

# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*



*Elks* Care — *Elks* Share

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## Elk of the Month

Art Urbano serves as our co-chair for Veterans Services. His work on the committee is one of the reasons that our lodge is recognized for its excellence in Veterans Services. Art also works on the "Outcasts" BBQ team. He regularly volunteers his time for various projects around the Lodge. Art is a great Elk and my choice for March's Elk of the Month.

Jim Moye  
Exalted Ruler

## From the Secretary's Desk

By now you have received your dues notices for Elk year 2016-2017.

Remember to let me know what stickers you want on your card. Purple Pig stickers start over for the new year except Millennium Club. Only donations made in 2016-2017 will receive stickers. Early bird stickers are only if your dues reach the office before April 1st.

### Widows' Identification Cards

If you are a widow of a member of this lodge and would like to have an identification card, please call the office and I will put you on the list. These cards will not be available until after April 1st. The requirement for receiving a widow or widower's identification card is that the member must have been a member in good standing when he/she passed away and you have not remarried. The widow/widower's card allows you to come to lodge social functions but you may not go to a lodge meeting or be used as a proposer or reference for a new member.

## Upcoming Initiation Schedule

<u>Balloting</u>	<u>Orientation</u>	<u>Initiation</u>
March 2nd	March 22nd	March 23rd
April 6th	April 26th	April 27th
May 4th	May 24th	May 25th

## Duty Officers

02-25 to 03-02	George Meehan
03-03 to 03-09	Jim Lovato
03-10 to 03-16	Dan Martyn
03-17 to 03-23	Karen Martyn
03-24 to 03-30	Christine Harrison

### 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. For more information contact Brooke at 805 496 4550.

## Candidates for Balloting, Transfers and Reinstatements

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Dennis Ryan	Retired	Toni Hartin
Karen Hall	Therapist	Lynn Rodriguez
Stephen Dodge	Retired - LAFD	David Mueller
Alan Unthank	Self Employed, Concord Labs	Herb Jellander
James Anderson	Title Insurance	Gerry Gillies
James Gosland	Mortgage Banker	Gerry Gillies
Michael Flynn	Retired	Gerry Gillies
Tom Corrigan	Application for Transfer	From Simi Lodge
Jeff Weiherer	Application for Transfer	From Simi Lodge
Mysty Boykin	Outside Sales	Application for Reinstatement
Derrick Stevens	Highway Patrolman	Application for Reinstatement

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## Exalted Ruler Jim Moye



Greeting to All,

Well here we are again ending our Elk year. This will be my last Antler Antics article as your Exalted Ruler. This past year has been quite an experience. I have had the opportunity to make many new friends and have learned a great deal about running a lodge. There is a lot more involved than you may imagine. I hope that I have served you, the members, and the lodge well. Without a doubt I couldn't have done it without the help of my wife, Kathy. She has supported me and represented you as an exemplary First Lady attending all DD clinics and visitations as well as state and national conventions. I can't thank her enough for her support.

Before I go on I want to emphasize to all committee chairmen that as this is the last quarter of the year, all reports are due by the end of March.

Now I want to take this last opportunity as ER to thank the Officer Corps, all the Committee members, the volunteers and especially the members for all of your help, support and service to our Lodge. Just a note for your information: over the past ten years the El Konejo Kampers have collected and donated over \$66,000 to our lodge and the charities we support. Thank you kampers.

The next time you see or talk to Max Maxwell or Jeff Conyers, take the opportunity to thank them for the work they did on the renovation of the BBQ room. A lot of quality hard work went into it to bring it up to code. The money for the upgrade of the BBQ room was provided by the PERs.

Once again, thank you all for your support and I'll see you around the lodge.

Remember "Elks Care, Elks Share"

Regards,

Jim Moye,  
Exalted Ruler

## Leading Knight Mike Flannery



March Article

It is hard to believe that it is already March, but I know that time seems to go faster every year so why am I always surprised? But this year seemed to start off slow with Mary spending the first 19 days in the hospital and the rehab clinic. She would like to send her thanks for all the phone calls, cards, visits, flowers, best wishes and support from all of our good friends. Her rehab is progressing well but it will still take time.

