



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

PATRIOT DAY



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Elk of the Month



Carl Lanterman

We do not see Carl at the Lodge very often but quite often at other Lodges and Clinics I hear his name. Everyone is very aware of the excellent work he does with the Veterans. Once again, Carl, your work is greatly appreciated.

Mike Flannery,
Exalted Ruler



A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

Ratification of Constitutional Amendments

At the Grand Lodge Convention in Houston, Texas held July 3rd thru 6th, 2016, four amendments to the constitution were voted on and require lodge verification. At the general meeting to be held September 7th, lodge members in attendance will vote on the following:

1. 2016-02 To eliminate any responsibility for the Elks National Home given it's resent sale.
2. 2016-05 To clarify that Lodge trust and other related legal entities are subject to the applicable provisions of section 16.030 of the laws of the order.
3. 2016-07 To provide local lodges with memberships of 99 or less only require seven members to constitute a quorum.
4. 2-16-09 To clarify that elected trustees of a lodge shall not be less than three (3) nor more than five (5)

Duty Officers

09-01 to 09-07	Shirste Gessler
09-08 to 09-14	Karen Martyn
09-15 to 09-21	Dan Martyn
09-22 to 09-28	Jim Moye

Upcoming Initiation Schedule

<u>Balloting</u>	<u>Orientation</u>	<u>Initiation</u>
September 7th	September 27th	September 28th
October 5th	October 25th	October 26th
November 2nd	November 22nd	November 23rd

Candidates for Balloting, Transfers and Reinstatements

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Paul Alridez, Consultant	Holly Healy
Elayne Stafford, Personal Assistant	Ernie Escoto
Leon Cano, Electronic Sales Manager	Lynette Micheli
Daniel O'Conner, Medical Supplies	Casey Bogiano
Josh Atkinson, Medical Supplies	Casey Boggiano

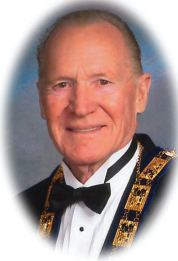
LODGE ROOM RENTALS

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.

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Deadline for receiving ALL material for publication is the 15th of the Month

Exalted Ruler Mike Flannery



As most of you know, I recently spent time in the hospital. When I returned home I was late in submitting my Antler article for August so it was not published. I am starting this month

with a late printing of that article.

When I got home from the hospital, the first thing I find is an e-mail notice from Steve Smith telling me to get my article in quickly. Steve is very efficient. The only thing I know about the Lodge for the past month is that the Association Vice President Visitation on July 9th was a successful event that we can all be proud of. My thanks to both Jean Miraglia and Dave Naccarato for their good work in my absence.

I don't need any more hospital time. After almost three weeks, and more tests than I knew existed, I learned out that neither of my inner ears were operating correctly. That does not sound like much, but what this caused was such a poor sense of balance that I could not walk, double vision and even hallucinations. Now the doctors tell me that two or three more weeks of physical therapy and I should be ready to go.

I would like to thank everybody for all the cards, phone calls, visits and good wishes. So I am back now. I still have physical therapy twice a week, I have presided at a few meetings and things seem to be getting back to normal, even though a few people have told me that every once in a while they notice that I wobble when I walk. On July 23rd we attended the Homecoming of WCCD Vice President Philip Daughton.

Our Lodge participated in a very successful Veterans Stand Down in Ventura on the weekend of July 29th to 31st. Our thanks again to Carl Lanterman and Art Urbano and all of our members who helped them.

On August 6th we attended the WCCD

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Leading Knight Jean Miraglia



The days are passing by quickly. As September approaches I am reminded that Christmas will soon be upon us. You might think this is a little premature, however, along with Christmas comes

CHARITY BASKETS. Our Charity Ball will be held on Saturday, October 15th. Watch for the flyer with all the information. Plan to attend, mark your calendar for an evening of fine food and dancing. By supporting this event, you are helping those in need, and that's what the Elks are all about.

We attended the Homecoming event for AVP Philip Daughton on July 23rd in Santa Inez. It was a very nice evening filled with delicious food, creative desserts, good music and socializing with other Elks.

The DDGER Clinic was held at the Santa Maria Lodge on Saturday, August 6th. I found the meeting to be very informative and gained insight into several legal issues.

