



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

*Join us as we honor
our veterans*

November 1st

Veterans Brunch and More

See flier on page 7 for details

Remember November 11th



VETERANS DAY

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Duty Officers

Gregg Miraglia	11-05 to 11-11
George Meehan	11-12 to 11-18
Jim Lovato	11-19 to 11-25
Dan Martyn	11-26 to 12-02

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



Our Elk of the month for November is Gregg Ryder.

After being “Missing In Action” for several years Gregg is back. He has been working many days and nights in the kitchen and on several of the BBQ crews. His work is exemplary of what an Elk volunteer does.

Thanks Gregg for all you do.

Sincerely,

Jim Moyer
Exalted Ruler

Time for a Roast

Yup a Roast! Our Exalted Ruler invites you to come to the Lodge, Friday November 20th. At the end of the dinner partake in a special event of the roasting of a good old boy named ***TOMMY CLAUNCH.***

Tommy has worked hard for our lodge and deserves recognition for his efforts, one way or another!

Prepare a crib sheet and take part when called upon. Observers also welcome!

Please contact the Exalted Ruler if you

would like to be a member of the Roasting crew.

Food for this event will be a T.O. BBQ, tri tip, baby back ribs or chicken or some of each.

Tommy has worked very hard to make our BBQs successful. We want to show him that we learned how to do it.

Mark your calendar for this special event and be there.

Upcoming Initiation Schedule

Investigation	Balloting	Orientation	Initiation
Held in October	11/04	11/24	11/25
11/20	12/02	12/22	12/23

Applicants/Transfers to be Investigated

Mariann Cirelli	Caregiver	sponsored by Barbara Gibbs
Angela Franco	Bartender	sponsored by Holly Healy
Michael Koslow	Investigator	sponsored by Carl Lanterman
James Schneider	Macy's	sponsored by Jim Lovato

Exalted Ruler Jim Moyer



Greetings Fellow Elks,

November 11th is Veterans Day. This is the month that we as Elks and Americans recognize our veterans and their service to our country. Mark your calendar for November

1st and plan to attend our annual Veterans Appreciation Brunch as well as our Flag Retirement Ceremony that follows.

I found out, once again, that you don't have to be a good golfer to have a great time golfing. Our annual Sunset Hills scramble was fantastic with great prizes and lunch to boot. You'll want to sign up for this one next year. Another great event that David and Annie Pearson arrange and coordinate is our annual Laughlin bus trip. Everybody has fun and some even win money. This trip also includes dinner upon return to the lodge. These events are a great way to relax, have fun and generate money for our charities and lodge improvements.

On the 6th of November, the Chairman of the Trustees, Secretary, Exalted Ruler and Leading Knight go to the Mid-Term State Convention in Riverside. I'm sure there will be lots of new information to pass on. Not to belabor the subject, but we are looking for motivated individuals that want to become involved in the leadership of our lodge. We need individuals who will serve as Officers and Committee Chairmen in 2016. On the job training will be provided.

It's getting close to **Charity Basket** time. We will post a sign-up sheet to volunteer for this year's basket staging and delivery. This is an experience that you won't want to miss. Contact Mike Flannery for more information. Let's not forget the **Christmas tree lot**. Ben will need a bunch of us to unload trees and set up the lot. A sign up sheet will be posted at the lodge for this event also.

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Leading Knight Mike Flannery



Autumn is still here and so is the heat. Maybe we will get some rain.

We finished off a very busy September by initiating 16 new members, but since that night I have only seen

one of these new members at the Lodge. Sponsors, you brought these people into the Lodge, now get them in here, make them feel welcome and introduce them to other members.

November promises to be as hectic as the last few months, starting with the Veterans' Brunch and winding up with the Thanksgiving Day Weekend. In between there will be a few DD Visits at neighboring Lodges and the mid-term convention in Riverside.

Tom Ryder and crew have been doing a great job in the kitchen, providing Friday night dinners, dinners for Monday Night Football, and dinners for Wednesday night meetings, but he will not be able to continue this for much longer for the few members that turn out to support these activities. If the membership wants these activities to continue, the membership needs to support these activities.

