SEE FLIER
Prime Rib or Salmon dinner Reservations Required
Entertainment by Uncle Monkey
7-29 Dark night - No meeting - Pasta Dinner \$10 and Special Pig Races for our Major Project

July Birthdays

Marshall Matz-2
Charles Lombard-3
Don Booker PER-5
Steve Santa -5
Joel Warren-5
Danis Eglitis-6
David Starky-7
Karen McKinnion-8
Carl Lanterman-9
Greg Bolin-10
Mike Flannery-10
Steven Kammerer-10
Marion Anderson-12
Chet Kozlowski PER-12
Bill Smail-13
Lester Hight-14
Reino Hilden-14
Johnny Melo-14
Wilson Dyer-15
Bob Stevens-15
Leroy Sapp Jr.-17
Karin Speights-17
Donald Sabol-19
Daniel Hawkins-20
Greg Lockwood-20
Mike Rosco-21
Debbie Hawthorne-22
Ralph Sherwood-24
Diane Scott-25
Don Ansell PER-26
John Leadam-26

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Purple Pig Honor Roll

Bill Smail (Century Club x 5)
Kathy Moye
Pati Harrod (Century Club)
Stephen Finnerty (Century Club)
Juanita Feamster
Karen Martyn
Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Pam Price
Darryl Kopacz (Century Club+)
Dan Martyn, PER
Bill Sternberg, PER
Bob & Olga Campbell (52 Club)(Non members)

July Birthdays Continued

James Moye ER-26
Donny Long-27
Jerry Case-28
Walter Eagan-28
David Grannis-28
Lynn Rodriguez-28
Richard Case-31

Duty Officers

7-02 to 7-08 Pam Price
7-09 to 7-15 Pati Harrod
7-16 to 7-22 David Naccarato
7-23 to 7-29 Gregg Miraglia
7-30 to 8-05 Dan Martyn

The Crying towel



May 20th

1st capsule drawing
\$500 Jill Williams,
again not present.

2nd capsule drawing
\$275 Amanda Skoczek
not present.

Lucky 13 - \$150 to
Steve Buzynski who,

without a flinch, pulled the ace WINNER!!!

May 27th

1st capsule \$500 Elizabeth Buckner not present

2nd capsule drawing \$300 George Stigle not present

Lucky 13 \$15 Rod Reynolds face card no winner



Exalted Ruler and First Lady Jim & Kathy Moye

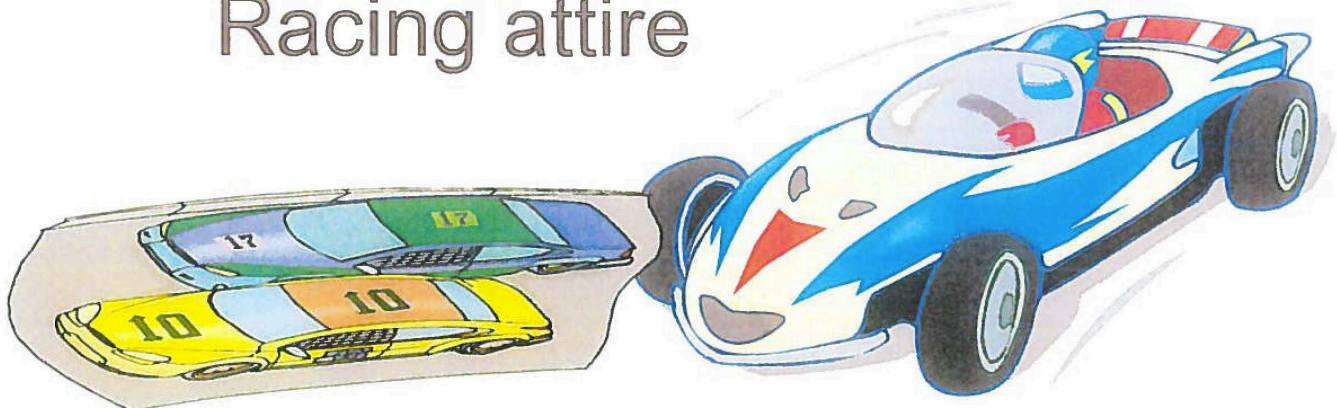
ER Going Away Party

Help us give a warm
Thousand Oaks Elks
Send-off to Grand Lodge
Convention

In Indianapolis Indiana
Friday July 3rd 6 : PM

Food, Fun and
games.