REMINDER

The House Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month. This is an open meeting and all members are welcome to attend. Please join us, understand the workings of your Lodge, and voice your concerns.

Fraternally yours,

Jean Miraglia
Leading Knight

Loyal Knight Karen Martyn



Many mornings Dan and I will stop at the lodge on our way to work to enjoy our coffee and talk about the things we need to do that day. While sitting at those picnic tables, we regularly

see certain lodge members working the grounds, doing repairs, maintaining the landscaping, splitting wood, fixing the barbeque wagon, picking up the recycled bottles and cans, and the list goes on. These members give so much of themselves to keep our lodge looking good and running. Much of their work is done when most members are at home or at work, so their contributions may seem to go unnoticed, so the next time you see Ben Rieger, Max Maxwell, Ed Rice, Tom Hartin, Jeff Conyers, Rich Lucariello, and Rick Herrera, tell them you appreciate all they do. These dedicated members cannot be thanked enough.

Our BBQ Appreciation Dinner was a great success thanks to Jean and Gregg Miraglia. Thankfully Jean had prepared most of the meal in advance so she was able to pull it off, even with her sore arm in a sling. I heard many compliments on her authentic Italian dinner. Thanks Jean and Gregg! Also, a special thank you to Paula Williams for helping with dessert and clearing the room. This will be an annual event that I'm sure everyone will look forward to next year. Another good reason to join one of our bbq teams!

With regard to the kitchen, we have some excellent Friday dinners planned for September, along with Initiation night, so check out the calendar for details. Please come down and support our wonderful volunteers!



Lecturing Knight Shirste Gessler



Hi everyone, hope you are enjoying your summer.

A note from our Scholarship Chairman, Rick Herrera: Who supports the Scholarship Program at the Lodge?

All of you who collect cash redemption recyclables in plastic, glass and aluminum.

A hardy thank you goes to Terry and Sharon Baker who went overboard collecting, crushing and saving the tabs on over \$200.00 worth of recyclables. Keep on keeping on!

Supporters also come to the BBQ on Saturday and purchase drought tolerant plants raised by Rick Herrera at wholesale prices. Prices vary from \$7.00 - \$10.00.

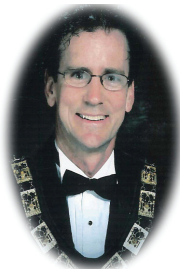
Some supporters actually donate money like Miracle Appliances on T.O. Blvd., who liked our BBQ so much they donated \$50.00 to our scholarship fund; or the person who bought \$20.00 in plants and when they learned it went towards scholarships they donated an additional \$20.00!

If you like what you hear, save, buy or donate.

Fraternally,

Shirste Gessler
Lecturing Knight

Secretary David Naccarato



What starts out in a mouth, ends up on your tie. In most cases it's soup or another part of your diet. What I am speaking about is the Elk's tooth.

In many cases, an Elk's tooth was given as a token of appreciation by a grateful lodge, or bestowed by a proud Elk father on his son at his initiation. Given the strong emphasis on "always carry your cork" by the Jolly Corks, it is almost certain that on day one of the Elks, a similar practice was adopted with the Elk's tooth. It would be many years before the advent of the membership card and many parts of the elk were used until the tooth was settled upon by members.

There are variations with the Elk's tooth; front, doubles and molars. At lodge gatherings the tooth became an instant conversation piece.

Once you acquire an Elk's tooth, you might just enjoy wearing it or trace it's history from inscriptions or information obtained from the seller. You can find them at on-line auctions such as E-Bay. Due to the hundreds of jewelers that were involved in the manufacturing of these "fraternal calcium oddities", trying to track it's origin may be a case of "biting off more than you can chew!"

David Naccarato, PER
Secretary
(with help of Grand Historian Mike Kelly)

Elks Colors

The Elk colors are Royal Purple and White, a combination deriving it's origin from history of the Clergy, Nobility, and the People. Throughout Europe, the Orient and Rome the symbolism of colors was associated with severity of laws and customs.

Each color in each pattern was identified as religious, or political, and to change or alter the flag was a crime of rebellion, a desertion of principle, party or cause.

