



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Aaah...the dog days of summer



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Duty Officers

8-06 to 8-12 Jim Lovato
 8-13 to 8-19 Karen Martyn
 8-20 to 8-26 Christine Harrison
 8-27 to 9-02 Dave Anderson

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.

Elk of the Month



The Elk of the Month for August is **Jeff Conyers**

Jeff is a fairly new member who jumped right in and asked what he could do to help. Since that time he has done everything from fixing doors, installing lights, plumbing repairs, meat slicer repairs, hanging smoke eater fans, building easels and he also works the BBQ. Now that is what I call being involved!

Thanks Jeff, for all you do.

Corrections & Clarifications

Mistake in delinquent list

Ted Barnes and David Hobert were not delinquent. I regret the error.

Reinstatement Fees

It was announced at a lodge meeting and printed in the Antler that during the months of July and August Initiation and reinstatement fees are reduced to \$1

plus prorated dues. This is an error. Lodge By-Law January 2015 page 23 Article X Section 4 " during two consecutive months of July and August of each year the fee for reinstatement shall be \$1". Hope this clears it up.

David Naccarato, PER
 Lodge Secretary

Upcoming Initiation Schedule

Investigation	Balloting	Orientation	Initiation
August 21st	August 5th	August 25th	August 26th
September 18th	September 2nd	September 22nd	September 23rd
October 16th	October 7th	October 27th	October 28th

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge receives ENF Award

Congratulations to the members of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477. Through your generosity and the leadership of our ENF Chairperson, Donna Leary, your lodge has been awarded Third Place for Division II in the Per Capita Contest. This was achieved by reaching a per capita of \$41.61 per member during the Elk Year of 2014-2015.

Donna says, "It's official, we are awesome, Grand Lodge says so! We have been tagged as #3! Thank you for your support, let's get to #1".

We may be a small lodge, but we can take our seat with the big guys. Your contributions to the Elks National Foundation and the funds raised at events organized by our ENF Chairperson, Donna Leary, put us there.



Thank you contributing members and thank you Donna.

Exalted Ruler Jim Moyer



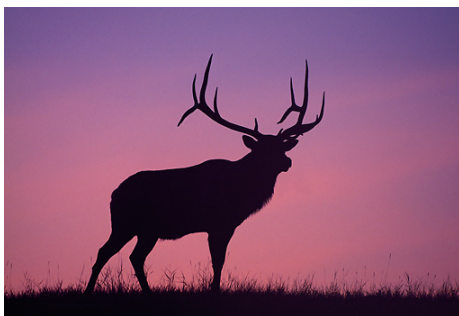
Greetings Fellow Elks,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the highlights of our visit to Indianapolis and the 2015 Grand Lodge Convention. Although attendance was down from previous years, attendance at the convention was still over 6,200 Elks and guests and records are reflecting membership is taking a positive turn. We installed James Smitley as our new DDGER taking over from Bob Schrum in the West Central Coast District, and on our final day of the convention Ronald L Hicks was sworn in as our new Grand Exalted Ruler.

The Grand lodge proposed budget for 2015/2016 was \$6,523,323 and was approved by majority vote. The Most Valuable Student scholarships were awarded to Mark Ansell sponsored by Sunland-Tujunga, CA Lodge 2098 and Sarah Giudice sponsored by Southampton, NY Lodge 1574. Both will receive \$50,000 scholarships.

There were 18 resolutions proposed, most of which were modifications in working and had no effect on members. Three of the resolutions however did not pass. They are: 2015-1 To allow organizations other than ladies groups to be recognized as auxiliaries; 2015-3 To provide that social facilities of a lodge may remain open during lodge meetings; and 2015-4 To authorize a Lodge to only meet regularly once a month. I recommend that you visit the Elks.org web site for more in-depth detail of the resolutions and voting results.