Come in your best
Racing attire



UTILITY COSTS

Members,

With summer coming on we need to conserve our natural resources. Due to the existing water shortage and the high cost of electricity we find ourselves in a utility conservation mode. Both water and electricity costs are becoming very costly.

With the high cost of our utilities I have instructed our facilities manager not to use water excessively and our bar manager not to use the air conditioning units on the patio or after hours in our main facility when not needed.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me not the managers regarding these issues.

Fraternally,

**Jim Moyer
Exalted Ruler**

Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

June 2, 1926 – Army Air Corps Established
July 28, 1914 – WWI Began

July 4th – Independence Day
July 27, 1953 – Korean War Ended

July 28, 1914 – WWI Began

(Dates are taken from the VFW Calendar)

Results reported for FY 2014 – National Veteran Services Committee

Participants: 1,566 **# Elks:** 181 **Elks Hrs:** 1,669 **Elks Mi:** 9,273 **Non-cash:** \$60,125 **Cash:** \$2,835

July is the big month for one of our two biggest events of the year. Of course, the November brunch for Elks Veterans Remembrance Month is our big one, but for the past 5 years we have had an ever-increasing part in the Ventura County Stand Down. Remember, the Stand Down was founded and is still run by the CEO Claire Hope and Dr. Cal Farmer. However, we must always remember that donations by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge are made directly to the veterans. Although we are one of many participants in the Stand Down, our donations go directly to the veterans, and not to the funds of another organization.

Our primary contributions to the event are the **coordination of transportation**, the preparation of Saturday's lunch (about 200 people), **Sunday's bag lunches** (about 200) and the non-denominational **religious ceremony** on Sunday. Aside from that, anyone who wants to participate need only call Carl @ (805) 630-8110, or check out the new website vcstanddown.org. Even if you don't participate, you may want to come and see the operation at the Army National Guard Armory, 1270 Arundell, Ventura. You may visit between 8am and 5pm Friday and Saturday, or 8am to

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Tom Hartin organizes lunch; Carl is the taster



Art & Carl discuss last minute transportation options

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11:30am Sunday (help with cleanup).

Art also preforms the religious ceremony on Sunday. Terry Gicking coordinates bag lunches at the Ventura Lodge, with volunteers from the Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Oxnard and Ventura Lodges.

NEED HELP!! **Ventura County Stand Down** **July 24th & 26th** **TRANSPORTATION**

Driver with a van to transport up to five people with baggage from Simi Valley to the Stand Down and return.

Pick Up @ The Sumaritan Center
280 Royal Ave., Simi Valley
Friday, July 24th @ 8:00am
Drive to: Army National Guard Armory
1270 Arundell, Ventura
Pick up for return @ 11:30am Sun. 7-26
Call Carl or Art @ Numbers below

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

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

Carl Lanterman, Chairman
Veterans Service Committee
(805) 630-8110 carl.silverstrand@gmail.com
Art Urbano, Vice Chairman
Veterans Service Committee
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Lodge members volunteer at Cal-Cup 2015



Gerry Gillies



Faye Stevens



ER Jim Moyer (L), with Elk of the Month Jim Mullen and in the background is Dave Anderson



L-R Dave Anderson, Jane Watson and Faye Stevens

Flag Retirement Ceremony Highlights (continued from page 2)



Scouting Chairman Bill Miller prepares the scouts for the ceremony



Herb Jelander (L) and Bill Sternberg, PER assisting a young lady in retiring a flag



A young Boy Scout retires a flag assisted by Bill Sternberg, PER



Exalted Ruler Jim Moye retires a flag



Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn retires a flag



Leading Knight Mike Flannery retires a flag



Our thanks go to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cubs and Brownies as well as their families for making this ceremony a success



Loyal Knight Donna Leary retires a flag

Exalted Ruler's Message from Page 3

to Bobby Williams for moving all of the wood with a skiploader.