With the Elks logo: White denotes purity and absolute truth. When combined with Royal Purple it signifies the love of truth and the highest degree of Virtue. Purple is the badge of Kingship, the color of the robes of Emperors and high priest, and signifies highest favor.

Blending of White and Royal Purple indicates the favor of the people, which bespeaks the statues of Elkdome.

David Naccarato, PER

Exalted Ruler message continued

DDGER Clinic at the Santa Maria Lodge. Once again this was a very well prepared activity and we came away with loads of information from Insurance and Safety to Business Practices and ENF.

Now I am faced with a problem that I need to address again. In my article in May's Antler I addressed this problem. A few people asked me a few questions but for the most part it has been pretty much ignored, so I will have it printed here again.

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 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.

Thank You,

Mike Flannery
Exalted Ruler

Say "Good Bye" to Johnny D

At the BBQ appreciation dinner Johnny D'Ambrogio, Past Exalted Ruler, Chef Extraordinaire and Bread Man for many teams and offsite BBQ's, made the announcement that he was stepping away from the BBQ duties to take it easy and spend time with his grandchildren. He also made the same announcement at the Past Exalted Rulers monthly meeting, under sickness and distress. In true PER style Don Booker comes back with, "What? Was the job getting *stale*?" or "Are we not paying you enough *dough*?" Someone else chimed in, "It's a *crummy* job". I offered to give him a *Toast* for his years of service.

David Naccarato, President
PER Association

Sickness & Distress

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

Condolences to:

The family of Ronald Collins. Born Marh 5th, 1939, Initiated March 28th, 1979. Died August 2nd, 2016.

The family of Thomas Varden. Born May 25th, 1928, Initiated August 10th, 1960. Died July 27th, 2016.

The family of Steve Smith, PER on the passing of his mother Nelda Pretty on August 1st, 2016.

Keep in your prayers

Lester Hight who is seriously ill.

Jean Miraglia is recovering from a shoulder injury.

John Nau, PER, is recovering from surgery.

Jay Block, PER, is now in a nursing home.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Pull Tabs!



This is what approximately 320 pounds of pull tabs looks like. They all came from the Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley Elks. That is 405,440 pull tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House Charities. ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE. Thank you. Please keep collecting. **Gerry Gillies**

September Birthdays

Edward Ayril-03
Julie Cook-03
Daniel Hoffman-03
Barbara Stevenson-03
Thomas Ryder PER-04
Joseph Churik-05
Leonard Cardoni-06
Edwin Jones-06
Dorothy Murray-07
Vernon Noell-07
Jean Miraglia-10
Larry Zarybnicky-11
Richard Mc Cann-12
Dennis Anderson-13
James La Rue-15
Christine Rundle-15
Bill Lloyd PER-17
Ed Rice-17
Christopher Campbell-18
Kirk Keeler-18
Raymond Sorbino-19
Paul Coy-20
Juanita Feamster-22
Jerry Serota-23
Stella Violano-23
Diana Brace-24
Boyd Lindquist-24
Karen Martyn-25
Robert Wyllie-25
Michael Dow-26
Marshall Knowlton-26
Vanessa Romero-27

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Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris
Bill Smail
Pamela Price
Bill Joseph
Alan Hardie
Billy Sternberg
Rik Gessler
Diane Scott
Shirste Gessler
Karen Martyn
Dan Martyn
Pati Harrod
Bill Miller
Jean Miraglia
Gregg Miraglia
Richard Herrera
Bryon Gicking
William Sternberg
David Stull
Casey Boggiano
Brenda Hagen
Arthur Urbano
Sherry O'Kelly
Dainis Eglitis (Century Club)

September Birthdays Continued

John Tracy-27
Stephen Buczynski-28
Doug Carroll-28
Brian Boals-29
John Nau PER-29
Nicole Agel-30