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Leading Knight Mike Flannery



Four months into the Elk Year and it feels like a very busy year. We have already had quite a number of activities and events: Easter Sunday with the Children's Egg Hunt, numerous Veteran's Bingo, DD Clinic in Santa

Barbara, CHEA State Convention in San Diego, Conejo Valley Days, Mother's Day Brunch, New Member Initiations, Santa Maria Parade and Rodeo, CHEA WCCD VP Shelly Gonzales Visitation, Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony, Father's Day Brunch, numerous great dinners, Exalted Ruler's Send-Off Dinner, and the Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis.

And it looks like there will be no slowdown in the near future. Upcoming activities and events include State President Don Schultz Visitation, DD Clinic in Santa Barbara, a blood drive, National Patriotism Week, DD Visitation to Thousand Oaks, Elks Annual Hoop Shoot, and, believe it or not, we are already working on the December Christmas Basket Program.

As you can see there is plenty of room for anyone who wants to volunteer to help. And, if nothing else, everyone is invited to attend the General Lodge Meetings.

Thank You,

Mike Flannery
Leading Knight

Exalted Ruler Continued

This month on Friday August 7th we will be hosting a dinner for our CHEA president and first lady Donald and Shirley Schultz. Jean and Gregg Miraglia will be preparing an Italian culinary delight. Reservations are required. Price is set at \$12.50. Come join us for a great meal.

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

Yours truly,

Jim Moyer
Exalted Ruler

Loyal Knight Donna Leary



Dear Members,

I recently went to Colorado to visit my new granddaughter. While I was there, I had the opportunity to visit the Denver Elks Lodge #77 (GER John Amen's home turf).

They have 301 members, but the day I was there it was only me and a PER volunteer bartender. He wasn't sure why because the proceeds for the day were only \$18. I was there at 7:00 pm and my cocktail was on the membership. He and I chatted for awhile and I found out that they have a full kitchen but no volunteers to prepare any meals and haven't for years. Their money for sustainability comes strictly from their bingo games that are played at another venue, not the lodge.

Between thunderstorms, tornado watches and flash flood warnings, I was also able to visit the Lakewood Elks Lodge #1777. Big facility, nice bar, huge dining room, outside patio, small BBQ area and bocce ball courts. Evidently, bocce ball tournaments are taken seriously and weather is frowned upon when it interferes. The bartender gave me the grand tour and explained the facility doesn't get utilized except for dancing. They have a kitchen to be envied, but they don't have any volunteers to cook in it out of their 1,059 members. The main room is also huge and the events that could be held there would be amazing in my mind.

Both lodges opened my eyes to what the possibility could be for the future of our kitchen. Our kitchen is small and outdated, but it is still open. The visits opened my eyes to what can happen when the membership becomes apathetic.

Thank you,

Donna Leary
Loyal Knight and ENF Chairperson

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Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn



In my last few articles, the focus has been on the fine work of the committee chairs under this station. This month I thought I would change direction and talk a little about what this station represents –

Brotherly Love.

As in any organization, bringing different personalities together to work for the common good can sometimes be challenging. But I must say since I have become an Elk, I have witnessed more comradery and good will among members than I ever expected. Just as with the day-to-day challenges we experience in our private lives, we must remember to always be kind and courteous to one another, especially when we are tired, stressed or just having a bad day. I believe that each and every one of us are basically good people. If we look at each other hard enough we will come to appreciate the good traits and overlook the flaws knowing that we are all imperfect. Remember: The faults of our members, we write upon the sand. Most people's good points really do outweigh their flaws. I pray mine do!

As we all know, life is so short. Let's work together, have fun together, and enjoy our beautiful California summer.

Fraternally,

Karen Martyn
Lecturing Knight

The Elks Creed

Believe in the goodness in the self as well as in others.

Protect childhood with tenderness, old age with respect, and cherish with reverence the memory of those who have passed.

Observe faithfully the Golden Rule.

Enjoy the good things of earth, keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth and remain always of good cheer.

Secretary David Naccarato



The lodge received a letter, from the secretary of the Grand Lodge, to be read at the next general meeting. The information contained needs to be relayed to all members. Since I know, firsthand, that everyone

reads the Antler Antics, here it is. The following are excerpts from the letter.

We ARE NOT a Public Accommodation facility. We are a private organization governed by 501.c of the tax code as well as ABC for the bar. This means only Elks and their guests can use the lodge facilities. This requires checking ID cards.