Thank You,

Mike Flannery
Leading Knight

Exalted Ruler message continued

I look forward to seeing all of you at these events and wish you all good health, peace and prosperity. Remember your involvement is the key to our lodge's success.

Yours truly,

Jim Moyer
Exalted Ruler

Loyal Knight Jean Miraglia



Our kitchen may be outdated and small, however, we put out some awesome meals. We are fortunate to have the kitchen crews who volunteer their time to prepare delicious breakfasts and dinners for

the membership. Many members wanted to see the return of the Wednesday night dinners. While the Wednesday night dinners are well received, we continue to need your support throughout the week so that the kitchen can continue to provide these meals.

I look forward to an eclectic menu of Mexican and Italian cuisine, a Fish Fry, Prime Rib and Pork Chops, and many more enjoyable meals from the creative minds of all our volunteers.

Remember to make your reservations by signing the dinner list or by calling the lounge. Your participation is the key to our success.

The coming months are filled with several events. Starting in November we have the Veterans' Brunch, in December we have the Elks Ladies' Christmas dinner, the Children's Christmas Party, and ending with the New Year's Eve Dinner. Watch for information regarding these events by way of the Antler Antics and flyers posted around the lodge.

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia
Loyal Knight



Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn



As Thanksgiving approaches, we count our blessings and give thanks to God for our family and friends, as well as for the many freedoms and benefits we enjoy as citizens of our great nation.

We also should be thankful, as Elks, for the fellowship we share at our Lodge, and for the talents and efforts of our members who volunteer and contribute to make our Lodge successful. And while we observe this holiday, let's not forget to pray for and support those of our brothers and sisters who may not celebrate this year due to sickness and distress or personal, family or financial problems.

I share with you some thoughts on Thanksgiving from Past Grand Chaplain, Father Kevin Cassidy:

It is the essence of Thanksgiving to "praise God together" on our knees, for the first Thanksgiving of our Pilgrim Fathers could point to no great plenitude of food, shelter, clothes or culture; but they were together and had found freedom and peace of a sort.

This is a year of plenty. Most dinner tables will be piled high with the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. There will be, inevitably an emphasis on the material aspects of the day. Too many speakers will dwell on the abundance of America.

But abundance is not enough. The strength of peoples and powers given by God lie in the qualities possessed by those who celebrated the first Thanksgiving, independence, a profound sense of individual responsibility, and deep spiritual belief.

Men are their best when they are on their knees, with bowed head representing a humble and contrite heart.

I wish you and your family and loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving.

Karen Martyn
Lecturing Knight

Secretary David Naccarato



WOW!! What an initiation we had in September. We brought in 16 new members and our investigation committee has interviewed as many more. I only hope these new members see a reason to get involved in our lodge. Our average age is 63.4 down from 75 when I first became a member in 2000.

The following are excerpts from an article by PER Mike Jones, Salisbury lodge 699 from 1932.

The Elks has a heritage that to me is astounding. That's what got me excited; the meeting format, the performance of the initiation to incoming candidates, the opening and closing rituals. All of which is being put aside for progress. We go through this; we pay our dues, just to have a 2"x3" scrap of paper which has no intrinsic worth, not a bond, check, or receipt for values, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

It tells me that I am an American citizen-the proudest title in the entire world that can be conferred upon any person. It tells me that I am the peer of emperors and kings, the ruler of my own destiny, the maker of my own future. It tells me that I am a citizen of a land where democracy rules, where brotherhood prevails, where tolerance holds sway, where justice is enthroned.

It tells me that in 1,938 cities good fellowship prevails - a home among brothers, sisters and friends; borne dedicated not only to the high principles for which this order stands, but to the need of play, which is inherent in the heart of every man.

And finally, it tells me, brothers and sisters, that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered in my lodge room friends and brothers who, when the eleventh hour has been struck, will recall to mind my virtues,

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Secretary's Message Continued

though they may be few, and will write my faults, though they may be many, upon the sand.

