



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



*Join us for Sunday Brunch to honor our Veterans
Also, a Rosie the Riveter look-a-like Contest
November 6th at 10:30am*

*Followed by a Flag Retirement Ceremony
See related fliers on page 7 for more event details*

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10-27 to 11-02	David Naccarato, PER
11-03 to 11-09	Art Urbano
11-10 to 11-16	Casey Boggiano
11-17 to 11-23	Mike Flannery
11-24 to 11-30	Darryl Kopacz

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



My choice for Elk of the Month for November, 2016, is Marian Anderson. She is the one you always see around with the big smile, but she always seems to be working at something. She is usually kind of quiet, but when you get her talking, it is a pleasure to listen to her. Thank you Marian, we appreciate all of your work and your pleasant company.

Mike Flannery
Exalted Ruler

November is Veterans Remembrance Month

November of every year is designated Veterans Remembrance Month by the Elks. Our lodge holds a complimentary brunch for all Veterans.

Many Veteran heroes such as Audie Murphy, Eddie Rickenbacker, General John J. Pershing, John Bradley and Herbert Klein were Elks.

Other Veterans to remember are Captain Steve Richie of the 555th fighter squadron, who was the first USAF ace of the Vietnam War. On September 9th, 1972, Col. Charles De Bellevue, also with the 555th, took down two MiG 19's giving him his 5th and 6th victories and made him the highest scoring U.S. aviator during the Vietnam War. Charles McGee of the Tuskegee Airmen flew his P-51 "Kitten" to a record 408 combat missions during WWII. It is still an Air Force record. Major Richard Bong flew his P-38J "Marge" in WWII and downed over 40 Japanese aircraft.

We also honor Veterans closer to home

and members of our lodge:

- Major Herb Jellander who flew an F-8 Crusader for the Marines off the decks of the Kitty Hawk, Forrestal, Midway and the Enterprise, sometimes in 60 foot swells, to protect our ground forces.
- Another Marine, John Leadam, was first on the ground for fire direction in Inchon, Korea. He served 8 years.
- Army Ranger, paratrooper David Stull received the United States Commendation Medal and a Purple Heart for wounds received in Vietnam.

There are many other lodge members who also served our country. When we have our heroes' dinner early next year, please join us and show your support of our Veterans.

David Naccarato, PER

Upcoming Initiation Schedule

<u>Balloting</u>	<u>Orientation</u>	<u>Initiation</u>
November 2 nd	November 29 th	November 30 th
January 4 th	January 24 th	January 25 th
February 1 st	February 21 st	February 22 nd

Balloting, Transfers and Reinstatements

Name

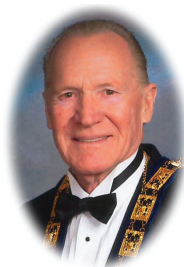
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No listings for this month

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

Exalted Ruler Mike Flannery



Carl Lanterman has given us a few surprises over the past few months, with what he describes as “traumatic medical issues” and “long-term rehab expected”. But he is home now

and I understand he is recovering well. I recently received his letter of resignation of his position as Chairman of the National Veterans Service Committee. Carl has served in this position for many years and his work is known throughout the District. Once again, thank you Carl, your work is greatly appreciated and we all wish you the best in the future. To fill Carl’s vacant position, I have appointed Art Urbano as Chairman of the National Veterans Service Committee.

Sadly, Past Exalted Ruler Jay Block passed away in September and we recently held a Memorial for him at the Lodge with the Ceremony put on by the PER Association.

We have almost completed two phases of Visitations, for the West Coast Central District Vice President Philip Daighton and the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Robert “Bob” Alvarez. The only Visitations remaining are the Homecoming Visitation for DDGER Bob Alvarez on November 17, 2016, at Santa Maria Lodge #1538, and the Homecoming Visitation for the California Hawaii Elks Association President Lance Erickson, March 3rd - 5th of next year, again at Santa Maria Lodge #1538.

I would like to remind you again that these functions are not just for Officers. All members are invited. These functions are semi-formal (for the Officers only), a great place to meet and get to know other Elks, usually a very good dinner, and they are a lot of fun. The other Lodges are always very appreciative of our attendance and reciprocate very well by attending our functions.

There are a number of functions scheduled for November. I have already mentioned

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Leading Knight Jean Miraglia



In September we went to Pennsylvania to visit family. Gregg and I flew into and out of John F. Kennedy International Airport. Unbeknownst to us, Lynbrook, NY Elks Lodge #1 was

only six miles from our hotel. This was an “East (Lynbrook, NY) Meets West (Thousand Oaks, CA)” opportunity to visit Lodge #1 on our return trip.

