



Antler Antics

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Duty Officers

05-05 to 05-11	Ray Laraway
05-12 to 05-18	Shirste Gessler
05-19 to 05-25	George Meehan
05-26 to 06-01	Jean Miraglia

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.

Elk of the Month



Mike Flannery
Exalted Ruler

My choice for Elk of the Month for May, 2016, is Billy Sternberg. He is the quiet one you always see around with the big hat and the big smile, but he always seems to be working at something, whether it is at the BBQ or driving the train at parades where he can demonstrate his "Queen Elizabeth wave." And in the meantime he has spent the last three years as a very entertaining Lodge Esquire who has trouble pronouncing the names of wines.

Thank You, Billy. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Remember - Support Elks National Foundation



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Foundation, Inc.

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American Express. You can also make a pledge to donate to the ENF on an annual basis. [Read more about ENF Programs on page 4.](#)

Member News from our Grand Exalted Ruler

May is a great month to showcase our "Elks Pride and Community Focus."

Embrace the opportunities to recognize our youth, mothers, veterans and the armed forces, and be loud and proud as you conduct and participate in the many Lodge programs and community events intended to honor each of them this month.

May 1-7 is Elks National Youth Week, a great time to showcase our many youth

programs and recognize the achievements of our future leaders. The second Sunday in May is devoted to the one whose love and devotion is evident in most young lives, their mother.

Mother's Day is the time to honor and celebrate our mothers and show our appreciation to the special lady who has meant so much to each of us.

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Upcoming Initiation Schedule

<u>Balloting</u>	<u>Orientation</u>	<u>Initiation</u>
June 1st	June 21st	June 22nd
July 6th	July 26th	July 27th
August 3rd	August 23rd	August 24th

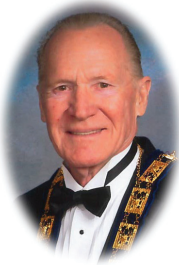
Candidates for Balloting, Transfers and Reinstatements

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Thomas Consolo	Retiree	David Stull
Reem Nicole Agel	Quality Sr. Manager	Bill Burmeister

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Exalted Ruler Mike Flannery



I would like to thank everyone for the support that you have given us for the past two very hectic months. At times it seemed that nothing was working right, but people kept telling me, "Don't

worry, it will all work out in the end". And it did! We have all of our Officers, both elected and appointed, installed, and most of our Committee chairmen in place, although we still have a few vacancies and any volunteers are very welcome. And a very special thank you to Greg Metzger and the PERs for the great job they did at the Installation of Officers, and to Esteemed Leading Knight Jean Miraglia, for the wonderful Inaugural Ball that she prepared and supervised. It is no easy job to present an evening of appetizers, seventy-five dinners, dancing and celebration, and she managed it very successfully.

Also, a belated thank you to the El Konejo Kampers for another successful Corned Beef and Cabbage St. Patrick's Dinner, with a special thank you to Crystal Dool and Christine Harrison for the preparation of the raffle baskets.

Looking forward, I am hoping for a good and successful year. I think we have a very strong Officer Corps, who are all dedicated to the betterment of our Lodge. Of course we will not all be in agreement with what we do, but you may trust that we will do what we think is best for our lodge. And remember, the officers are always accessible to all members. We are interested and willing to listen to your concerns and ideas, and even your complaints and compliments. We will not be able to solve all the problems but maybe, with your support, a few of them.

I recently read a statement in one of the Grand Lodge Manuals that I feel I need to address; "**Nothing is more detrimental to Lodge welfare than disputes among members.**" I understand that we cannot all agree on everything but we can disagree in a proper manner. We are

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Leading Knight Jean Miraglia



The beginning of a new Elk year welcomes two new committee Chairpeople, Art Urbano as Major Projects/Purple Pig Chairperson, and Alex Rogers as Sickness and Distress Chairperson.

Pati Harrod has had a difficult year and is taking time off to recuperate. Thank you Pati for all your efforts as Major Projects Chairperson. That giant Booze Wagon was a big hit. After seven years as Sickness and Distress Chairperson, Coleen Morris is taking time for herself. Thank you Coleen, you are very special.