Let me give you some statistics, as of April 1, 2015 the Elks have 1,938 active lodges with a membership of 789,667. This is a loss of 1.6 percent, but in time, money and kind donated \$281,235,500. This amount was made with 115 lodges failing to report, so it would have been more.

Let me tell you how this works. Our Lodge is #2477. Which is the two thousand, four hundred and seventy seventh lodge to be instituted. That was in 1972. June 23rd of 2015 Harrison County West Virginia lodge #2875 was granted a charter. You saw from my earlier stats that we have only 1938 active lodges. This tells me 937 lodges have closed, joined forces or lost charters. This is one reason why we are careful with guests. You the member must sign them in and purchase all drinks and dinners at the bar. Now if you settle up out in the parking lot that's up to you.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

2015 Hoop Shoot

September 19th Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477 was part of a Nation wide Basketball free throw contest. Every year over 2 million 8 through 13 year old's take part in this competition. Through local, district, state and area competitions the field gets narrowed down to 72 at the finals. I keep looking for my diamond in the rough to get us to the finals in Chicago. This is a no charge event for the families and all travel is covered by ENF. We pay for the local shoot and getting them to the district shoot but ENF takes it from there.

This year just might be our year. 11 year old Adam Taylor who has won our event when he was 8 years old pulled it off again. This kid is the real deal. Nothing but net. 8 year old Eva Bowers, little girl, the ball weighs more than she does sinks 19 out of 25. and we even have a 13 year old girl which this will be her last year to

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Sickness & Distress

Coleen Morris, Chairperson
805-241-8928

Keep in your prayers:

Dick McCann
Harry Brockwell
Pete Jackson
Alan Hardie

Elks Care

Elks Share

Calendar Highlights

Please make reservations for all Friday night and special event dinners. Thank you.

11-01 **Veterans and Flag Retirement**

**Monday Night Football
Tostada Buffet or Hot Wings \$7.50**

**Thursday Night Football Chili Dogs by Krista \$3
\$5 Chili Dog and a Beer**

11-06 Killer Chops - See page 13 for details
Reservations Please

Entertainment by Gypsy Stew - Great New Band

11-11 Veterans Day - Honor those who served.

11-13 Rice Krispy Chicken by Donna Leary & Crew

11-20 Tommy Claunch Roast

Please make your reservations soon.

Thousand Oaks Elks Style BBQ - Tri-tip, Baby Backs & Chicken

11-22 Breakfast by the Miraglias and Martyns.

Personalized just for you.

11-27 Pasta Night w/Sausage or Meatballs

November Birthdays

John Duhig-01
Cathie Capolino-02
Brad Knupp-04
Steven Grindley-05
Alfred Koppel-05
Robert Souza-08
Jack Carter-10
Brian Mattson-10
Johnny D'Ambrogio-11
Henry Nagy-11
Louis Carlentine-12
Wayne La Farr-12
Jacob Panczak-13
William Golubics-14
George Thompson-15
Roy Ratcliffe-18
Bobby Williams-18
Shannon Cunningham-19
Larry Levine-19
Gerry Gillies-21
Betty McFarlin-22
Beverly Reis-26
Larry Thompson-26
William Mc Intyre-27
Wendell Oxford-27
Brian Thompson-29
Bruce Froude-30

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris(Century Club)
Glenn Kenny
Shannon Cunningham
Gerry Gillies
Bob & Carol Campbell
Doug Carroll(Century Club)(52 Club)
Dan Martyn
Karen Martyn
Pati Harrod(52 Club)
Pam Price
Sam Frankl(Century Club)
Jean Miraglia
Gregg Miraglia
Bill Sternberg PER
David Naccarato

The Crying towel



September 2nd
Capsule Drawing \$25
Chuck Messner not present

Lucky 13 drawing
Billy Sternberg
no winner

September 16th

No drawing

September 23rd

Capsule Drawing \$50
Tori Rogers not present

Lucky 13 Lisa Casarotti no winner



*A Coin a Day so they can
Walk, Talk, See and Play!*

Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

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

November 11, 1918 – Signing of WWI Armistice
November 11th – Veterans Day

November 21, 1983 – Granada Campaign ended

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

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

November 1st is the veterans brunch @ 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Bill Sternberg, Bill & Jeri Miller will again organize the scouts to present the colors and lead a flag retirement ceremony. Please come out and make it another memorable day.