While January seemed like a slow month after a busy and very hectic December, February picked up, starting with a very well done Law Enforcement and Firefighters Appreciation Night and a great Super Bowl Party, followed by nominations and voting for new officers, the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Membership & Leading/Loyal Knights Clinic at Santa Barbara, and the PER'S Initiation of new members.

March is looking very interesting with a number of activities including the City of Thousand Oaks 44<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, Ventura's Saint Patrick's Day Parade, the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, Easter Sunday, and do not forget, our own Saint Patrick's Day Celebration, with a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 19.

Thank You,

Mike Flannery  
Leading Knight



## Loyal Knight Jean Miraglia



On Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge held its 39<sup>th</sup> annual Law Enforcement and Firefighters Appreciation Night dinner. The evening was well attended with over 80+ in attendance. The evening began with the Presentation of Colors

by the Boy Scouts of troop #754, and an introduction by Paul Stein, followed by dinner. A BBQ dinner was prepared and served family style, by Tom Ryder and Elks volunteers. There was plenty of food and everyone enjoyed dinner.

Presenting awards were: Exalted Ruler Jim Moye, Mayor Joel Price, Linda Parks, Ventura County Board of Supervisors, and Jacqui Erwin, State Assemblywoman 44<sup>th</sup> District.

Our thanks to Bill Sternberg, Scoutmaster and Bill Miller, Scouting Chairman for organizing the Boy Scouts' Presentation of Colors, and to all the volunteers who helped to make the evening a huge success.

A special thank you to Paul Stein for an outstanding job of coordinating this event. THANK YOU PAUL!

### KITCHEN NEWS:

Breakfast is served every Sunday. Thursday nights Krista prepares her Chili Dogs, watch for those BIG DOGS! Check the menu at the bar for Wednesday night dinners. Keep your eye on the calendar for the Friday night dinners. Our volunteer Chefs will be preparing creative entrees for your dining pleasure.

### Reminders:

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Inaugural Ball – Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia  
Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn



As my year as Lecturing Knight comes to an end, I would like to thank those who supported my efforts this past year.

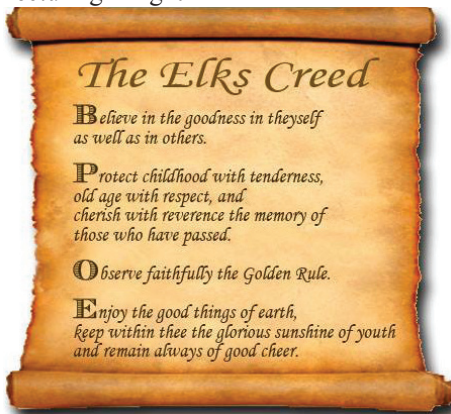
I was extremely fortunate to have dedicated, hard working committee chairs reporting to my station. Don Sabol was tireless in his efforts with Drug Awareness, and most recently participated in a program at the Thousand Oaks Teen Center. As you all know, our lodge has a terrific scouting program thanks to Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg. I particularly enjoyed attending my first ever Eagle Scout award presentation (at our Lodge).

I believe our scholarship program to be the best in our district, thanks to Rick Herrera's hard work, dedication and leadership of this committee. On top of that, Rick raises funds for our scholarships through his recycle project. Mary Woodlief gave a real kick start to our Dictionary Program, and while Mary is recuperating from her recent stroke, her husband Steve has jumped in to help. Get well soon, Mary!

This year has been a great learning and rewarding experience for me, and I encourage members to step up and get involved with a Lodge committee or activity.

I thank you again for your support, and I look forward to serving the Lodge and our members in the future.

Karen Martyn  
Lecturing Knight



## Secretary David Naccarato



In 1867, Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian formed the "Jolly Corks", a loose, social organization and the forerunner of the Elks today. The spirit of benevolence came quickly to these

revelers. Just before Christmas in 1867, one of their members had died leaving his wife and family destitute. The Jolly Corks recognized the need to form a more enduring organization to help their members in need, and on February 16, 1868, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was established with Vivian as it's presiding officer.

Before the turn of the century, periodic debate surfaced questioning whether Vivian was the true founder of the Elks; he had been expelled from the order a few months after its founding for his then radical views that membership should be open to all professions, not just "legitimate" actors. However, a formal inquiry in 1897 rightfully reestablished Vivian to the honorable title of "Founder of Elks". When Vivian first set foot in New York, he tried to join the Masons but they were doctors and lawyers and would not allow someone in the entertainment field to join, thinking they were Vagabonds, which is why the Elks do not have degrees of membership. Ironically, Vivian actually favored the name "Buffaloes" for our order but at that first meeting, the Elks won by a close vote (8-7).