The Crying Towel



July 6th

Capsule Drawing
Steve Chizar not present

Lucky 13

Gerry Gillies no winner

July 20th

Capsule Drawing
John Duhig not present

Lucky 13

Mary Woodlief no winner

July 27th

Capsule Drawing
Woody Hammer not present

Lucky 13

Shirste Gessler no winner



Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

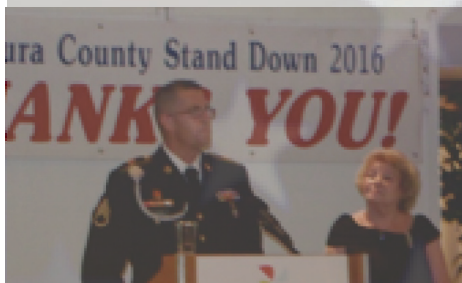
Dates to Remember

Sept. 2, 1945 – V-J Day, Japan Signed Formal Surrender
Sept. 10, 1962 – U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated
Sept. 11 – Patriot Day & National Day of Service & Remembrance
Sept. 18, 1947 – U.S. Air Force Established
Sept. 18th – POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sept. 29, 1899 – VFW Established/VFW 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

Special thanks to the bingo crew, Marshall Knowlton, Jim Wiens and Carol Fredericks for their monthly trip to



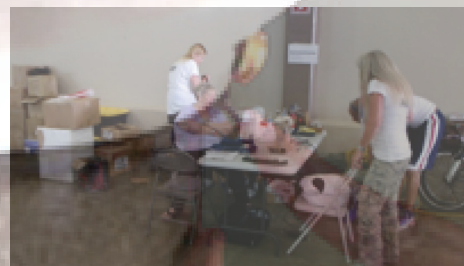
Sgt. Hesson of the Army National Guard and Claire Hope-Founder VCSD

Sepulveda VA and to the Karaoke team, Robert Jones, Lori Hartin and Marlene Nord who kept that service going in July. Four months of planning and preparation, then three days of service, hard work and comraderie at the Army National Guard

Armory and the 24th annual Ventura County Stand Down is complete. There is still much administrative follow-up to do and then the November 6th Annual Veterans Brunch comes to the lodge.

Tom Hartin and his crew served more than 250 lunches on Saturday with help from bartender Krista, bar manager Brooke and Ed Rice in the kitchen, after which Krista and Ed joined Tom at the Stand Down to serve the lunches. Terry Gicking and the Elks County Crew met at the Ventura Lodge and prepared 200 bag lunches with lots-o-goodies. Costs for this and 100 cases of soda were shared with other lodges. Art Urbano helped with the transportation and performed the Sunday Religious Service. Carl was on duty for the weekend and spent a lot of time resting the following week. The Freedom Grant

provided \$500 for transportation expenses and \$500 for boots and supplies. We also shared \$300 in expenses with VFW Post



Karen Batiste and Patti Bagley perform specialty stitching on garments.

11395. Overall, we served a total of 155 veterans (140 men and 15 women), including 109 from Ventura County, 19 from LA County, 18 from Santa Barbara County and 9 from others. 24 spouses were served, for a total of 179. We used 300 volunteers to provide the services.

Carl Lanterman

Chairman-Veterans Service Committee
(805) 630-8110 carl.silverstrand@gmail.com

Art Urbano

Vice Chair-Veterans Service Committee
(805) 241-5719 charlene.urbano@verizon.net

Elks National Foundation & Bequests and Living Trusts

Through the Elks National Foundation (ENF), which is the investment arm of the Elks, for every dollar we donate the Elks invest and get back \$2.70 or more. They use that money to pay for programs once they are past the local level, such as scholarships to high school seniors, free throw contest winners and Americanism essay contest winners. Once we reach the Grand Exalted Rulers goal of \$4.65 per member we can start to request money for local programs. Last year our lodge received \$3,750.00 that we used for Veterans and to help a school of Special needs Children.

What is a bequest? *It is a gift by your will, usually a clause in your will, that bequests money or other property*

to your heirs or selected beneficiaries, e.g. your favorite charity.

What is a Trust? *It is a document in which a person (trustor) leaves property to another (Trustee) for the benefit of another during your lifetime; you have created a living trust.*

What can you do? *You can remember the Elks Major Project. It would pool millions of dollars available for the treatment and care of children with disabilities.*

Right now a principal investment of \$10,000 will earn you 7% yearly. Checked your bank lately? Estimated income in 16.2 years \$12,245. The effective pretax rate of 7.83% **benefits you.** *Lifetime*

income, income tax deduction, avoidance of capital gains taxes, reduced estate taxes, tax sheltered growth and BLT recognition. Always consult your tax accountant.