On June 14th we celebrated Flag Day. With the assistance of our local boy scout and girl scout troops we hosted close to 40 guests at the flag ceremony with the flag retirement service following the ceremony.

Remember, your involvement is the key to your lodge's success.

Yours truly,

Jim Moye,
Exalted Ruler

Lecturing Knight's Message from page 4

School neighbor sold cookies at some of our Elks BBQs and did quite well. They asked for a way to pay us back and volunteered to help at our June Flag Day event, passing out the obligatory cookies and ice cream following the ceremony.

Abbey Conner and Sarah Violano from Troop 60614 completed their Silver award by planting some flowers at the Lodge in border areas already covered by sprinklers. The added color looks nice. The two girls were assisted by friend Alana O'Sullivan and her Leader mom, Julie.

Thanks for your report, Bill. Our Lodge

needs more volunteers like you. And a final word from Drug Awareness Chair Don Sabol:

Summer is here, apply sunscreen 1/2 hour before sun exposure. Use a SPF of 15 or higher with Meroxyl, which lessens the wrinkling of the facial area resulting in a youthful look. Reapply after towel drying, swimming, or perspiring.

Karen Martyn,
Lecturing Knight

**2015 - 2016
Committee Chairpersons**

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

Elks Ladies



Beth Kozlowski, President

**2015 - 2016
Committee Chairpersons**

Parliamentarian Jessica Stull
 Chaplain Barbara Gibbs
 Major Project Lynne Rodriguez
 Karen Naccarato
 Sunshine June Leadam
 Historian Jeri Miller

July Birthdays

8 Denise Burns
 12 Diane Lovato
 22 Audrey Huffman
 28 Frances Bodenhamer
 28 Lynn Rodriguez
 30 Barbara Booker

The Elks Ladies are planning their Appreciation Luncheon for August 22, 2015.

Let's Make a Deal efforts are continuing as a Ladies fundraiser for Major Project and ENF. If anyone has any interest in being a live audience member and a chance to be a contestant, while earning money for our charities, please contact Lynn Rodriguez at 850-449-4282.

Sickness and Distress

The Elks Ladies are saddened by the passing of two of our beloved long time members.

Delores "Dee" Swanson was always a dedicated member who loved participating in all of our events and fundraisers. She was our First Elk Ladies Appreciation Award Winner in 1984. She was dearly loved and

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

Mertice Nichols was a long time member and past First Lady of our Lodge with her husband, Exalted Ruler John Nichols for 1982 – 1983.

Elks Ladies June Inspirational

Father's Day is celebrated the third Sunday in June to honor dads, grandfathers, stepdads and all men who act as a father figure.

Father's Day

Over the years as we grow old, we remember our father so brave and bold.

In the garden, leaning on the plow, he would listen to me; I see him now.

He would give advice and understand; he was always there to lend a hand.

God made fathers strong and firm, for He knew our lives would have great concern.

So He gave us fathers to teach us to pray, and to guide our lives, and show us the way.

So on his day let's take the time to say "Thanks, Dad. I'm glad you're mine."

Gracious Heavenly Father,

Thank you for giving us our earthly Fathers to love and care for us in your loving example on earth.

We pray for those who are grieving the loss of their Father, for those who never knew their Father, for those who were used or neglected by their Father, for those who experienced the love of an adopted Father and for all Fathers separated from family by war or conflict.

Bless all the Fathers in the world and we ask that You will guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. Give us all the grace and patience to handle situations in a loving Fatherly way.

We pray in your precious Fatherly name,

Amen.