Remember your initiation and recall the process of becoming a member? "You can prove yourself a member by exhibiting your membership card." The Exalted Ruler then stated "after signing our roster you are entitled to all its rights and privileges."

An ID card is not a membership card. An ID card can be issued to a spouse, widow, child or stepchild under the age of 21. The card shall be signed by the Secretary, the cardholder and have an expiration date and name of the member requesting the card. See section 14.140 of the statutes for details.

We must remember the lodge operating as a non-profit entity must be kept private, and checking ID's is a way of doing so. If we allow just anyone to use our lodge, we could lose our tax-exempt status and ABC licenses.

I want to give a shout-out to member Gary Erland. I had an issue in our conference room with an electrical plug. I do a lot on my own if I understand it but electricity scares me to death. I know from past experience Gary carries a lot on his truck. While he was here sponsoring a member I showed him the broken plug with the bare wires. Sure enough he had a plug on his truck and he changed it in 3 minutes. And the breaker didn't even trip. He then went an extra mile to make the two-way plug on the rear wall a three-way. Now, when the

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Secretary's Message Continued

room is rented and there is a need to plug in a monitor with a ground wire we now can accommodate.

Gary Erland is the President of the VFW that meets in our conference room on the second Tuesday of every month.

I'll leave you with this (my word count of 350 is way over): Back in the seventies I had long hair. Now I'm longing for hair.☺

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary



Thursday Afternoon Bingo is alive a well.

However, let me say now, NO Bingo in August.

On June 18th we had eight different winners. 12 games not bad, nice to spread the wealth. Some games were split among the players. Barbara Ann Gibbs was complaining she was in a slump but with three wins including the blackout she is out of her slump. Of course the duo of Paula and Bobby Williams made their presence known. The duo of Art and Char Urbano only managed a split. Treasurer Pati Harrod was looking good that afternoon with three wins and remember our lodge charities win every time and lunch was free. My Vanna (Jessica Stull) was on vacation so I did double duty. When that happens we don't use the blower to mix the balls. Instead we use a set of cards. It works great and no complaints.

Come join us in September.

David

Recurring Donors



Terry Gicking, PDDER is receiving his CHEA Major Project recurring donor pin. Steve Smith, PER not pictured, is also a recurring donor. *More on how you can become a recurring donor next month.*

Sickness & Distress

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

Condolences:

None

Keep in your prayers:

Dick McCann

Pete Jackson who is back home.

Dave Naccarato, PER recovering from surgery in mid July

Remember, reports of sickness and distress are always in order.

*Please join us for dinner at the lodge with
CHEA President Don Schultz and his wife
Shirley Friday, August 7th. 6pm - Cocktails.
7pm - Italian dinner by the Miraglias.*

**Reservations are a must!! Please call the
lounge 805-496-4550 or office 805-496-2477.**

Calendar Highlights

- 8-02 Kampers Breakfast with omelet specials
- 8-06 \$3 Chili Dogs by Krista
- 8-07 **CHEA President Don Schultz & Shirley visit Lodge**
6pm Coctails, 7pm Italian Dinner by the Miraglias
- 8-09 Breakfast by the Martyns and Miraglias
- 8-12 Wed. Night Gourmet Burgers by Brooke & Julie
- 8-14 Pasta Dinner, entertainment by Peace Child Singers
- 8-15 Blood Drive
- 8-16 PERs Breakfast Buffet w/cooked to order omelets
- 8-21 Friday Night Fish Fry entertainment TBA see flier
- 8-23 Breakfast by Boyd Lindquist - See flier for specials
- 8-23 **Eagle Court of Honor, Lodge Room, time TBA**
- 8-26 Wed. Night Beef Sliders by Jill and Christine
- 8-28 Beef Stroganoff by Mary Baldrige and Crew
- 8-29 Elks Ladies Appreciation Lunch
- 8-30 Kampers Breakfast with omelet specials