For more information go online to www.chea-elks.org

To learn more about Bequests and Living Trusts contact our BLT Chair and Leading Knight, Jean Miraglia.



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

Meet Our New Members



John Buxbaum (R)
Sponsored by David Naccarato, PER



Cory Rose (L) and Nicholas Rose (C)
Sponsored by Hazen Arnold



Bill Joseph
Sponsored by Jack Carter

BBQ Volunteer Appreciation Night



**ELKS & FRIENDS
GOLF TOURNAMENT
TEXAS SCRAMBLE**

SUNSET HILLS CC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

SHOTGUN START: 8:00AM

CHECK IN: 7:15AM

\$95 pp

(Includes golf, cart, and lunch back at Lodge)

Deadline: SEPT 16th

AWARDS - HIDDEN \$\$\$ RAFFLE

Contact: David Pearson
805-341-0984



GOLF ENTRY FORM

**ELKS TOURNAMENT AT SUNSET HILLS CC
TEXAS SCRAMBLE FORMAT
SEPT 26TH – SHOTGUN START: 8:00AM
CHECK IN: 7:15AM**

PLAYER 1: _____ HDCP _____

PLAYER 2: _____ HDCP _____

PLAYER 3: _____ HDCP _____

PLAYER 4: _____ HDCP _____

(If you do not have a handicap, then enter average score.)

\$95.00 PER PLAYER - DEADLINE: SEPT 16th
(Please make checks payable to: Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge)
Give, call, or mail entries to:

David Pearson
3291 Baccarat Street
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
(C) 805-341-0984
(H) 805-492-3707

(Make checks payable to the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge)



Laughlin Bus Trip



October 9th thru 11th

3 Days & 2 Nights at the

EDGEWATER HOTEL & CASINO

\$ 140 per person (Double Occupancy)

(\$160 per person if Single Occupancy)

Price includes:

Transportation Room Drinks on Bus Dinner (11th)

\$500

Plus Entry into

\$500



Reverse Blind Draw on Bus



Pay for your trip and you get to pick your lucky number. The numbers will be from 1 to 50. First to pay get first choice of available numbers. We will give away CASH PRIZES: 2 @ \$25, 4 @ \$50, 1 @ \$100, and 1 @ \$150

Contact:

Annie Pearson 805-492-3707

Kathy Moye

805-388-6025

David Pearson 805-341-0984

Jim Moye

805-443-6261

Bus Itinerary:

9th 7:30am Check-In

8:00am Leaves Lodge

11th: 10am Leaves Laughlin

Dinner at Lodge

**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 Trudy Phillips
 Major Project Lynn Rodriguez
 Karen Naccarato
 Sunshine June Leadam
 Historian Jeri Miller

The Ladies are looking forward to our annual Ladies Appreciation Luncheon on August 20th.

Tickets are on sale for our luncheon and a Chinese Auction fundraiser on September 24th. The cost is \$15 for BBQ pulled pork sandwiches and Chinese chicken salad. Lunch starts at noon. This is definitely an event you should attend! Bring your friends! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Dictionary program so come on down to the Lodge and have some fun for a good cause!

Our Inspiration from our Chaplain from our August meeting:

I want to tell you about two friends of mine.

First, my neighbor came over to my house two days ago and told me she was shopping alone at the Janns Mall and was about three feet from her open purse when a man grabbed her wallet out of the purse and ran. She immediately called the police and her credit card company and they said there was someone at Best Buy trying to make a purchase with her card. She ran out the door and crossed the street, entering Best Buy she saw the man, went up to him and said give me back my wallet. He said I don't have it and ran out the door onto Moorpark Rd. and was hit by a car and the police arrested him Since I

have been a Neighborhood Watch coordinator for twenty years, I have said often in meetings, keep your purse closed and close to you at all times. The second friend I will tell you about is Roma Downey. She played Monica on the Touched by an Angel show for many years and is my friend on Facebook. Not long ago she sent the following on Instagram: "Sometimes God calms the storm, however sometimes he lets the storm rage and calms the child. When you feel like you are drowning on the sea of life, remember your lifeguard walks on water."

Dear gracious God, Thank you for guiding us in all that we do, and always being there for us. Amen.