Since that February day, Elks have become an integral part of communities nationwide. Elks were the first to Observe Flag Day in 1907, which became a national holiday in 1947 under President Harry S. Truman-an Elk himself after observing our flag day ritual. During WWI, Elks funded and equipped the first field hospitals in France and built medical centers and community houses in the United States. Elks loaned funds up to \$40,000 for returning Veterans for rehabilitation and education, the precursor to the GI bill. Throughout the history of

### *Secretary's message continued*

the United States military actions, the Elks have been there to help: they recruited construction workers for the military in WWII, donated blood to soldiers in the Korean war, helped wounded Americans in Vietnam, and undertook letter-writing campaigns to support the men and women of Operation Desert Storm. Their continuing care for Veterans is a shining example of the Elk dedication to National Service.

This is not enough to keep us busy!! Our order serves youth and others in need through a variety of programs: Hoop-Shoot, Scholarships and grants from ENF. We have our State Major Project, Elks Drug Awareness and we just held our Police and Firefighters Appreciation Night - look for the article from Chairman Paul Stein. The Elks have now ventured into cyberspace, opening a whole new era of communication and possibility.

David Naccarato, PER  
Secretary

## Elk of the Year

On the evening of February 1<sup>st</sup>, the past Elks of the Year along with the Chair Officers met to vote on who will be designated Elk of the Year for 2016-17.

I know Gerry Gillies is going to miss his parking spot, but time marches on.

After much deliberation, a worthy candidate was chosen.

I am here to tell you the winner is #5%&0! Yeah right! Like I was going to let that little secret out You will have to come to the fish fry on March 18<sup>th</sup> and stay after dinner to hear who will be the Elk of the Year as well as the Officer of the Year and the Citizen of the Year. There will also be two outstanding members recognized by ER Jim Moye who made his year that much easier (other than First Lady Kathy Moye).

David Naccarato  
Lodge Secretary

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## Sickness & Distress

Coleen Morris, Committee Chairperson  
805-241-8928

### Condolences

To the family of **Fred Trzcinski** born 9/29/1942, initiated 1/21/1981, Died 2/13/2016

### Keep in your prayers

**Sharon Baker**, is doing better.

**Mary Woodlief**, is recovering well.

**Treasurer Pati Harrod**, is recovering from surgery.

**Flo Lloyd**, was not feeling well but says it's nothing to worry about.

## Serving our Communities

- \*Blue & Gold Ceremonies at the Lodge
- \*Monthly karaoke entertainment at Cal-Vet Home in Saticoy
- \*Hosting monthly bingo parties at Sepulveda VA Hospital
- \*Hosting blood drives for the community
- \*Participating in BSA Courts of Honor
- \*Annual Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Night
- \*BBQ vending site at Conejo Valley Days & Chili Cook Off
- \*Awarding scholarships to high school seniors
- \*Holiday season Toys 4 Tots drive with the USMC
- \*Partnering in Special Kids Day at Conejo Valley Days
- \*Flag retirement ceremonies with Boy & Girl Scouts
- \*Cooking for Brownlympics & other Scouting events
- \*Lodge room provided for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremonies
- \*Monthly meeting room for VFW
- \*Annual "Hoop Shoot" competition for local youth
- \*Preparing and delivering holiday season food baskets
- \*Hosting Easter Egg Hunts for children in our community

## March Birthdays

Harvey Flam-01  
Leslie Smith-01  
Rick Spampinato-01  
Mac Moffatt Hays-02  
Alan Van Cleave-03  
Ronald Collins-05  
Dee Ansell-06  
Jack Henry-07  
Marie Reichlt-07  
Tom Hartin-08  
Mark Rediger-08  
Patricia Ringo-08  
Richard Romani-09  
George Meehan, PER-10  
James Lovato-11  
Robert Thornton, PDDGER-11  
Tony Lerner-12  
Carmine Prizzi-12  
James Porter-15  
Kevin Metzguz-16  
Carlos Muzquiz-16  
Casey Boggiano-17  
Phillip Johnson-19  
Jill Williams-20  
Douglas Bevan-21  
Jay Schmidt-21  
Gary Erland-22  
Douglas Ryan-22  
Arleen Adamsky-23  
Richard Goldner, PDDGER-24  
Sally Johnson-24  
Beverly Taylor-24  
Alan Ito-25  
Donald Shewmon-27  
Victoria Novak-28