The House Committee approved an adjustment of Bar prices, for the following reasons:

1. Drink prices have not been adjusted since 2013.
2. During the last three years, employee expense has already increased significantly due to a 25% increase in the minimum wage, with another 5% mandatory increase effective January 1, 2017.
3. Sales tax has increased to 7.5%, with the possibility of a further increase to 8% in Ventura County, in order to fund highway projects.
4. Lodge operating costs, such as electricity, water and sewer, have increased significantly, as have the costs of supplies and services.
5. The adjusted prices remain competitive in our local market and will result in continuing profitability of club operations, which is necessary for Lodge operating expenses.
6. The increase is approximately 15%, a portion of which (7.5%) will cover sales tax, which is included in drink prices.

This increase will go into effect on May 1st. The new prices are posted at the Bar.

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Loyal Knight Karen Martyn



One month down, eleven more to go. Having responsibility for the kitchen operations is a chore, and I thank those members who have already volunteered to prepare meals in April and May.

We will continue to offer good meals at reasonable prices, and I encourage our members to support our efforts and come down for a good meal and good company on Friday nights and Sunday mornings.

We really would like to see greater patronage of our Sunday breakfasts, which typically include eggs to order, omelets, pancakes, bacon, sausage, potatoes and toast. All of this costs \$8.00, and that includes coffee and orange juice! Couple that with \$3.00 Bloody Marys and Mimosas and you cannot find a better deal in town. Sunday breakfasts are not big money makers for the lodge, but we look at this partly as a service to our members and their guests. Your patronage will assure that we are able to continue this service.

Events coming up this month are the Youth Appreciation Dinner which will be prepared by Rik Gessler and crew on Friday, May 6, the Kentucky Derby party and salsa contest on Saturday, May 7, the Mother's Day ritual and buffet being arranged by the PERs and current officer corps on Sunday, May 8, and Conejo Valley Days on May 11-15. Watch for sign-up sheets to volunteer.

Again, at the risk of sounding like a broken record, if you have an interest in preparing a meal on either Initiation Night (the fourth Wednesday of the month), Friday nights or Sunday breakfasts, please contact me at kr2477@aol.com.

Fraternally,

Karen Martyn
Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knight Shirste Gessler



Lecturing Knight Article – May 2016
This last month has sure been exciting! The Installation Dinner was wonderful. Thank you to Bill Sternberg for installing me as this year's Lecturing

Knight. I have enjoyed participating in the last few Wednesday meetings. Now that I have almost a month of experience, I can tell you I am even more motivated to do the best job I can in my new position! Please come join us for Youth Appreciation Night at the Lodge on May 6th at 6pm. A pasta dinner will be served for \$10. We will be giving scholarships to six very well deserving college bound students and to four Hoop Shoot winners. It's going to be a fun night – we would love to see you there.

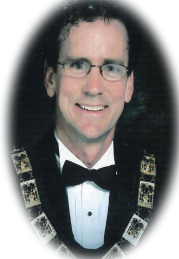
Steve and Mary Woodlief have been very busy with the Dictionary Program. I have been lucky enough to attend two dictionary presentations to the 3rd graders over the past few weeks. Steve does such a great job with the kids and the kids are so excited about receiving the dictionaries. Steve and Mary have several other schools to go to over the next month or so, they are definitely going to stay busy! Thank you Steve and Mary for all the time you have spent making this program such a success.

As I'm sure you know this station represents Brotherly Love. If you Google the definition of "Brotherly Love" it says, "feelings of humanity and compassion towards one's fellow humans." I think that is a great way to sum up our Lodge. The work we do for the community is something we should all be proud of.

Thank you to everyone for being so welcoming. I look forward to meeting more and more of you!

Shirste Gessler
Lecturing Knight

Secretary David Naccarato



I want to start out by thanking all of you who visited me in the hospital. Usually I'm either at UCLA or Good Samaritan which can be long drives. This time I was close at Los Robles. My thanks to all of you. I truly appreciate it.

Karen brought in the cards and letters. Usually I know when something was coming but this time it took me by surprise.

With plenty of time to watch TV, I realized that we are a big influence as Elks and we don't even know it. In 1964, on the Andy Griffith show, "Hot Rod" Otis, Andy and Barney staged a funeral in the jail house and they sang the "Vacant Chair".

While watching Ted Cruz, he quoted from our Ritual. I almost fell out of bed. Well Karen says my 20 minutes are up and I have to get off my butt.