Barbara Gibbs, Chaplain

Thousand Oaks Elks Train *once again* invited to the Santa Maria Parade



First Lady Kathy Moye with Bill Sternberg, PER



Engineer Billy Sternberg our Lodge Exquire



(L-R) Billy Sternberg in the Happy Pants with Exalter Ruler Jim Moye and Bill Sternberg, PER

Membership

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge ended the 2014-2015 Elk year with 396 members. We are on the verge of deleting members who have not paid their 2015-2016 dues. In September they will be removed. The assessment of \$22.50 for a total of \$607.50 has already been paid to Grand Lodge. The list of delinquent members are as follows:

Keily Ball
 Ronald Barron
 Ted Barnes
 Dave Biedebach
 Richard Buckner
 Michael Dow
 Dale Haas
 Shawn Hepp-Levens
 David Hobert
 Jacob Hoffman
 Brian Horan
 Michael Kissick
 Frank Lussier
 David McFarlane
 Kay Magil
 Mary Eve Moore
 Lindie Nelsen
 Steven Ogden
 Dana Rheume
 Chad Rowedder
 John Rowedder
 Wendi Stewart
 Donald Valazquez
 Christy Waller
 Joel Warren
 Richard Wixom
 Brock Younker

Before we can be a plus 1 lodge next year we will have to replace these lost members before adding to our roster. I have received responses from many of the those on this list explaining why they choose not to continue, but if you know any of them maybe give them a call. We are all on the membership committee.

Thank you,

David Naccarato, Secretary
 Catherine Koeritz, Membership

Meet our New Members



Rod Reynolds flanked by sponsor David Mueller (R) and Trustee Jim Lovato (L)



Patrick Martin (R) sponsored by Bob Adams. Standing in for Bob Adams is Bobby Williams



Scott Smith (R) sponsored by Chuck Costigan



Lynette Micheli with her sponsor Tom Baldrige

Lodge contributions to ENF recognized

During our regular meeting on Wednesday, May 27th, members of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 were honored for their contributions to the Elks National Foundation. Below are pictures highlighting the awards presentation.

A special "Thank you" goes out to Donna Leary, our Loyal Knight and ENF Chairperson (pictured L in each photo), for her effort in promoting the Elks National Foundation within our lodge.



Diane Scott (R) receives an award for her cumulative donations of over \$1,000



The Integrity Plaque is presented to ER Jim Moye for the cumulative donations by lodge members amounting to over \$25,000

Elks Scholarships (California and Hawaii)

Elks National Foundation, Inc. Programs

scholarships@elks.org 773-775-4732 www.elks.org/enf/scholars

Most Valuable Student Scholarships

Applications for the 2016 contest will be available for download at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm in September, 2015. During the past year, 500 four-year scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year were awarded nationwide for graduating high school seniors based on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. California and Hawaii students were also eligible for additional awards made at the District and Association levels. Applications will be turned in to the local lodges. Deadline this year will probably be December 4, 2015.

Legacy Awards

250 college scholarships (\$1,000 per year) for children and grandchildren of Elk members in good standing. Applicants compete against other children and grandchildren from the state of their sponsoring Lodge. Applications will be online for the 2015-16 year at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. They are judged on core values of ENF: Knowledge, Charity, Community Service, and Integrity. Applications must be submitted online by Jan. 30, 2016.

Emergency Educational Grants

One-year, renewable educational grants available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. They are grants of up to \$4,000. Applications will be available May 1, 2015 and are due October 31, 2015. Complete details are available at www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/eefgrants.cfm.

California-Hawaii Elks Association Programs

www.CHEA-Elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships

Vocational Grants (Occupational or Technical Training)

This program has recently been revised to increase the amount of the awards and to make it more flexible. The website information has been updated since the MidTerm Convention last November.

Grants of up to \$2,000 are awarded in California and Hawaii. The grants are for one year, with an option to renew for one additional year. Applicants must be planning to pursue a full-time vocational or technical course above high school level. The purpose of the grant is to assist students to become gainfully employed in their chosen vocational career with less than two years of study. High School diploma or GED is not required. Students enrolling in courses less than a year in length may be eligible for a partial grant.

The program is open to any American citizen who requires training or retraining to compete in the workplace. It is not limited to high school students and applications may be turned in at any time.