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris  
Jon Preston  
Robert "Bobby" Williams  
Brenda Hagen (Century Club)  
Darryl Kopacz  
Jim Moyer  
Kathy Moyer  
Jean Miraglia  
Gregg Miraglia  
Alex Rogers  
Paul Stein  
Catherine Koeritz  
Bill Sternberg



Thursday Afternoon Bingo on February 4th had our largest crowd yet. The players had many more chances to win back the "buy in" money paid out to play the games. But as always, if you've been keeping up with the bingo games here at the lodge, it's the same ol' winners. One name that keeps coming up is Jim Moyer. The fact that he is the Exalted Ruler has no bearing. Kathy Moyer is right up there as well and with her being First Lady may have bearing on the winnings of bingo. Art Urbano went home with three winnings and his wife had to split one with

## The Crying towel



**January 6th**  
Capsule Drawing  
Elise Murray not present  
Lucky 13  
Leo Rodriguez Winner!!!

**January 20th**  
Capsule Drawing  
George Stigle #2291 not present  
Lucky 13  
John Puckett no winner

**January 27th**  
Capsule Drawing  
Christopher Campbell not present  
Lucky 13  
Rusty Miller no winner

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Jim Moyer (there's that name again).

We changed a cactus pattern by removing one square and made it a goal post with the ball flying through in honor of Super Bowl and Bobby Williams took top prize. Other winners were Jean Miraglia, Juanita Feamster, Lynn Rodriguez and Pat Heckathorne. If you're available on the first and third Thursdays at 1:00 pm, come on down to the lodge. Our only players are members and their guests. It helps with the odds, but then the payouts are less. No one complains. A good time is had by all.

## Meet our New Members



left is David Mueller who sponsored Pat Bird (center) and right is Alan Ito sponsored by Lodge Secretary David Naccarato, PER



Left is WCCD Leader Greg Metzger, PDDGER who sponsored Rusty Miller.

## Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day

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

March 19, 2003 – Iraq War Began

March 24, 1999 – Kosovo Campaign Began

March 31, 1995 – Somalia Campaign Ended

*(Dates are taken from the VFW Calendar)*

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

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



1<sup>st</sup> Memorial Honor Detail



The Brockwells: Yvonne, Madeleine, Madeleine & Scott

The service to celebrate the life of Harry Brockwell was a success with about 150 in attendance. The Brockwell family has expressed their deep appreciation to the members of our lodge and to the chefs who came and prepared dinner. Taps and flag presentation were by *The 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial Honor Detail*.



From left: Lou Mages, Mike Koslow, Carl Lanterman, Robert Jones

Thousand Oaks Elks attend filming of Master Chef at the Camarillo Air Museum where 101 veterans received two gourmet plates and voted for the winning team. See the show in May.

We are working on dissemination of information regarding veterans benefits, and other sources of help for our veterans who need it. Watch for future articles. Please let us know if there is some service that the National Veterans Service Commission (NVSC) and our own committee can bring to you or other members.

**Carl Lanterman**

Chairman-Veterans Service Committee

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**Art Urbano**

Vice Chair-Veterans Service Committee

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## Law Enforcement & Firefighter Recognition Event a Success

On Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, our lodge conducted the 39<sup>th</sup> annual law enforcement and firefighter recognition event. Over 110 Elks and guests attended the event. The event honors law enforcement and firefighters who work in the Conejo Valley area, which includes Westlake Village, Hidden Valley, Thousand Oaks, Malibu and Newbury Park.

The honorees were:

Captain Brendan Ripley, Ventura County Fire Department

Deputy Ryan Shoden, Ventura County Sheriff's Department

Captain Rick Mullen, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Detective Justin Solomon, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

The honorees, selected by their respective departments, were chosen as outstanding performers and individuals whose dedication to serving the public has spanned a number of years.

In attendance to present awards were City Council member Al Adam and Mayor Joel Price along with City Manager Scott Mitnic. Additionally, County Supervisor Linda Parks and State Assembly member Jacqui Irwin made presentations to the honorees. Retired Fire Chief Paul Stein was the Master of Ceremonies.