Fraternally,

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

GER Member News continued

May is also dedicated to our military, our veterans and those who have sacrificed all in the defense of our freedoms. During Armed Forces Week and Armed Forces Day, we pay tribute to the men and women who served in our armed forces in times of war and in peace. Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to remember those veterans who are no longer with us, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice. Our commitment to veterans and the military has never wavered and is evident throughout the year, and the events of May serve as another reminder to our Members and to the Community that "the BPOE will never forget them."

Memorial Day weekend is considered by many as the official start to summer. Nancy and I wish you a joyful and safe holiday weekend of cook-outs and gatherings with your fellow Elks, family and friends. Finally, best wishes for your new Lodge year. Let's make it the best ever!

RONALD L. HICKS
Grand Exalted Ruler

Leading Knight message continued

As this year progresses there will be many events at the Lodge. Flyers and notices of these events will be found in the Antler Antics. Mark your calendar and join us in supporting these events.

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia
Leading Knight

Elks National Foundation Programs

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

At its February meeting in Tucson, Arizona, the Elks National Foundation Board of Trustees approved appropriations and distributions for the 2016 fiscal year totaling a record \$28.95 million.

Community Investments Program	\$9.77 million
State Elks Association Grants	\$8.72 million
Scholarship Programs	\$4.16 million
Elks National Veterans Service Program	\$1.48 million
Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest	\$924,070
Elks Drug Awareness Program	\$817,890
Elks Memorial Building Maintenance	\$422,450

Sickness & Distress

Alex Rogers, Committee Chair
Home 805-492-3280 Cell 805-427-3013

There are no Condolences to report

Keep in your prayers

- Patti Queen** for her continued cancer treatment
- Dave Naccarato, PER** who is recovering from surgery
- Carl Lanterman**
- Myrna Block** who has vertigo
- Jimmy Joe** who is rehabilitating
- 1st Lady Mary Flannery** for continued healing

Purple Pig Honor Roll

This is a list of members who gave extra with their dues to our Major Project. Those who participated on Wednesdays meeting of April 6th will be with the May honor roll,

MILLINIAM CLUB
Coleen Morris

CENTURY CLUB
Dainid Eglitis
Eugene Letourneau
Peter Gordon
David Naccarato
Thomas Walsh
Alan Ito
Lewis Jones

52 CLUB
Toni Hartin
Brian Boals
Jeff Conyers
Billy Sternberg
Kenneth Keeler
Anthony Federico

OTHER DONATIONS
Gary Harmon
Kenneth Kradle
Mike Flannery
Dee Ansell
Kenneth Kolde
Jay Schmidt
Jerry Serota
Don Ansell
George Vivlamore
Erle Pitman
Bobby Williams
Craig Lopez
Tommy Tyler
Joel Erickson

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May Birthdays

- 01 Brian Thorildsen
- 02 Dick Heklik
- 05 Peter P. Padilla
- 06 David Anderson
- 06 George A. Vivlamore
- 07 Tom Baldrige
- 07 Barbara A. Metzger
- 07 Earl J. Walthall
- 10 Herb Jellander
- 10 Ben Morris
- 12 Anthony Federico
- 12 Bob Hart
- 14 William A. Miller
- 16 Richard Rodgers
- 17 Kathleen Moye
- 19 Michael Cagley
- 19 Robert C. Koeritz
- 20 Arnold Hazen
- 20 Frederik J. Gessler
- 22 Kenneth K. Keeler
- 22 David R. Maddox
- 23 David G. Stull
- 24 Pamela Price
- 24 Steve Woodlief
- 25 Thomas M. Varden
- 27 Michael Murray
- 27 Rick Naranjo
- 28 Jeff Conyers
- 30 Beate Sable

Purple Pig Honor Roll Continued

Forrest Godfrey
Jerry Gilmore
Dainid Eglitis

Calendar Highlights

- 05-06 Youth Appreciation Awards Night 6pm
Pasta dinner by Rik Gessler and crew
- 05-07 Kentucky Derby Party & Salsa contest 1pm
- 05-08 Mother's Day Brunch 10am to 1pm & Ritual 11am
- 05-12 BBQ Tri-tip Dinner \$10 - 6pm
Conejo Valley Days BBQ - May 11th thru 15th
Wed & Thur 5-10pm, Fri 5-11pm
Sat Noon to 11pm, Sun Noon-8pm
- 05-15 & 05-22 Breakfast by Billy Gilmore & Simi Crew
- 05-20 Friday Fish Fry by Jill Williams & Crew \$10
- 05-27 Marinated Pork Loin & Garlic Mashed Potatoes \$12