August Birthdays

Darryl Kopacz -1
Jim Mullen-1
Erle Pittman PER-1
Janine Van Poppelen(Jellander)-1
Max Maxwell-2
RD Routh-3
Robert Wissusik-3
Harold Constantine-4
William Doody-4
Michael Kissick-4
Joe Medrano-4
Louis Reis-6
Jason Frase-12
Mike Violano-13
Jan King-14
Ralph Vashaw-14
Kiely Ball-15
Don Skinner PER-17
Bryan Kinch-19
Jane Watson-20
Jerry Humphries-21
Richard Lucariello-22
Jesse Garcia-23
Joel Erickson-24
Leslie Donovan-25
Myrna Block-26
Bill Burmester-26
Gary Berg-28
Gil Riding PER-28
Robert Wyman-30
Daniel Kozlowski-31

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris x2 (for last month)
Pam Price
Pati Harrod (Century Club)
Bill Sternberg PER
Dan Martyn, PER
Karen Martyn
Jean Miraglia
Gregg Miraglia
Jim Moye
Kathy Moye
Paul Stein
Juanita Feamster
Bill Smail x 5
Max Maxwell
Diane Scott
Terry Gicking, PDDGER (reoccurring donor)
Steve Smith, PER (reoccurring donor)



The Crying towel



June 3rd

1st capsule drawing
\$500 Darryl Kopacz present and a winner

2nd capsule drawing
\$350 Carl Lanterman not present

Lucky 13

Steven Finnerty no winner

June 17th

Capsule drawing
\$350 Karen Martyn present and a winner!!!

Lucky 13 Jim Moye no winner

June 24th

Capsule drawing
\$25 Betty McFarland not present

Lucky 13

Karin Speights no winner

Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

August 1 – Air Force Day

August 4, 1790 – U.S. Coast Guard Established

August 7, 1782 – Purple Heart Medal Established

August 7, 1964 – Vietnam War Began

(Dates are taken from the VFW Calendar)

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

Thank you once again to all those who have helped with the Ventura County Stand Down.

The transportation was a special challenge this year because of V.A. rules relative to the use of their vehicles. Pegasus, Roadrunner, Oxnard Family Circle and the Veterans Memorial Building in Santa Barbara have come together, as well as the VFW in Fillmore.

Thanks again to Tom Hartin, Rick Herrera and the crew for the lunch on Saturday and to Terry Gicking for coordinating with Simi, Oxnard & Ventura lodges for bag lunches on Sunday, and for the sodas that were not donated this year. David has always been available in the office to assist in so many ways, and people like Coleen Morris who is always there with donations and help of various kinds. Art Urbano, coming home from vacation on Saturday and doing the Sunday non-denominational religious service and help with cleanup and transporting extra clothing to the Lutheran Social Services, all are a big help to the event.

I will have a more complete summary of activities and volunteers next month.

Opportunities for helping veterans continue to come my way through various sources. An email to the office looking for help to get veterans names on the Vietnam Wall, a call for a reference for VA benefits, a chance meeting with a vet who didn't know where to start looking for benefits, help with a bus ticket, education assistance, etc. It is only with the support of the Elks members that I am able to assist in some small way with nearly all the requests.

Carl Lanterman

Chairman-Veterans Service Committee

(805) 630-8110 carl.silverstrand@gmail.com

Art Urbano

Vice Chair-Veterans Service Committee

(805) 241-5719 charlene.urbano@verizon.net

Girl Scouts recognized for their Silver Award achievements



The following is from Scouting Co-chairman Bill Miller.

Sarah Vialano is one of the two girls who earned part of their Silver GSA award by planting some flowers around the Lodge. Another girl, Abby Conner who also earned a Silver with that project, could not attend the presentation. Alana O'Sullivan had already earned her Silver but assisted Sarah and Abby with the Lodge project.

There are seven girls in the Troop and all earned their Silver by logging over 1000 community service hours and completing impressive library book projects at their schools.

The ladies first (L-R) Sarah Violano, her Mom, lodge member, Stella and her sister Jenna along with Alana O'Sullivan and her Mom Julie. They are flanked by ER Jim Moye on the left and Scouting Co-chairman Bill Miller on the right.