When I asked some of the “elders” of our lodge how long the lodge has been provid-

ing bingo and November brunch for the veterans of Sepulveda V.A., no one could remember – just that it must be “at least 30 years”. That’s pretty impressive, and for the past 3 years we have been serving about 100 brunches on that occasion; also pretty impressive for the size of our lodge.

Veterans day will be recognized at the lodge, but there are so many events in the area that it is difficult to plan a big event. Watch the bulletin board.

A gentle reminder to anyone who has an aging veteran in the family; KEEP A COPY OF THE SEPARATION DOCUMENT (DD214 or other) CLOSE AT HAND.

(For veterans discharged prior to 1950,

there is no DD214; it is called SEPARATION FROM THE U.S. ARMY, NAVY, etc.) This is such a simple thing that can make so much difference. If you don’t have one, call Carl @ 805-630-8110 or call the Ventura County Veteran Services Office @ 805-477-5480. On-line, go to: www.archives.gov

The Ventura County Military Collaborative offers a free legal counseling service for veterans. See www.military411.org or call 805-419-3185.

Operation Snowflake is coming again Sat. Dec. 12th to Camarillo; a day with Christmas gifts for military families who are having a hard time, with Terry Gicking as Santa. Details to follow.

Carl Lanterman

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Art Urbano

Vice Chair-Veterans Service Committee
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Hoop Shoot 2015 continued from page 4

Below: Adam Tylor, 10, of Westlake Village competes in the Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw contest.



compete but I have her for now, when she first walked in the gym wearing coveralls and boots I made assumptions. Shame on me. She steps up to the foul line and Gabby Guylino nails 15 in a row. Now in the finals she’ll have to do a bit better but that’s why I do it so early. This way they can practice. The District Shoot is January 10, 2016 in Goleta. Anyone wishing to go and root for our kids give me a shout and we’ll carpool.

We will also have a youth appreciation dinner in May 2016. Come out for that and show your support.

I want to thank my wife Karen Naccarato for helping me out with registration and getting the word out to the Boys and Girls Clubs and Parks and Rec. Big thank you to Tom Hartin, ER Jim Moye and Gerry Gillies for helping me with scoring the shoot. Member Ed Jones helped in

Below: Amanda Wang, 8, Jordyn Schwartz, 10, Gabby Guylino, 13, Marcie Walton, 11, and Ava Bowers, 8, receive medals they earned in the contest. Gabby is from Simi Valley and the rest are Thousand Oaks residents



obtaining the venue to hold the event.

David Naccarato, PER

Photos and captions are from the Thousand Oaks Acorn. We are grateful for their coverage of this event

ANNUAL VETERANS BRUNCH & FLAG RETIREMENT



So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST @ 10:30 AM

BRUNCH BY CHEF LODI & FRIENDS

VETERANS – FREE

ADULTS - \$12

CHILDREN UNDER 12 - \$5

**FLAG RETIREMENT at NOON
ELKS & SCOUTS**

West Central Coast DDGER Visitation

Below are pictorial highlights of some of the attendees at the visitation

DL Greg Metzgun
with his wife Barbara



**DDGER James Smitley
with his wife Anne**



DL Tony Markarian
with his wife Sherry



ER Jim Moye
and First Lady Kathy



Leading Knight Mike Flannery
and wife Mary



Ed Martin, PER Santa Barbara
Esquire to the DDGER



Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn with
husband Trustee Dan Martyn, PER



Trustee Darryl Kopacz
with wife Roberta



Trustee Jim Lovato with his wife
Diane(L) and Roberta Kopacz



Jon Greenwald, Oxnard Lodge with Dennis
and Adelaide Warva of Simi Valley Lodge



Our Chaplain Dave Anderson
and Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn



Tony Jimenez, PER and his wife
Doris. Tony is Auditor for the DDGER



Giesla Schrum with Inez
Greenwall, PER Oxnard



Oxnard ER John Ragan and PER
from Ventura Grace Vega

Purple Pig Night Dinner and Pig Races



Pati Harrod, Major Project Chairperson



Pati Harrod, Sec. Dave Naccarato & ER Jim Moye call the Pig Races



Sec. Dave Naccarato, PDDGER Terry Gicking & Grace Vega, PER Ventura



Trustee Jim Lovato and his wife Diane



COB Pam Price and her friend Randy



(L-R) Gary Harrod and Pati Harrod with Gwen and Robert



Scott and Judy Harrod look on as little Abbey enjoys her dinner



Brenda Hagen with two friends as guests



(L-R) Cheryl and Paul Stein with their guest



Winner of the Wagon of Spirits ENF Chairperson Donna Leary

CHEA Vocational Grants

(The following is from CHEA-elks.org)

This program is open to anyone residing in California or Hawaii who is a citizen of the United States of America and planning to pursue an eligible vocational/technical (voc/tech) course resulting in a certificate or two-year degree and leading to employment opportunities.

The program is open to male and female applicants who will be judged on an equal basis. While graduating high school seniors may apply, it is not limited to high school students—in fact, it is open to **all prospective students who require training or retraining** to compete in the workplace.

The Vocational Grant is for **one academic year**, with an option to renew for one

additional academic year. This grant may be used only for **usual and required costs of student's course of study**; that is, for tuition and fees, room and board (if living on campus) and books & supplies. Payment will be made to the school. Awards will be between \$500 and 2,000 for an academic year depending on length of course.

The definition of an eligible program shall be comparable to that contained in the federal vocational legislation. That is defined as a two-year or less vocational/technical program culminating in a terminal Associate degree, diploma or certificate, but less than a baccalaureate program (Bachelor's degree). **Students planning to transfer to a four year school to pursue a Bachelor's degree are not eligible to apply.**

Examples of courses approved recently

are:

- 6 month Police Academy
- 13 month Cosmetology
- 3 month Electrical Lineman
- 13 month Veterinary Technology
- 2 year Fire Science

A student must plan to attend school on a full-time basis for a minimum of sixty days. An academic year is determined to be a minimum of nine (9) months (approximately 39 weeks) of continuous full-time study. Payments may not be used to cover retroactive charges and may only be applied to expenses in the academic year.

Applications must be filed with the Scholarship Chairman, Exalted Ruler, or Secretary of the Elks Lodge having jurisdiction in the area of the student's legal residence. **An application may only be filed with one Lodge.**

**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:

5th Flo Lloyd
 9th Jeri Miller
 22nd Betty McFarlin
 23rd Anne Frankl

The Ladies held the 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique on the 10th of October at the Lodge. The 19 vendors displayed many different kinds of handcrafted items for sale. Despite the heat with triple digit temperatures, buyers still came out and purchased a wide variety of unique gifts for the holidays. The vendors came from the Ventura Elks Lodge, Senior Craft Shop in Ventura along with others who heard of our event through advertising and word of mouth. We had so many people who applied to be included, that we were sold out and had a waiting list to participate! All said and done, we had a successful day!

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, February 6, 2016 for the Elks Ladies Annual Major Project Fundraiser.

We are planning a fun-filled evening, so look for all the details to be revealed in a flyer in the December Antler Antics.

October 2015 Inspirational

The leaves are changing colors and falling, announcing the arrival of autumn and Thanksgiving. Don't you just love the beauty of this season?

In 1789 President George Washington announced that November 26 of that year would be a "Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer", the first in U.S. history. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November as a National Day of Thanksgiving.

At this time it's also important to reflect on the many blessings we've been given, especially the small everyday moments and things of life: Roasted pumpkin seeds, pumpkin pie and all the fall flavors, slow cookers, fireplaces, sweater weather, apple cider cocktails, sweatpants with elastic

waistbands, fall leaves changing colors, holiday sales, quirky traditions that make your family special, friendships new and old, your neighbor you can count on for sugar or just a friendly hello, and by acknowledging that "I am here now, I have this day and moment to still experience and live my life".

Remember, everywhere we look, we can find reason for celebration and thankfulness, and actually it's the small things in life that brings us this blessing a majority of the time.

Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father, thank you for this day, for my life and for all the everyday blessings You give us to enjoy. Help us to always remember your faithfulness to us as we reach out in love and service to others in our normal everyday lives. Thank you for your goodness to us. Amen.

Get your password online at:
www.elks.org/register

Elks news, features, and reports.

Works on all mobile platforms including smartphones and tablets.

Meet our SIXTEEN! New Members



Chuck Costigan sponsored
Zhipi McDougald



Shannon Cunningham(R) sponsored
Arleen Adamsky



Diane Scott(R) sponsored
Alexandra Rogers



Lynette Micheli sponsored Glenn Kenny



Mike Mathews(R) sponsored Larry Levine



"Max" Maxwell sponsored
Yvonne Brockwell



Abe Gamble(R) sponsored
Adam Hendershot



Bobby Williams sponsored sister Susan
"Clancy" Williams(R) and Lisa Casarotti



Bobby Williams sponsored
Barbara Stevenson

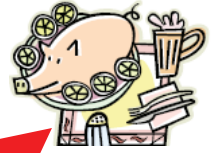


(L-R) New members Nick Cigan, Hazen Arnold, Sally Johnson,
Sherry O'Kelly, *their sponsor Rick Herrera*,
with two more new members Doug Ryan and Paul Rios

HOUSE RULES APPROVED 1/26/2015

1. The Clubroom and Kitchen shall be managed, supervised and controlled by the House Committee.
2. The days and hours of operation of the clubroom shall be set by the House Committee.
 - a. Exceptions to closing at posted times to the above can be made by the bar steward at their discretion
3. There will be no other activities in the Lodge, Clubroom, or on Lodge premises during regular session of the Lodge, funeral services of a member of this lodge, or any other special session mandated by Grand Lodge such as Memorial Day or Flag Day services.
4. Guests accompanied by an Elk will be permitted daily except after 7:30 P.M. on lodge meeting night. Guests are not permitted access to the lodge or clubroom after 7:30 P.M. on lodge meeting nights. Last call must be held at 7:15 P.M. on Lodge meeting nights, and 15 minutes prior to those functions described in House Rule #3 above.
5. Members in good standing of the Order and their guests are the only persons to be permitted to use this Lodge facility.
6. Visiting members of the Order are required to register and exhibit their membership card to the bar steward.
7. Members must buy all drinks for their guests at all times.
8. No drinks will be served after 1:45 a.m. and all drinks must be off the bar and tables by 2:00 a.m.
9. Loud, rude, boisterous behavior, profane and obscene language is prohibited at all times. Members will not engage or permit harassment; as set forth in the lodge statement of No Harassment Policy and reporting Procedure, which shall be posted in the Lodge, and published in the Antler Antics no less than annually.
10. Any member or guest thereof entering the building while under the influence of intoxicants will not be served or permitted to remain.
11. No member shall remove, mutilate or destroy any lodge property. Malicious or careless damage will be repaired, replaced or paid for by the person or persons responsible.
12. No circulars, notices, or personal advertising, other than those regarding Elk functions, shall be posted in the lodge. Lodge functions may be advertised in the lodge.
13. No tickets are permitted to be sold in the building for any purpose except for Elk functions or activities.
14. Minors are not permitted in the clubroom or facilities unless accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times, and must not sit or be served at the bar.
15. No animals will be allowed in the building except service animals.
16. Political or religious discussions are prohibited in the lodge
17. Members shall not under any circumstances reprimand or otherwise harass any employee of the lodge.
18. Only the Club Manager or Duty Officer has the authority to correct lounge related problems with the bar steward.
19. Any member issuing a check with non-sufficient funds will forfeit his/her club cashing privileges until said check is made good and appropriate fees are paid at the office. In the event of a subsequent return check from a member, his or her check cashing privileges will be terminated.
20. No member will be allowed to cash a check for more than \$35.00 in any one business day. The only exception being that the member may cash a check for more than his existing daily bar bill. The maximum amount of a check to be cashed by a visiting member will be limited to \$25.00. Under no circumstances will out-of-state, two party or un-preprinted checks be cashed at the bar. All bar patrons must produce proper valid California identification at the request of the bar steward when cashing checks.
21. Alcoholic beverages are not to be taken from or consumed outside the building. Alcoholic beverages are not to be in plastic or other take-out containers.
22. Drinking of alcoholic beverages behind the bar is not permitted.
23. No arcade games will be started within one ½ hour prior to any social event and there will be no resumption of games until the chairman of the event or duty officer authorizes arcade games to resume.
24. All bar credit must be paid in full before the member leaves the clubroom and no further credit will be extended until payment in full is made.
25. Any Elk or former Elk is delinquent or has been dropped for non-payment of dues or conduct unbecoming an Elk, from this lodge or any other lodge, will not be admitted to this lodge or clubroom as a guest of any member of this lodge, or any other lodge.
26. No one is allowed to smoke anywhere within the confines of the lodge building. The only designated smoking areas are the patio or outside the building.
27. No one other than the bar steward or club manager shall be permitted behind the bar except to perform cleaning or glass washing tasks when requested by the bar steward or Club Manager.
28. House rules will be published in the Antler Antics at least once a year or when a major change is made.
29. Any member found guilty of conduct unbecoming an Elk, or violation of any of these rules, may be suspended by the House Committee from privileges of the club in the manner provided by Grand Lodge Statutes and by the By-laws of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477.