The Crying towel



3/2/16
Capsule Drawing
Donald Pizits not present

Lucky 13 Rick Herrera
no winner

3/16/16
Capsule Drawing
Earl Walthall not present
Lucky 13 Karen Martyn no winner

3/23/16
Capsule Drawing
Danis Eglatis not present
Lucky 13 Jim Lovato no winner

Exalted Rulers Message continued

all adults and we are all Elks, and even though we can disagree we should be able to do so with courtesy and friendliness. Remember, we have all promised to abide by the cardinal principles of our Order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. I do not think that leaves a lot of room for some of the bickering, dislike and get-even attitude that I have seen.

On April 9, at the DD Clinic/GLMA Meeting at Santa Barbara Lodge 613, Carl Lanterman was presented with a Special Volunteer Award by West Central Coast District, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, James Smitley, for his many years of work as our Chairman of Veteran's National Services. Carl, thank you, from all of us, for your fine work.

Thank You

Mike Flannery
Exalted Ruler

Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

May 7, 1945 – Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces signed.
 May 8, 1945 – V-E Day Declared/ Also, Military Spouses Day
 May 15, 1942 - Women’s Army Corps Founded
 May 16th – Armed Forces Day
 May 30th – Memorial Day *(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

Honor our Military

Congress has officially recognized May as National Military Appreciation Month. Included are Military Spouses Day, Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces (1945), V-E Day Declared (1945), Women’s Army Corp Founded (1942), Armed Forces Day, National Maritime Day, Memorial Day.

Another good year for contributions

As with all committees, the National Veterans Service Committee (NVSC) is required to turn in quarterly reports to the

district and the grand lodge. It is only fair that the members should see the results of what you have done for veterans during the fiscal year 2015 (4/4/15-3/31/16).

- Events in 2015 reached out to more than 6,000 veterans with the participation of 235 Elks members.
- Members gave nearly 1,400 hours of their time and drove more than 6,500 miles.
- TO Elks members gave \$13,600 in non-cash contributions and \$1,500 in small cash contributions.
- Converted to Grand Lodge dollar equivalent contributions.

WE GAVE NEARLY \$50,000 TO VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Thanks to all our members for helping me to receive the Outstanding Volunteer award that was presented at the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER) meeting on April 9th. I consider that to be a tribute to all the members who continually support our veterans.

Carl

Carl Lanterman

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Art Urbano

Vice Chair-Veterans Service Committee
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Pictured Highlights of the Children’s Easter Egg Hunt at the Lodge



Above - The Easter Bunny visits the lodge as the children hunt for Easter Eggs and pose for pictures



Middle Row - Children play the Pinata Game. Bottom Row - The children sort their eggs and candy.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Lodge



The Luck of the Irish Touches our Raffle Prize Winners



Elk of the Year Rick Herrera



Pictured above is Rick with his lovely wife Evie and Rick with our Exalted Ruler Jim Moye



Officer of the Year
Bill Sternberg, Lodge Esquire

Outstanding Members of the Year
Dave Anderson and Alan Hardie

Citizen of the Year
Jill Williams, Lodge Photographer



Pictured above, along with our Exalted Ruler Jim Moye in the background, are Past Elks of the Year with this year's award recipient. They are (L-R) Dave Pearson, Jim Allen, Herb Jellander, our new Elk of the Year Rick Herrera, Johnny D'Ambrogio, PER, Bill Sternberg, PER (behind) Tommy Claunch, Tom Hartin, Gerry Gillies and Ben Reiger.

Meet our New Members



Karen Hall (L)
sponsored by Lynn Rodriguez



Virginia Grindley (L)
sponsored by Lynn Rodriguez



James Cordell (R)
sponsored by Jim Allen



Scott Armstrong (L)
sponsored by Tom Baldrige



Stephen Dodge (R)
sponsored by David Mueller



Dennis Ryan
sponsored by Toni Hartin

Zoo Day for Special Needs Children

On Friday, March 18th the lodge hosted some up close and personal time with animals for students from Dean Triggs School. *All in Stride*, an organization out of Moorpark, provides programs that allow children to bond with different animals. They brought a miniature horse and some pygmy goats to the lodge and they were the highlight of the day. The animals really lit up the children's faces. It was interesting to watch them interact with the animals. It seemed the animals knew what was going on and acted accordingly. ER Jim and 1st Lady Kathy Moye were on hand to greet the students.