The grant may be used for tuition and fees, room and board if living on campus, and books and supplies. It may be used only for usual and required costs of student's course of study. **Grants can only be paid to the school and may NOT be paid after training is already completed.** Applications are online at www.chea-elks.org (Click on Youth Activities, then select Scholarships and scroll down)

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

Since 1981 the Elks have provided financial assistance to students with severe disabilities wishing to further their education.

This program is a financial needs based and academic use scholarship. It may be used for undergraduate work at an accredited community college, a four year college, university, or licensed vocational school. The funds cover academic expenses only, which includes tuition, books, lab fees and on-campus room and board. Applications are online at www.chea-elks.org.

(Click on Youth Activities, then select Scholarships and scroll down to bottom of page)

If you have trouble finding information or applications for any of the above programs, please contact:

Jan Bennett CHEA Scholarship Chair skipnjan2@gmail.com 760-382-4488
David Coleman CHEA Scholarship Vice-Chair per2492@gmail.com 805-231-5570

Meet your California-Hawaii Elks Association President

Donald D. Schultz

Donald Dean Schultz was born November 8, 1935 in Normal, IL. He is the son of Simon and Ruth Schultz and is the youngest of eleven children, nine boys and two girls. Today Don is the only surviving boy and enjoys the fact that his eighty and ninety one year old sisters still enjoy good health.

Don, as he prefers to be called, began his life of responsibility in 1954 when he joined the United States Marine Corps. He rose from the rank of Private to Sergeant, to Chief Warrant Officer and retired in 1974 as a Major. His duties took him half way around the world from San Diego, CA, to Hawaii, to Okinawa, Japan, to Yuma, AZ, to Washington DC, to return to Okinawa, to Vietnam and back to San Diego, CA where he retired July 1, 1974. Don's major duties were management of the Marine Corps morale and welfare programs and facilities.

It was in Honolulu, Hawaii where he met his loving wife Shirley. They were married October 30, 1956 and recently celebrated their 58th anniversary. They are the proud parents of three daughters, grandparents of six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Don's second career was twenty four years as a self-employed small business accountant and enrolled agent tax preparer.

Don's community activities included twelve years on the Board of Directors of the Apple Valley Animal Protective League. In 2002 he became a Trustee of a multi-million dollar family charitable trust which provides grants to numerous charitable organizations throughout the Victor Valley. This trust is in perpetuity.

Don joined the Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in March of 1981 and has been an Officer or in other responsible capacities for the past thirty years. His Lodge has honored him as Exalted Ruler twice, Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year and Honorary Life Member. He served the Inland District as Business Practices Chairman, CHEA Vice President, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and District Leader.

Don has served the California-Hawaii Elks Association as Business Practices Chairman, Vice Chairman CHEA Board of Trustees, CHEA Treasurer and CHEA First Vice President.

Don has spent the last four years as a Grand Lodge Auditing & Accounting Committeeman for Area 7.



Meet your CHEA Vice President for the West Central Coast District

Shelley Gonzales



Shelley Smith Gonzales was born on December 12, 1967 in Port Hueneme, California to Jerry and Mary Smith. She was the sixth of seven children, 3 boys and 4 girls. The family remained in Port Hueneme until Shelley was an adult. Her mother and all siblings are alive and doing well.

Shelley was first introduced to the Elks Lodge when she was 10 years old. Her mother Mary worked at the Oxnard Elks as a waitress, and would continue to work at the Lodge for several years. It is through Mary working at the Elks Lodge that Shelley met Jess, who would later become her husband.

Shelley began working at State Compensation Insurance Fund in 1988. In her 24 years at SCIF, she learned every aspect of workers' compensation insurance, from underwriting to claims managing. In July of 2012, Shelley began working at the Department of Insurance Fraud Enforcement Division as the forensic auditor, auditing the money trail for insurance fraud investigations to eventually send these white collar crime cases for prosecution. While working full time, Shelley attended college at night, earning a degree in Liberal Arts in 2003.