Pictures from AVP Philip Daughton's Homecoming in Santa Ynez



Top L-R: ER Mike Flannery, Leading Knight
 Jean Miraglia and AP Lance Erickson
 Bottom: First Lady Mary Flannery

L-R: AP Lance Erickson, Leading Knight
 Jean Miraglia and AVP Philip Daughton

L-R: Jr. PER Jim Moye with his wife
 Kathy, Gregg Miraglia with his wife
 Leading Knight Jean Miraglia

El Konejo Kampers



“I’ll never stand in line for Splash again.”

July 14 was the first official day of the Oceano Elks Lodge campout. David and I arrived early morning to find the Ericksons already snuggled

in. Because we were coming from the San Jose area of Morgan Hill where the temperatures hit over 100 degrees the day before we left, we welcomed the overcast, cool weather. Once parked, we headed out for breakfast and on our return found that the Moyes, Jellanders and Steins had arrived. Let the fun commence! Shortly after that Joyce, Jane Watson’s sister, Vikki Novak, a newer Elk member, the Nemtusaks and Sue Osgood arrived, followed shortly after that by Faye Stevens and Jane, our wagon master. In true El Konejo Kamper style, everyone was excited and introductions were made as we had two first time campers with the group - Cheryl and Paul Stein and Vikki

Novak. Short word about each - Paul and Cheryl have a huge motorhome and graciously gave tours, and hosted the impromptu cocktail party making them a natural for this group. They also supplied the fixings for Saturday morning Mimosas. Oh, yea. Vikki is a long time friend of Jane’s and a newly retired (or maybe semiretired) nurse. She has three canine traveling companions. Not just ordinary dogs, but the most unusual tiny bunch of sweethearts you can imagine. Missy can’t be more than about 2-3 lbs. We saw the fun loving side of Vikki during the Great American Melodrama and Vaudeville show. Jane was preparing to make a quick grab for Vikki’s ankles thinking she was joining the show (uninvited, I might add). The club is growing, and might I say, for the better. Welcome to you all.

Okay, for activities we headed on down to Jockos, giving us a food coma in our usual manner on Thursday. Friday evening most of us attended the Melodrama - worth seeing if you get the chance. Now that it left Moorpark, this is probably the closest

one. Saturday we ventured into the small town and tried to get clam chowder at the famous Splash, which is a joke since the lines are around the building. We voted on going to Brads across the street and were delighted at the quick service, nice ambiance and delicious food. As we were leaving, Jim Moye uttered the words of the title of this article. Saturday, Jim Porter and Sherri Jones joined us sans the fifth wheel. They stayed at the condos across the street. Sherri’s sister Mary and her husband joined the group at Old Juan’s Cantina for Mexican food. We didn’t just eat either; there were many walks and sand dollar gathering, bike rides and so much more going on. All and all, it was a really fun campout. Thank you, Jane.

The working part - July 3 we served 75 AAs and 23 Elks for a total of 98 breakfasts and on July 31 we served 71 AAs and 28 Elks totaling 99 breakfasts bringing our July total to just under 200 breakfasts. That’s something to be proud of!

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

Henry Ford once said: “If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.” A successful Lodge is one whose Officers, Committees and Members work together and participate in Grand Lodge, State Association and Local Lodge programs.

Officers of the Lodge should lead by example, but not attempt to do everything by themselves. Show enthusiasm, and encourage the entire membership to become more involved in your Lodge programs. Delegate responsibility to your Committee Members and other Lodge Members who would welcome the opportunity to become more involved. Many hands make light work!

As the old saying goes, two heads are better than one, and with a team, even more so. Resolutions to problems and fresh ideas are generated by the brainstorming and friendship that teamwork fosters. Teams allow skills, knowledge, opinions and experiences to be pooled together for the benefit of the Lodge as a whole. This leads to better productivity for every Member of the team, and every task completed by each



Member leads to one noticeable outcome that the whole team and Lodge can take pride in.

Lodges that conduct successful and highly publicized community programs heighten pride in their Members. This not only leads to fewer Members dropping their membership, it creates interest in others to join our Order.

In addition, you must continue to reach out to your inactive Members and constantly remind them of the community programs and good works that your Lodge accomplishes every day. Your Lodge

bulletin is an effective tool to rekindle the pride that every Member had when they joined the Order. I am certain that your Lodge has scheduled many activities to benefit the youth of our nation, our veterans and other community programs and demonstrate that “Elks” continue “Leading the Way.”