THE GOALS OF AMERICANISM

The ambition and goal of the Americanism Program is to quicken the spirit of American patriotism and to stimulate an awareness — a genuine feeling of pride and respect toward patriotism — so that we as Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will become constant reminders to the people of our Nation that America truly means freedom and that **Elks CARE** and **Elks SHARE**.

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee and State Association and Local Lodge Americanism Committees are charged with implementing the patriotic activities of the Order. Each Lodge, as well as each member should take part in as many of these programs as possible to have a diversified impact for Americanism in their area.

Flag Programs

Fly Flag Day and Night
Flag-Flying Calendar
Present Flag (and/or Flagpole) to Community
Present Flags to New Residents of Community
Flag (and/or Flagpole) Dedication Ceremony
Present Classroom Flags to Every School
Flag Presentation to Boy/Girl Scouts
Flag Retirement Program
Replace Worn-out Flags

Lodge Activities

Heritage Corner
Flag Day
Law and Order Night or Day at the Lodge
National Patriotism Week
Lodge Programs for Veterans in Hospitals/Nursing Homes

Americanism Contest

Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest
Lodge Americanism Brochure Contest (Sponsored by District or State)

Other Programs and Activities

Other Displays for Community Special Days
Distribute “Flag Code”
Present Recognition Certificates for Flying Flag

Distribute Pledge of Allegiance Wallet Cards to Schools
Your Ideas to show that Elks are Leaders in Americanism
Your own programs/activities that are not listed

Community Activities

Honor New American Citizens
Honor Citizens for Outstanding Service
Honor Award for News Media
“Get Out and Vote” Program
Cooperate with Local Service Clubs
Work with School Boards, PTAs, etc.
Flag History Display
Conduct Veterans Remembrance Program
Participate in Parades

Publicity/Public Relations Activities

Distribute “Honor Our Flag” Decals
Distribute “About Our Flag” Booklet
Display “Honor Our Flag” Billboards/Placards

**“The Values We Impart to Our Children today
Will Be The Values Of Our Nation Tomorrow!”**

**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 Lynn Rodriguez
 Karen Naccarato
 Sunshine June Leadam
 Historian Jeri Miller

Birthdays

2nd Sharon Baker
 2nd Beth Kozlowski
 5th Jacque Turner
 9th Niki Case
 10th Jeanne Sandt
 16th Faye Stevens
 17th Tina Dow
 25th Myrna Block
 26th Jay Block
 30th Gladys Ennis

We would like to extend a thank you to the Elks members for helping to make our Father's Day Brunch a success.

On August 29th the Elks Ladies will be

hosting a "Celebration of Women" at our Annual Appreciation Luncheon.

The Elks Ladies are pleased to kick off the 2015 NFL Season by hosting the 1st Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament on Saturday September 12th. The money raised from this event will support our Scholarship and Scouting Programs. See enclosed flyer for details. We will see you there!

The Elks Ladies would like to extend an invitation to all wives and widows of Elks in Good Standing and Elks Members to join our organization. Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

For more information contact Mary Woodlief, 1st Vice President at 805-501-4564.

Inspirational

Heavenly Father, Thank you for summer and daily sunshine. Help us to look toward You to provide us with direction and help us to always be a daily ray of sunshine for someone in need. May we be like a sunflower, so that even on the darkest days we can stand tall and find the sunlight You so lovingly provide for us. We pray in your name, Amen.

Barbara Gibbs, Chaplain

Does anyone wonder why Max attends most meetings?



Above (L-R) - Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn, Firtst Lady Kathy Moye, "Max" Maxwell and Cathie Capolino

Cards and Letters

The following correspondences were received in our office:

1. The lodge received a thank you card from Lorraine Lambert for the memorial service conducted for Leonard Lambert.
2. The lodge received a card that read,

Dear Elks, Lodge and Mr. Herrera,

I wanted to express my gratitude once again for awarding me with such a generous scholarship and wonderful dinner at the lodge. Everyone was so friendly, and I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet them all. I greatly appreciate and am humbled by the recognition I have received and hope to make everyone proud as I venture forward in the next chapter of my life!