We walked into the lodge and were welcomed in by several members. As we toured the lodge we were reminded of the history of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. Their Heritage Museum was filled with memorabilia dating back to the mid-1800s. The room was filled with letters, applications, photos, etc., of Prominent Brothers such as Alfred E. Smith, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Cardinal Spellman, Fiorello La Guardia, and the list continued. The list of Theatrical Brothers was also impressive; Irving Berlin, Will Rogers, Houdini, Leonard Bernstein, and that list continued. As we gazed around the room we came upon Babe Ruth’s application. I felt like I was on a treasure hunt. Who else will I find? One could spend hours in the museum. We exchanged lodge pins and ended our visit.

As we were taking pictures outside, two of the members, who were about to enter the Lodge introduced themselves and offered to take our picture. This was an “East Meets West” moment. He is their Leading Knight, Paul Schneller, and his wife, Nancy, the Lodge Chaplain. We enjoyed the visit and are happy to have had this opportunity. This is a must if you have the chance to be in that part of New York.

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia
Leading Knight

Loyal Knight Karen Martyn



We had a great time on the annual bus trip to Laughlin where we again had an opportunity to visit the Bullhead City, Arizona Elks Lodge No. 2408. They provided lunch and in addition to our getting reacquainted,

the Bar Flies from Santa Barbara Lodge No. 613 were also there so we were able to socialize with many friendly members from these lodges. Many thanks to Dave and Annie Pearson for, once again, arranging this fun getaway!

I am happy to report that the kitchen is doing better in terms of numbers. I truly appreciate all the volunteers who cook dinner, especially our new members who have stepped up. Making reservations at the bar in advance or signing up on the flyer in the anteroom helps the volunteers order the right amount of ingredients for their dinners and avoid waste. Please keep supporting their efforts.

Our annual Veteran’s Brunch will be held on Sunday, November 6, and will be prepared by the Kampers. Please come and support these veterans who have sacrificed much for our freedom. There will also be a flag retirement ceremony following the brunch.

We have some great meals this month starting off with grilled steaks on Friday, Nov. 4, by Max Maxwell & Crew. Casey Boggiano will be bringing back her fabulous meatloaf on Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11. Tom & Greg Ryder will be treating us to a choice of Swiss Steak or Chicken Cordon Bleu on Nov. 18, and Dan and I will be serving hamburgers and sides on Nov. 25, “Anything But Turkey” Friday. And please do not forget Initiation Wednesday on Nov. 30 when Jimmy Miller & Crew will once again provide a delicious steak dinner.

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible. So come down and enjoy a good meal prepared by our volunteers.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Karen Martyn
Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knight Shirste Gessler



Hope everyone is enjoying our Autumn weather.

The Elks Ladies Luncheon and Chinese Auction fundraiser on September 24th was a huge success. The

Ladies raised money for the dictionary program and other charities. I would like to thank my co-chair Charlotte Gessler as well as the rest of the Gessler family for all your help. I would also like to thank all the Ladies for your donations, your help selling tickets, and your help setting up. I am so happy with the success we had and I am grateful to everyone for coming out to support our event.

Rik and I had a great time in Laughlin on the bus trip. Thank you David and Annie Pearson for such a fabulous time!

Mary and Steve Woodlief are working hard, handing out dictionaries to third graders in our area. That means the kids will be able to use their dictionaries throughout the school year. Thank you Mary and Steve for all your passion for the program and for all the hours you spend making this such a success.

Don't forget to collect cash redemption recyclables in plastic, glass and aluminum for our scholarship program. Bring these recyclables down to the Lodge and drop them off in the parking lot!

Fraternally,

Shirste Gessler
Lecturing Knight

Have You Proposed



a New Member today?

Secretary David Naccarato



Well playtime is over and I am back, but only on a limited basis. My Doc says he'll drop by to see if I'm sitting or not. And, for a double whammy, I have sponsored my nurse and she'll be watching me.

First I must thank my Office staff of one, my partner and wife, for keeping things going while I was in the hospital. Thanks to Brenda Hagen who brought me a dozen bunt cakes from "Nothing Bunt Cakes". No sooner did she drop them off, who came into my room? The Doctor. He said, "You need protein to help the healing give me one of those"!! Don and Dee Ansell dropped by with reading material and Alan Hardie just to visit.

Thanks to PER Jack Henry on a flag that he donated which was auctioned off for Americanism. PER Don Ansell also dropped of nine 5x8 flags for our flag poll. We're set for a while. Thanks guys.

Some things come up and we don't even give them a second thought. We give a Purple Piggy bank to all new members when they join the ranks of the BPOE. I receive the banks and roll the coins and have our treasurer deposit the coins into our bank account for our handicapped children. Coins never lie. The date on a coin is the date it was minted. The date on a bill is the date of the last update of the printing plate. Then, at times, I would

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Exalted Ruler's message continued

the DDGER homecoming, and we have the Mid-Term Convention in San Diego on November 4th and 5th, The Veterans Brunch on November 6th, and Thanksgiving Day on November 24th. And just a reminder, the Wednesday night General Meeting on November 23rd has been changed to Wednesday night, November 30th.