Shelley married Jess Gonzales in 1997. This was the second marriage for both, and they formed quite a large blended family. To add to the 5 children they brought into the marriage (Jess had 3, Shelley had 2), they had 2 children of their own, bringing the family total to 7 children. The children were raised around the Elks Lodge, and as each child has turned 21, they have joined the Elks Lodge. So far, 5 of the 7 offspring are Elks members, and their sons Tristan and Cory have each served a term as Exalted Ruler at the Oxnard Lodge. Shelley and Jess now have 9 grandchildren, and they are being raised around the Elks Lodge as well.

Shelley joined the Oxnard Elks Lodge in 2000, with two other women. All three were the first women to be initiated in the Oxnard Elks membership. In 2002, Shelley took on the chair of Esteemed Loyal Knight, and continued in the chairs, becoming Exalted Ruler in 2004. She again served as Exalted Ruler in 2006. After serving as Exalted Ruler, she took on the duties of trustee. Shelley also served the district as Insurance Chairman, Public Relations Chairman, and most recently as Americanism Vice-Chair.

Shelley is very proud to belong to an organization that gives so much back to the community through its State and National programs. It is because of her belief in the core principles the Elks stand for that she has always made the higher commitment of giving her time and effort for her Lodge and for the Order. She is extremely proud to belong to an order that lets the spirit of charity and support of our youth and of our veterans guide its programs.

El Konejo Kampers

The month of May is dedicated to honoring the military as well as Mothers. To that end the El Konejo Kampers send out our heartfelt thanks to all of those who are serving or who have served in the military. May we see peace during our life times.

This month was a busy one for the Kampers as usual. We began the month with breakfast for the AAs on the 3rd serving 64 to the AAs and 27 breakfasts to the Elks for a total of 91 breakfasts under the able crewing of Mike Flannery.

Our monthly campout took place at the Santa Barbara Elks Lodge with wagon masters Jim Miller and Patty Bauman doing their usual fine job. In attendance were the Flannerys, the Stulls, Ericksons, Nemtusaks, S. Osgood and C. Templeton, all arriving on Thursday. Early Saturday S. Jones and J. Porter showed up as hotel campers. Everyone got settled in and then the sky opened up and it poured. Quite a sight to see and to hear it beating down on our motorhomes/trailers was interesting. It cleared late in the afternoon and

the group moseyed over to the lodge and enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs.

Friday was a quiet day as people kind of enjoyed their own thing including Words with Friends, Sudoku, reading, walking pets, etc. That evening we enjoyed appetizers and cocktails at the wagon masters site. After a bit the cold wind came up and most of us sought the warmth of home.

Saturday we had a wonderful breakfast potluck with plenty of food and everyone was in a jovial mood. No one wanted to disperse. We had two winners of the free campouts. They are Sherri J. and Jim M. Cheryl T. won the 50/50. Joel and Bev E. were the Sheriffs and made us all pay up for being silly. It was quite enjoyable. Everyone congratulated Jim M. on his new tires. His old ones had lasted 11 years - must be some kind of record!

May 31th, the campers cooked breakfast for the AAs for the second time this month under the crew leadership of Sherri J., VP of the EKKs. We served 81 AA breakfasts

and 27 Elks breakfasts for a total of 118 breakfasts. You campers are the hardest working bunch. Great job!

The campers hold their monthly meeting after the breakfast on the last Sunday of the month. The meeting is held in the lodge and everyone is welcome to attend. You don't need to be a camp club member to attend the meeting, and you don't need to have a recreational vehicle to be a member. We often have hotel campers and day visitors. We're a friendly bunch and we invite you to come out and see for yourself. Check out our website for details. Until next month, keep laughing.

Jessica Stull, President
El Konejo Kampers

Upcoming Campouts

June 11-13 Lake Casitas

July 15-19 Oceano Elks Lodge

August Pt. Mugu Date TBD

PERs Corner

In the good O'l days the twelve lodges in our district, which runs from Simi Valley on up to Paso Robles, the Exalted Rulers from each lodge would leave their cars in our parking lot and take a bus to LAX when going to the Grand Lodge convention. We traveled as a group and at the convention we would go to the meetings as a group.