As you know October is Elks National Foundation Month. Perhaps create a team to fashion and implement an event that will help your Lodge meet this year’s goal of \$4.65 per Member. This will be a great exercise in team building and camaraderie, and will support the Great Heart of Elkdom as well.

Thank you for being an Elk and for Caring and Sharing.

Grand Exalted Ruler
MICHAEL F. ZELLEN



T.O. Elks Lodge 2477

Serving the Conejo Valley, Westlake Village,
Agoura Hills, Moorpark and Camarillo

Invite a Friend to Join Today

Elks Lodge Spotlight

Cocktails @ 5:00pm

Dinner at 6:00pm

Your Choice

Beef Brisket or Chicken Marsala

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Join us for the visitation to our lodge of

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

**Robert "Bob" Alvarez
and wife Myrna**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

General Lodge Meeting to

follow @ 7:30 pm



Dinner will be
catered by

**The
Seasonal
Table**

Please RSVP by

October 19, 2016

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Bob Felts



CHARITY BALL

OCTOBER 15, 2016

Dinner and Dancing

\$25 per person

Watch for flyer
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Officers 2016 - 2017

Exalted Ruler	Mike Flannery	Tiler	Casey Boggiano
Leading Knight	Jean Miraglia	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Loyal Knight	Karen Martyn	Esquire	Frederick "Rik" Gessler
Lecturing Knight	Shirste Gessler	Chaplain	Holly Healy
Secretary	David Naccarato, PER	Officer at Large	Jim Moye, PER
Treasurer	Arthur Urbano		

Trustees 2016 - 2017

One Year	Pam Price, COB
Two Year	Steve Woodlief
Three Year	Darryl Kopacz
Four Year	Dan Martyn, PER
Five Year	Raymond Laraway

Elk of the Year	Richard Herrera
Officer of the Year	Billy Sternberg
Citizen of the Year	Jill Williams

2016 - 17 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics	Membership: Holly Healy & David Naccarato, 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 Officers, David Naccarato, PER
Calendar: Terry Gicking, PDDGER	Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER
Website, Blog & Weekly Updates: Steve Smith, PER	Maintenance: Jim Moye, PER
Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson	Grounds: Ben Rieger
Barbeque: Eddie Rice	Facilities: Tom Hartin, Jeff Conyers & Max Maxwell
Photography: Jill Williams	Greeter: Dorothy Murray
Forward Planning: Jim Moye, PER	PER Association President: David Naccarato, PER
Protocol: Karen Martyn	Grants Coordinator: Jim Moye, PER
Parliamentarian/Presiding Justice: Dick McCann	

2016 - 17 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

Bar Liasion: Jean Miraglia	Community Activities: Jean Miraglia
Major Project/Purple Pig: Art Urbano	Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers
Bequests & Living Trusts: Jean Miraglia	Charity Matters: Jean Miraglia
Elks National Foundation: Donna Leary	El Konejo Kampers: Jessica Stull
Christmas Basket Program: Jean Miraglia	Christmas Tree Lot: Jim Moye, PER

2016 - 17 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations: Karen Martyn	Public Relations: Dan Martyn, PER
Lodge Activities: Karen Martyn	Conejo Valley Days: Jim Moye, PER
Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg	Mediator: Boyd Lindquist
Government Relations: Patty Ringo	Mothers Day: Holly Healy
Elks Memorial Service: Holly Healy	Inaugural Ball: Karen Martyn
Veteran Services: Carl Lanterman	Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein

2016 - 17 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: Shirste Gessler	Scouting: Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg, PER
Hoop Shoot: David Naccarato, PER	Americanism: Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Drug Awareness: Don Sabol	Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief
Scholarships: Rick Herrera	Youth Appreciation Night: Shirste Gessler

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Sun: 9:30am - 6pm

Lodge Meetings

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

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Trustee Meeting: 6pm

House Committee Meeting : 7:30pm

followed immediately by Officers meeting

Past Exalted Rulers

1972-73 *Marvin D. Smith
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 Sleigh
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
2015-16 Jim Moye

By Affiliation:

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

*Deceased