*Thank you again for your support,
Fariha Hameed*

From the Editor

Email Service

Currently, about 170 of our members keep up to date on lodge activities via the internet. This is done through an email broadcast service. Through this service subscribed members receive digital versions of our newsletter (*Antler Antics*), calendar, weekly updates, fliers and other announcements.

The best method for subscribing to this service is to complete and submit the online subscription form. To begin this process, simply copy and paste this link, <http://eepurl.com/RIR95>, into your browser. Once the form is submitted, you will receive an "auto-reply" email with another link. Clicking on this link will verify you are actually the person requesting the subscription.

If all members subscribed to this service, it could virtually eliminate the need for mailing the Antler, calendar and flier inserts. Mailing that much material is very

Meet our New Members for June



James Thompson (R)
sponsored by Gary Erland



Susan Ray (L)
sponsored by Beverly Reis

CHEMPI and ENF Awards



Pictured at left are Exalted Ruler Jim Moye and CHEA Vice President for the WCCD Shelly Gonzales.

Ms. Gonzales presented certificates of appreciation for our members exceeding our per-capita goal for the Elks National Foundation and for our contribution of over \$17,000.00 to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Congratulations Thousand Oaks Elks...Be proud.

costly, not to mention the cost of printing and the time involved. But, beyond costs it is a more efficient method of communicating with our membership. In an effort to begin reducing costs, members currently subscribed to the service will eventually be converted to "paperless" only.

Please help your lodge and subscribe today. Stay informed with the most current lodge news.

Web Site

In addition to the email service, your lodge has a web site, www.elks2477.com. This site is currently undergoing some updates, a little face-lift and some reorganization. Don't forget, you can also view and download the Antler Antics from the web site.

The web site is currently not password protected. Much of the information is intended to inform the public of who we are as a fraternal organization. The blog page on the site is also not password

protected. The reason for this is all of the posts about current events automatically migrate to Facebook and Twitter. This enables members of other lodges, particularly in our district, to easily stay abreast of our activities when they monitor us on these social sites.

If you have any questions or suggestions concerning either the email service, web site or Antler Antics please email me at elks2477@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email please mail your thoughts to the office at 2330 Los Feliz Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362.

Fraternally,

Steve Smith, PER
Communication Committee

El Konejo Kampers

The El Konejo Kampers had an amazing campout at Lake Casitas. The weather was mild and the surroundings serene. Sherri Jones and Jim Porter were our wagon masters (those are the people that plan the activities for everyone). Each month it is a new wagon master and there is as much variety of activity as there are ideas.

Unfortunately, Jim had to work the early part of the campout, but Sherri had things well under control. Also in attendance were Jim Miller, Patty Bauman, Jim & Kathy Moye, David & Jessica Stull, Scott & Crystal Dool, Mike & Mary Flannery, and Cheryl Templeton, with Jane Watson and Angela Porter joining us for the boat ride.

Scott & Crystal, who do not own an RV, had a trailer delivered and really got the full enjoyment experience of kicking back and enjoying nature with good friends. They remarked they should do it more often. Jane was already camped at Lake Casitas in another area with another group she camps with. It is their annual tradition to attend the Ojai Wine Festival at Lake Casitas each year. Since the Festival is on Sunday, she was able to spend Saturday with us. Angela, on the other hand, came down for the day and had potluck with us before heading back home. This is a

warm and inviting group and invite you to take advantage of our hospitality.

Everyone camping arrived on Thursday and got settled. David and I arrived in our new motor home. This was our maiden voyage. We had some challenges, as we had not sat down and read the fifty or sixty manuals that come with these things, but managed to get set up without bloodshed. We couldn't wait to show our friends all the new features, etc. in our downsized rig. It is customary for the campers that anyone getting a new RV should bring champagne for everyone to toast the occasion. To see photos of the toast (and new motor home), check out the El Konejo Kampers website. You can go direct or it is also accessible through the Thousand Oaks Elks website. Fun times with the smallest solo cups you've ever seen!