The gentleman in the Santa's hat is Harrison Daggett, father-in-law of member Dennis Shankel. Dennis' wife Nicolette helped arrange for the animals, but was unable to attend. Harrison arrived in Nicolette's place and added to the children's experience.

David Naccarato, PER



Dictionary Project

Over 12,088,555 children have received a dictionary thanks to the generosity of sponsors who have participated in the Dictionary Project. The goal of this program is to assist all students in completing the school year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by providing students with their own personal dictionary. Pictured below are highlights of 62 third grade students from Walnut Elementary School receiving their dictionaries. They are just one of many third grade classes in our area receiving dictionaries this year.



Above (L-R) Exalted Ruler Jim Moye, Youth Activities Chair Shirste Gessler and Dictionary Project Chair Steve Woodlief



Dictionary Chair Steve explains the program and asks the students questions



ER Jim tosses Frisbies to the students



ER Jim, Shirste and Steve distribute dictionaries to the students



Installation of 2016-17 Lodge Officers



Leading Knight Jean Miraglia



Exalted Ruler Mike Flannery



Loyal Knight Karen Martyn



Lecturing Knight Shirste Gessler



Lodge Esquire Rik Gessler



Treasurer Art Urbano



Chaplain Holly Healy



Inner Guard Gregg Miraglia



Five Year Trustee Ray Laraway



Your 2016-17 Officer Corps take their oath. (L-R) Rik Gessler, Shirste Gessler, Holly Healy, Karen Martyn, Gregg Miraglia, Jean Miraglia, Mike Flannery and, out of view behind Mike, Ray Laraway (you can still see his right hand is raised)

Pictured Highlights of the 2016 Inaugural Ball



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**2016 - 2017
Committee Chairpersons**

1st Vice President	Mary Woodlief
2nd Vice President	Shirste Gessler
Secretary	Karen Naccarato
Treasurer	Charlotte Gessler
Auditor	Shirste Gessler
Communications	Carol Fredericks

Elks Ladies



Beth Kozlowski, President

**2016 - 2017
Committee Chairpersons**

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

March 8th was our Ladies Installation Dinner. We had such a fun night. We have a great group of Officers this year and we know it will be an exciting one. Thank you to Niki Case for helping with the food and Jessica Stull for the centerpieces and flowers. Thank you to June Leadam, Karen Naccarato and Rosa Conde who helped with set-up and washed linens.

We are looking forward to Dark Shadows

event on April 16th; we have many baskets to raffle off and door prizes to give out. Congratulations to Shirste Gessler who was given the Elks Ladies Appreciation Award for 2015-2016. Shirste provided support throughout the year, served as Auditor, and participated in numerous events.

The Elks Ladies will be having our annual Father's Day Brunch on Sunday, June 19th. Looking out over the next couple months,

our Ladies Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for August 20th and we will be having a Chinese Auction on September 24th. Keep your eye out for more information soon!

A quick shout out to our Exalted Ruler Mike Flannery for making sure the room is set up for our Elks Ladies monthly meeting. We truly appreciate it.

Statement of our No Harrassment Policy and Reporting Procedure

HARRASSMENT VIOLATES THE LAW

Federal and state laws and Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge#2477 (herein called the Lodge) prohibit discrimination against members, guests, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, pregnancy, or sexual orientation. Discrimination is also prohibited on the basis of a perception that a person has any of the above characteristics, or that a person is associated with a person who has, or is perceived to have, any of the above characteristics. Federal and state laws and Lodge policy also prohibit retaliation against anyone who has expressed a good faith concern about unlawful discrimination or harassment against himself or another individual, or who has participated in the investigation of any such concern.

Harassment based on these characteristics (whether actual, perceived, or by association) is also prohibited. Harassment consists of unwelcomed conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual. The Lodge will not tolerate harassing conduct on these bases that affects tangible job benefits, that interferes unreasonably with an

individual's work performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. The Lodge does not allow anyone, including any member, supervisor, co worker, vendor, client, or customer, to unlawfully harass lodge members, guests, employees, or applicants for employment. Harassment is also prohibited against any person providing services to the Lodge pursuant to a contract, as that term is defined by the Fair Employment and Housing Act.