Special thanks go to Lynn Rodriguez for her organizational help and a very special thanks to Tom Ryder for cooking a great meal that was enjoyed by all. Additional thanks go to the volunteers who helped with the meal service. They were Greg Ryder, Rik Gessler, Ken Krabel and Leo Rodriguez. The Elks Ladies servers were Charlotte Gessler, Marian Anderson (who also helped with the table set ups), Faye Stevens and Diane Lovato.

Fraternally,

Paul Stein, Committee Chairman  
Police and Firefighter Appreciation

## Below are highlights of the Law Enforcement-Firefighter Appreciation Night



(L-R Front Row) Thousand Oaks Councilman Al Adams, Ventura Co. Supervisor Linda Parks, LASD Detective Dep.IV Justin Solomon, Ventura Co. Fire Capt. Brendon Ripley, VSD Dep. Ryan Shoden, L.A. Co. Fire Capt. Rick Mullen and Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin (L-R Back Row) ER Jim Moye, Committee Chairman Paul Stein and Mayor Joel Price.



(L-R) Ventura FD Capt. Brendan Ripley, ER Jim Moye, Bat. Chief Scott Schuster, Chairman Paul Stein



Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troops #754, #3763 and #3789



L-R) VSD Deputy Ryan Shoden, Captain Ross Bonfiglio, ER Jim Moye and Chairman Paul Stein



(Center L) L.ASD Dep.IV Justin Solomon, (R) Capt. Pat Davoren, with fellow Deputies. (Back) ER Jim & Chair Paul



(L-R) ER Jim Moye, with Chairman Paul Stein and his wife Sheryl Stein



(L) Captain Rick Mullen, (R) Chief Anthony Williams L.A. Co. Fire Department. (C) ER Jim & Chair Paul

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# St. Patrick's Day Party

March 19, 2016

**\$18.00**

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

**Corned Beef Dinner With All The Fixings**  
**Prepared By Mike Flannery & Kamper Krew**

**HAPPY HOUR 5:30 PM**



**DINNER 6:30 PM**

**Raffle Prizes - 50-25-25 Raffle w/ 2 Separate Winners**  
**Raffle Donations Appreciated**

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

**Cash or Checks [Payable to BPOE #2477] Only - No Credit Cards**

**No Tickets Available After March 15**

**Net Proceeds Benefit The Lodge Parking Lot Repair Fund**



**Sponsored by El Konejo Kampers**



**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

**March Birthdays:**

01 - Jet Perry  
 01 - Angie Prizzi  
 03 - Rosa Conde  
 05 - Phyllis Riding  
 06 - Dee Ansell  
 11 - Crystal Dool  
 20 - Kathy Whitmire  
 22 - Melinda Pekow  
 25 - Jessica Stull

Our Ladies Major Project Fundraiser, Dark Shadows, has been rescheduled to April 16, 2016. There were several other events scheduled during the same weekend as our original date, so we rescheduled to a date with fewer competing events. This event is a fundraiser with all the proceeds going to the Elks Major Project. The proceeds are added to the Lodge's donation which the ER presents at the State Convention in May. The amount of our Lodge donation is announced from the stage to all Elk attendees. We need the support of our members to help make this event successful and we'll look forward to seeing you at our party. See flyer for all the details.

On March 8<sup>th</sup> the Ladies will be holding their Installation Dinner to Install the 2016-17 Board of Officers.

Don't Forget the Ladies will be selling cookies & ice cream at the Fish Fry dinners on Friday nights.

Just a reminder to all the Ladies that our Dues Notices for 2016-17 are being sent out. We look forward to your continued membership with the Elks Ladies.

February 2016 Elk Ladies Inspirational It's that time of year again, you know, red hearts, pink roses, balloons, cards, candy and animals that sing songs of love. Do you know more roses are sold on Valentine's than any other day of the year? All over the world, it is the day that people show their love for special people in their lives. What Valentine's Day Means to Me:

V is for Valentine's Day, value and vulnerability.

A is for affectionate, agreeable and appreciated.

L is for loveable, loyal and laughter.

E is for endearing, encouragement and empathy.

N is for nice, noble and nurturing.

T is for thoughtful, trusting and talented.

I is for I LOVE YOU, say it often.