Friday evening Jim Moye and Jim Miller barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone with the rest of us providing the side dishes. Everything was so yummy most of us ate too much, but there were so many delicious side dishes including chili beans, potato, macaroni, kale and fruit salads just to name a few.

Though the lake is extremely low due to our current drought situation, there was still plenty of water for all of us to

enjoy an afternoon on the lake in our own private patio boat. People spent the day getting on and off the boat, docking at different places, eating, snacking, drinking, telling boating stories and more. We couldn't have had more fun. No one fell in and we only hit the dock twice (I think). Not telling who did it! Being on the water can certainly work up an appetite so we did it, once again, potluck style on Saturday evening followed by the Free Campout drawings. Winners were the Flannerys and the Nemtusaks - congrats guys. Sherri nixed the sheriff and actually wanted each of us to admit silly things we had done - yea, everyone likes to admit to stupidity, so we shoved our dollars into the hat without saying a word. I believe that's a first for this group.

Fun follows work, so let me report that the Kampers, under crew chief Mike Flannery, served 75 AAs and 18 Elks breakfasts. The second breakfast of the month was crew chiefed by Joel Erickson and we served 46 AAs and 37 Elks breakfasts. A pretty healthy competition going on here with the Elks lodge coming out the winner. Good job Kampers!

Jessica Stull, President
El Konejo Kampers

The PERs Corner

The Past Exalted Rulers (PERs) July meeting was opened by President Terry Baker with 12 PERs and 10 Elks Ladies in attendance.

PERs donated \$125 as an addition to the Lodge's donation to the communities Conejo-Simi Swim Club's Summer Junior Olympics swim meet at California Lutheran University.

PER monthly Sunday breakfast omelet bar, eggs as you like them with pancakes and waffles is scheduled for August 16th.

PER BBQ Team is doing their BBQ Saturday August 22nd. If you are interested

in working with the team please call Terry Baker, 805-495-6127, to volunteer.

The PERs want to thank all of you that supported the Exalted Rulers Going to Grand Lodge Convention Party and Dinner July 3rd at the Lodge. It was a fun time for those that attended. Monies raised at Nite at the Races went to the Lodge's Frank Rindone Scholarship fund. PERs thank the Elks Ladies Committee for their waitressing at the going away party.

Reviewed the format of the Nite at the Races. It was a toss-up between using the board track or live persons on the floor track. It was decided to alternate both formats in future races to determine the most popular.

Flag retirement chairman Bill Sternberg brought up a problem with retiring other than cotton flags. The lodge still will accept all old flags and has an alternate proper way of disposing other than cotton flags.

Said goodbye to Harold Constantine, a PER from San Fernando, who was an active member of our lodge and supported our PER activities for the past several years. He and his wife are relocating to St Josephs, Missouri to be with family.

The PERs continue to support our Lodge!

Fraternally,

Tom Ryder - PER/ PDDGER

Officers 2015 - 2016

Exalted Ruler	Jim Moye	Tiler	Christine Harrison
Leading Knight	Mike Flannery	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Loyal Knight	Donna Leary	Esquire	Billy Sternberg
Lecturing Knight	Karen Martyn	Chaplain	Dave Anderson
Secretary	David Naccarato, PER	Organist	Karin Speights
Treasurer	Pati Harrod	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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Calendar: Terry Gicking	Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER
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Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson	Grounds: Ben Rieger
Barbeque: Eddie Rice	Facilities: Tom Hartin, Jeff Conyers & Max Maxwell
Historian: Chairperson needed	Lodge Renovations: Dan Martyn, PER
Scrapbook: Jean Miraglia	Greeter: Dorothy Murray
Photography: Jill Williams and Gregg Miraglia	PER Association President: Terry Baker, PER
Forward Planning: Jim Moye	Parliamentarian/Presiding Justice: Dick McCann
Protocol: Karen Martyn	

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
Bequests & 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: Donna Leary	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
Veteran Services: Carl Lanterman	Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein
Public Relations: Lynn Rodriguez	

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
Scholarships: Rick Herrera	Lodge July 4th and Labor Day Activities: Karen Martyn
Scouting: Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg, PER	

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Sun: 9:30am - 6pm

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
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	

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