Our lodge would host a going away party

for the Exalted Rulers and their spouses and any other officer they wanted to bring. The party would be built around a theme being where the convention was to be held. During my year it was in Orlando and we all wore mouse ears. When it was Louisiana we put on a show with Polk Salad Annie and alligators. When it was Reno we had a Hugh casino night.

When the energy crisis hit and the smaller planes became the rage, the lodges up north did not need to leave from LAX any

more and attendance began to drop off. Now the year you spend as Exalted Ruler is a one shot deal and it goes fast. Why should Jim not enjoy every aspect of it.

So, we are going to still give Jim and Kathy a Grand Lodge send off. This year it's Indianapolis Indiana so the PER association will have PER Night at the Races only with Indy cars. Come and enjoy some fun, games, and laughs along the way.

David Naccarato, PER

Trustees Message

WE NEED YOUR HELP to conserve electricity at the Lodge. With the recent renovations, we are enjoying your company more than ever. Thank you for supporting our Lodge! But there are still times when there are only a few people or even no one around in some of the rooms. The trustees are responsible for monitoring adherence to the Lodge budget, and with hotter weather and higher electricity

rates, we need our officers, employees and members to work together and cooperate with efforts to control costs and remain within budget. We hope to accomplish this goal by controlling the use of air conditioning, lighting, televisions and other appliances. Some smaller group meetings previously held in the Lodge room may be relocated to the Lodge office conference room. We are in no way discouraging you from enjoying and participating in the Lodge. Actually, the more you use

it, the more resources we have to provide additional services. Please share with us any energy conservation ideas which you may have.

We appreciate your support of these efforts and your understanding of the fact that we cannot afford to ignore this issue.

Pam Price
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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
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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

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2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

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2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

Bar Liason: Mike Flannery	Community Activities: Mike Flannery
Major Project/Purple Pig: Pati Harrod	Sickness and Distress: Coleen Morris
Bequeaths & Living Trusts: Mike Flannery	Charity Matters: Mike Flannery
Elks National Foundation: Donna Leary	El Konejo Kampers: Jessica Stull
Christmas Basket Program: Mike Flannery	Christmas Tree Lot: Ben Rieger

2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations: Donna Leary	Conejo Valley Days: Tom Hartin
Lodge Activities: Mike Flannery	Mediator: Boyd Lindquist
Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg	New Years Eve: Donna Leary
Government Relations: Chairperson needed	Mothers Day: Dave Anderson
Elks Memorial Service: Dave Anderson	Inaugural Ball: Donna Leary
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2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: Chairperson needed	Americanism: Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Hoop Shoot: David Naccarato, PER	Dictionary Program: Mary Woodlief
Drug Awareness: Don Sabol	Youth Appreciation Night: Karen Martyn
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Lodge Meetings

Regular business meetings are every 1st, 3rd
and 4th Wednesday of the month.

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
1974-75 *Richard Flake	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
1975-76 Bill Wagner	2000-01 Jacob Panczak
1976-77 John E. Henry	2001-02 John D'Ambrogio
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2002-03 Don Booker
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER, DL
1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2004-05 Jay Block
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2005-06 *Sally Claunch
1981-82 *Robert Hardy	2006-07 David Naccarato
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1983-84 John Nau	2008-09 George Meehan
1984-85 Vern Ogden	2009-10 Terry Gicking, PDDGER
1985-86 Dan Snyder	2010-11 Harry Brockwell
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER	2011-12 Steve Smith
1987-88 John E. Henry	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
1988-89 *Ted Lipka	2013-14 Terry Baker
1989-90 Don Skinner	2014-15 Dan Martyn
1990-91 Don Ansell	
1991-92 Gary Sleigh	By Affiliation:
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
1993-94 Jim Wallace	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1994-95 *George Pekow	1999-00 *Ralph Vester
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	'83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine
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*Deceased

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