N is for neat, new and nourishing.

E is for earnest, energetic and empathy.

S is for sunshine, daily sing "You are my sunshine my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray".

D is for dear, delightful and dependable.

A is for amazing, awesome and aware.

Y is for you, remember you are special, be good to yourself.

Let us pray:

Loving Heavenly Father, Thank you for loving us all equally just as we are everyday. Help us to love others in this manner and thank you for giving us the capacity to do so. We Pray in your Holy and Loving name. Amen

Barbara Gibbs, Chaplain

**More Law Enforcement & Firefighter Recognition Highlights from page 7**



(L-R) GL Western Region Scouting Chairman, Bill Sternberg, PER, WCC District Leader Greg Metzger, PDDGER, Past 1st Lady Lynn Rodriguez, Past 1st Lady Barbara Metzger.



Members and guests gather to honor law enforcement officers and firefighters.

## El Konejo Kampers

The Kampers versus El Nino are now 0 and 2. We had scheduled January's campout for Travel Village in Valencia, but with the rain, RVs out of commission and holiday jet lag, folks started dropping out one by one. We cancelled and prayed for sunny days. February's campout is also cancelled. Seems it is too far away to take a chance on rain. By March things should be back to normal and we'll be visiting the Santa Maria Lodge, both reasonably priced and room to get out of the rain! Not to mention good food and Elks Lodge hospitality.

S-o-o-o-o-o, let me tell you instead some things about the El Konejo Kampers. This is not a rumor or tell all, just the business end of stuff I find kind of interesting, and you might too. Each monthly campout has a Wagonmaster. The Wagonmaster is like the host of the camping event. Wagonmasters rotate and sometimes this seems intimidating for a new member, but it is not as hard as it sounds. The Wagonmaster's first job is to design a flyer that includes all the details of the campout. If there is a cutoff deadline for reservations, that is included. Campers have been disappointed to be left out because they waited too long to make up their mind. I've found say "YES" to everything and if something comes up and you have to cancel, the Wagonmaster may have a waiting list and someone else will

have a happy day! The flyers are emailed or US mailed to all members as well as being posted to the El Konejo Kampers website. For anyone who regularly visits the Thousand Oaks Elks website, there is a button on the right that says El Konejo Kampers. It is a direct link to our website.

The camping club owns a sign with our name, raffle tickets, large rolls of checkered paper for covering tables and clamps for holding down the tablecloths if it is windy. We also have a screened-in pop up tent and tables for doing our Thanksgiving feast. These items are available for any Wagonmaster's use. And..., if you are the creative type and want table decorations, or a themed potluck, which Donna Colleran is, you can bring decorations to your heart's content. The Wagonmaster is never on his/her own, they get plenty of help with raffle and 50/50 ticket sales and they appoint a Sheriff who levies fines for silly things. We support community activities with our money too. Many of you probably saw the article in the January 21, 2016 Acorn about our contribution to Manna, the local food bank. The Charity Baskets from the lodge are once a year, but the Kampers support Manna several times a year to help meet the ongoing food needs in our area.

During the campout the Wagonmaster meets with the Treasurer to turn in all the

money collected via an itemized report. At this point you might be thinking, "is this really worth it." Well certainly, did I mention the Wagonmaster camps for FREE? Entertaining your friends should be reward enough and now you get your campout FREE. What could be nicer?

I love rounding out my article by always telling you how hard the Kampers work, but did you know that hard work pays off in dollars too? For the ten year period of 2005-2015, the Kampers donated over \$66,000 to the Lodge and the Lodge charities like Major Project and ENF. For 2015 alone we donated over \$11,000. Magnificent! You support this effort anytime you participate in our big events such as our Holiday Brunch and St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner coming up March 19th. We always have over-the-top raffles that bring in nice sums. One of the reasons we do so well is we receive donations for our baskets from members and other Elks. If you have any donations, liquor or non-liquor items for the baskets, contact Mike Flannery.

Finally, for January, the Kampers served 73 AAs and 20 Elks the first Sunday and 70 AAs and 30 Elks on the last Sunday for a total of 193 breakfasts served at the lodge by the El Konejo Kampers. Good job!