This policy applies at all Lodge sponsored social events, as well as activities at which any member or employee represents the Lodge.

Harassment can include jokes, slurs, innuendoes, and the display of cartoons, posters, or other materials.

Sexual harassment deserves particular mention. Unwelcomed sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other physical, verbal, or visual conduct based on sex are not allowed. This includes such things as sexual innuendos, suggestive comment, sexually suggestive posters or other materials, suggestive or insulting

sounds, looks, or gestures, and physical contact such as patting, pinching, or brushing against another's body. Obviously, more severe forms of harassment, such as assault and sexual assault are also prohibited.

All Elk's lodge members and employees are responsible for helping insure that we avoid unlawful harassment. If you feel that you, another member or employee, or an 'independent contractor have been harassed in violation of this policy, you should immediately notify Exalted Ruler Mike Flannery, Lodge Secretary David Naccarato, or Chair of the Membership Committee, Holly Healy.

It is the Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 policy to investigate all concerns about unlawful harassment thoroughly and promptly, and to take appropriate remedial steps. This can include discipline of the harasser up to and including termination, loss of house privileges, suspension or expulsion. To the fullest extent that is practical, the concern, the investigation, and the resolution of the concern, will be kept confidential. The Lodge will not allow retaliation against anyone who has expressed concern about harassment or who has participated in an investigation.

El Konejo Kampers



Hurray, we finally got out camping and Santa Maria Elks Lodge was our destination. Most of us arrived on Thursday, but a few were already there when we arrived and tow people came on

Friday during a downpour. So much for dry weather! Everyone was in good spirits on Thursday and we made our way to Jocko's restaurant as tradition dictates and thoroughly enjoyed our experience. The weather was lovely and we hunkered down for a fine weekend, until Friday proved to be a really wet day. No one wanted to leave their rigs because it was raining so hard. As the time went on we noticed water collecting in the parking lot adjacent to where we camp. By that evening, we had dubbed the standing water "Lake Santa Maria". It was daunting trying to get to our cars and we were forced to use alternate routes. It was big and deep. However, by Sunday morning Lake Santa Maria had disappeared for the most part.

Friday we played games, visited the lodge, ate leftovers from Jocko's and generally did not let the rain impede us much. That night we ate at the lodge and cooked our own steaks, fish, chicken and ribs. The Santa Maria Elks rolled out their best hospitality along with all the fixings. They had a band too, though most of us were too full to hang around long. We celebrated birthdays for Bev and me even though Jim Porter was not there to work the crowd. We missed ya, Jim. Cheryl did not get to stay long as she experienced some issues with her motorhome. We missed her too.

Saturday, there was supposed to be a corn-hole tournament, but no one told the boards, so they stayed in Thousand Oaks. Instead we decided to take a field trip to Jalama Beach to check out the potential for a future campout there. The drive was lovely, but I could never get there again. We had four cars in caravan and there seemed to be different ideas of how to get there. It was not a direct shot by any means. It's just as well, as we didn't

think we could get our big rigs down those winding two lane, potholed roads. The beach was lovely and we experienced the world famous Jalama Beach Hamburger – it's true, look it up. They are famous. It's a tiny little place but they make a delicious burger. It was worth the ride to see what all the fuss was. After eating that big thing, none of us were hungry for dinner. Not sure what everyone else did, but we nibbled on whatever was in the refrigerator.

Sunday saw the majority of people leave for home, with good memories. We discussed upcoming campouts and other fun stuff. It was a success for sure.

March breakfasts were 80 AAs and 24 Elks for a total of 104 breakfasts for March 6. The last Sunday is Easter so there was no breakfast. However, Mike Flannery and crew did St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots. We sold 85 dinners. Everything was so nice. Thanks everyone, you are the best.

More Pictured Highlights of the 2016 Inaugural Ball



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Thousand Oaks, CA
Permit #237

Lounge Hours

(Unless otherwise noted)

Mon., Tues., Thur.: 10am - 8pm

Wed. & Fri.: 10am - Closing

Sat.: 10am - 6pm

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	2015-16 Jim Moye
1991-92 Gary Sleigh	
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	By Affiliation:
1993-94 *Jim Wallace	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
1994-95 *George Pekow	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	1999-00 *Ralph Vester
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	'83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine

*Deceased