Jim Moye Exalted Ruler
David Naccarato Lodge Secretary
House Committee



FRIDAY
November 6th, 2015

\$14.00 / \$10.00

**KILLER
 PORK CHOPS**

or Chicken



**Twice Baked Potatoes ● Paula's Green Beans
 and Soup**

**By Bobby Williams
 and the Crazy Crew**

From the Kitchen

Again, a hearty welcome to you from the kitchen and from all of our hard working volunteer kitchen personnel!

The new format of "come on down, sit down, mark up your menu, and give it to an Elks lady and be served" has been accepted by those partaking in our dinners. This will continue!

The food available on Wednesday meeting nights is going well. Again, you will have a choice. The price will continue to be \$6 per person. In addition to hamburgers or chicken, we will be offering Hot Wings for those with a yen for something spicy!

On special meeting nights, especially initiation night, we will have a choice of steak or a quarter chicken. The price will probably be \$12 for steak and \$8 for chicken.

We are still trying to start serving, as

requested by some members, all dinners from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, except for special occasions. So far a 6:00 pm start time seems to work the best.

You have probably noticed that one of our crews is identified as the KWELKS. This crew is made up of Kiwanis members who have joined our lodge to help support our charitable efforts as well as their Kiwanis efforts. This group, led by Craig Burns, has been doing an outstanding job. Please continue to support them!

We are still looking for individuals who would like to cook, or have a specialty dish they would like to prepare for the members. Please call me for planning and scheduling.

We are still looking for you, the members, to support our dinners. By that I mean

your taking part in our dinners as food consumers. We are trying to offer a meal for everyone's liking. COME ON DOWN!! ENJOY!!

We would appreciate all offers of help and/or suggestions. Remember, this is your lodge and it takes all of us to make it a great lodge!

Many thanks to the Elks Ladies organization for their continued support as our serving crew. Be nice to your servers as they are also volunteers!

Again, come on down to the lodge and have a dinner with us and your friends.

Tom Ryder, PDDGER
 Kitchen Operations - 805-497-1853

El Konejo Kampers

The HEAT was on for sure, surprising us, since we expected Santa Barbara to be cool. Upon arriving, the majority of us hightailed it to the Lodge for lunch. The beautiful salad bar, huge portioned menu items and the bar, kept us there an almost embarrassingly long time. We had planned to do appetizers later that evening, but it was cancelled due to "meltaphobia." Fortunately for us, the Santa Barbara Elks Lodge was having Bingo which is a hamburger, hot dog day, so again, we made our way to the lodge and stayed past nightfall. Once the sun was down we could be comfortable talking and enjoying the outdoors.