## Elks Care - Elks Share

### The PERs Corner

When this lodge was chartered, creation of a Past Exalted Rulers Association was mandated by Grand Lodge. Past Exalted Rulers are just that; Exalted Rulers who have finished their year after "going through the chairs" and reaching the top spot. With their background and experience, PERs have a general idea of how the lodge operates. PERs meet once a month and discuss how the lodge is performing and ways they can support

lodge operations.

When the lodge started having BBQ's every weekend, the PER Association decided to staff the 5th Saturday of the month whenever it would occur. That way, no one team had to work two weekends. This has worked out very well with many of our members working two and sometimes three weekend BBQ's. With the Past Exalted Rulers getting up there in age, they need help to set up and take down the BBQ apparatus. So, we

give our new members a chance to work the BBQ. Last month we had Alan Ito who, three days after initiation, came down to help us out. He worked the rib cutting station, so I had him show me his fingers from time to time. (I sponsored him). He had a great time. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know. Our next PER BBQ is on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

David Naccarato, PER

## Officers 2015 - 2016

Exalted Ruler	Jim Moye	Tiler	Christine Harrison
Leading Knight	Mike Flannery	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Loyal Knight	Jean Miraglia	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

<b>Elk of the Year</b>	Gerry Gillies
<b>Officer of the Year</b>	Pam Price
<b>Citizen of the Year</b>	Richard Herrera

### 2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics	Membership: Catherine Koeritz, PER
Editor & Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER	Investigation: Alan Hardie, Dave Anderson, Diane Scott & John Duhig
USPS Mailing: Jessica Stull and Juanita Feamster	Orientation: Catherine Koeritz, PER, Chair Ofers, David Naccarato, PER
Calendar: Terry Gicking	Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER
Website, Blog & Weekly Updates: Steve Smith, PER	Maintenance: Jim Moye
Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson	Grounds: Ben Rieger
Barbeque: Eddie Rice	Facilities: Tom Hartin, Jeff Conyers & Max Maxwell
Historian/Scrapbook: <b>Chairperson needed</b>	Greeter: Dorothy Murray
Photography: Jill Williams	PER Association President: Terry Baker, PER
Forward Planning: Jim Moye	Parliamentarian/Presiding Justice: Dick McCann
Protocol: Karen Martyn	Grants Coordinator: <b>Chairperson needed</b>

### 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: Tom Ryder	Conejo Valley Days: Tom Hartin
Lodge Activities: Jean Miraglia	Mediator: Boyd Lindquist
Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg	New Years Eve: Jean Miraglia
Government Relations: <b>Chairperson needed</b>	Mothers Day: Dave Anderson
Elks Memorial Service: Dave Anderson	Inaugural Ball: Jean Miraglia
Veteran Services: Carl Lanterman	Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein
Public Relations: Lynn Rodriguez	

### 2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: <b>Chairperson needed</b>	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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### 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  
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER  
1974-75 \*Richard Flake  
1975-76 \*Bill Wagner  
1976-77 John E. Henry  
1977-78 \*Robert McKee, PDDGER  
1978-79 \*Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER  
1979-80 \*Edward F. Stogsdell  
1980-81 \*Frank "Tex" Hastie  
1981-82 \*Robert Hardy  
1982-83 \*A. John Nichols  
1983-84 John Nau  
1984-85 Vern Ogden  
1985-86 Dan Snyder  
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER  
1987-88 John E. Henry  
1988-89 \*Ted Lipka  
1989-90 Don Skinner  
1990-91 Don Ansell  
1991-92 Gary Sleight  
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
1993-94 \*Jim Wallace  
1994-95 \*George Pekow  
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER  
1996-97 \*Jack Loughran

1997-98 \*John Kelly  
1998-99 Chet Kozlowski  
1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER  
2000-01 Jacob Panczak  
2001-02 John D'Ambrogio  
2002-03 Don Booker  
2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER, DL  
2004-05 Jay Block  
2005-06 \*Sally Claunch  
2006-07 David Naccarato  
2007-08 Catherine Koeritz  
2008-09 George Meehan  
2009-10 Terry Gicking, PDDGER  
2010-11 \*Harry Brockwell  
2011-12 Steve Smith  
2012-13 Leo Rodriguez  
2013-14 Terry Baker  
2014-15 Dan Martyn

#### By Affiliation:

1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER  
2001-02 Bill Sternberg  
1999-00 \*Ralph Vester  
'83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine

\*Deceased