It's always fun meeting new people and getting new camping club members, so this month we got a double treat. Joining us were Jesse Garcia and his wife, Millie. Many of you know Jesse from the breakfasts and the bbq. None of us had met Millie before and she made quite a hit with the ladies - really one of us. Along with Jesse and Millie, we were joined by Bob and Nancy Hart, who are returning camp club members. Most of us had not met Bob and Nancy when they were in the group before, so we're considering them new, too. Bob and Nancy are longtime

friends with Jesse and Millie and now new friends of all the campers. Both couples were given a warm welcome and seemed to really enjoy themselves. We're glad you're here!

Kathy M and I are known for our drink concoctions, from every flavored martini to specially flavored Bellinis and everything in-between. This campout was no exception. Drink of the month - Purple Panties. Yes, its a real drink from the internet, and it is truly an Elks color. Made with grape juice, lime juice and vodka, then poured over lots of ice, it was beautiful, sweet and the initiation of Millie and Nancy into the ladies fru fru drink group. The men had been told to be quiet by a cranky camper, not from our group, so they wandered on over to our motorhome to collect their wives with hopes of glimpsing the famed Purple Panties. They were somewhat disappointed to find out it was a drink..

Friday night dinner at the Lodge was either salmon or prime rib, and we enjoyed 100% participation from our group. Jim M, ER, was introduced over the microphone and we were formally welcomed. The dinner was wonderful

with KC Phillips playing afterward for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure.

Saturday morning brunch was delicious as usual. It's funny to see that we've developed an expectation for certain food items, that better be there. Following our brunch we had the 50/50 drawing, won by Jim Miller, who won \$68. The two free campouts were won by Cheryl T and our new member Bob H. Congratulations to all the winners.

The Kampers served 72 AA breakfasts on September 6. The Elks Lodge was rented for a private party so no Elks breakfasts were served. On September 27th the Kampers served 52 AA breakfasts and 22 Elks breakfasts for a total of 74. Grand total breakfasts for the Kampers in September is 146. Amazing job!

Other news - Pat Hafhill has agreed to be Chaplain for the Kampers as Faye resigned. Thank you Faye, for taking the job initially. On a sadder note, the Kampers lost a good friend this weekend. Jake, the dog, crossed over the rainbow bridge and is in dog heaven now. Jane, we will all miss him, but not like you will. Our condolences on the loss of your best friend.

Message from the GER

As we give thanks, please remember our veterans

by Ronald L. Hicks, Grand Exalted Ruler

November is Veterans Remembrance Month. The Order of Elks remembers our veterans throughout the year, but in November, as we give thanks for all of our blessings, we pay special tribute to our Veterans for their sacrifices. It is yet another occasion to strongly proclaim our solemn pledge: "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day for all Americans to reflect upon the freedoms we enjoy and to honor our Veterans by saying "Thank You" to the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces.

Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military Veterans, and should not be confused with Memorial Day, which is specially dedicated for remembering those who died while serving.

November is also the month of Thanksgiving, and as we give thanks, please remember our Veterans, directing much of your thanks toward them. Please invite Veterans, military personnel and their families to be a part of the Thanksgiving and holiday activities at your Lodge.

You can also show gratitude by organizing a special trip to a hospital, nursing home or VA medical center, or by writing cards and collecting gifts to provide comfort and to meet their needs. Also, don't forget the Veterans in your own Lodge; recognize and pay tribute to them during your Lodge

activities.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission oversees programs like Adopt-A-Veteran and Army of Hope, and supports the work of VAVS representatives in VA hospitals nationwide. With funding from the Elks National Foundation, the commission strives to provide aid and comfort to any veteran in need. This year the number of Freedom Grants has been increased to help more Lodges expand their veterans programs. To learn more about the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, visit www.elks.org/vets.

Nancy and I wish you a very happy and peaceful Thanksgiving and a healthy and joyous holiday season. God bless you, our Veterans and the men and women serving in our military around the world. And, God bless America!

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2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

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Elks National Foundation: Donna Leary	El Konejo Kampers: Jessica Stull
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Government Relations: Chairperson needed	Mothers Day: Dave Anderson
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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
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2011-12 Steve Smith
2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
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2014-15 Dan Martyn

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