Donna Leary has scheduled an Elks National Foundation Dinner and Special Event for November. It is very important that all members support these functions. The Lodge ENF per capita rating is a determining factor in ENF Grant Requests. Donna has had our per capita one of the highest in the District. Let's all give her a hand in keeping it up there this year. It is not at all hard to do. Buy a dinner ticket, some raffle tickets, have a drink and a good time.

Thank You
Mike Flannery

Secretary's message continued

notice a weird looking coin and set it aside. First of all you people must think it goes by weight and not by denomination for I get a lot of "washers" in the bags of coins marked "Max", whatever that means. Then I receive tokens for golf balls, which I sell to Paul Stein so we don't loose. I get a lot of foreign currency, which is worth nothing. I started looking into coins from a tip I received from a new member, Doug Ryan. To satisfy my curiosity, he gave me a book on coins.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

Members serve up Lodge Fare at TO Street Fair



Pictured above (L-R): Roger Davenport, Rik Gessler and Jeff Conyers, Bobby Williams, Kathy Moye, Gerry Gillies, Jim Moye, PER, and Tom Hartin

Sickness & Distress

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

Condolences to:

The family of **Frank Lussier** who passed away Sept. 25th due to a heart attack. Frank was born on 10-2-41 and initiated on 2-26-03. He lived in Texas.

Member **Lou Mages** and his wife Pat who just lost their son, Phil Mages, after a short bout with cancer. He was 41 years old.

Keep in your prayers

David Naccarato, PER who is recovering from surgery

Harold Constantine, PER, recovering from a hip replacement and is now, after 3 weeks in rehabilitation, home and coming along nicely.

Chuck Busch, a longtime member and Past Elk of the Year, has moved into an assisted living facility. *He would still enjoy visitors.* His new address and phone are: St. Paul's Home, 1431 Crocker St., Simi Valley 93065 & 805-322-4704.

Chet Kozlowski, PER recovering from gallbladder surgery

Don Booker, PER dealing with siatica neuralgia

Don Ansel, PER who is dealing with skin cancer

Mitzie Nau, wife of **John Nau, PER**, after she passed a kidney stone

Evie Herrera as she recovers from 3 weeks in the hospital and will begin chemo as her doctor orders.

Carl Lanterman who has been taken off of the ventilator and begins dialysis on his way to recovery.

Tom Hartin's wife **Lori Hartin**, who had a knee replacement

Letter to the Lodge

Thanks a million for all the many cards, phone calls and prayers. They all helped immensely on my road back to better health. May God bless you all.

Flo and Bill Lloyd

November Birthdays

John Duig-01
Cathie Capolino-02
Brad Knupp-04
Steven Grindley-05
Alfred Koemmpel-05
Elayne Stafford-06
Barry Hibbs-08
Robert Souza-08
Jack Carter-10
Brian Mattison-10
John D' Ambrogio-11
Louis Carlentine-12
Wayne La Farr-12
Jacob Panczak-13
William Golubics-14
George Thompson-15
Russell Miller-17
Roy Ratcliffe-18
Robert "Bobby" Williams-18
Shannon Cunningham-19
Larry Levine-19
Gerry Gillies -21
Betty McFarlin-22
Beverly Reis-26
Larry Thompson-26
William McIntyre-27
Wendell Oxford-27
Brian Thompson-29
Bruce Froude-30

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris
Paul Stein
Raymond Laraway
Billy Sternberg
Rik Gessler
Shirste Gessler
Jim Moye, PER
Kathy Moye
Gregg Miraglia
Jean Miraglia
Pamela Price
Dan Martyn, PER
Max Maxwell
Bill Sternberg, PER
Brenda Hagen
Bill Joseph
John Puckett
Casey Boggiano
Terry Gicking, PDDGER
David Naccarato, PER
Alan Van Cleave
Leon Cano
Art Urbano
April Bourquin
Kathe Wilson
Terri Endsley

The Crying Towel

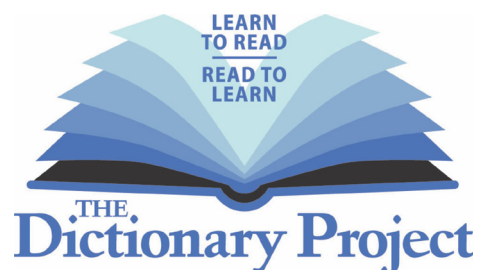


September 7th
Capsule Drawing
Carol Stewart not present
Lucky 13
Steve Woodlief no winner

September 21st
Capsule Drawing
Richard Shaw not present.
Lucky 13
Art Urbano - WINNER!!!

September 28th
Capsule Drawing
Steve Woodlief - WINNER!!!!
Lucky 13
no winner

A huge thanks to **Steve Woodlief** for donating his Capsule Drawing winnings to the 3rd grade Dictionary Project and to **Art Urbano** for his donation to the Major Project.



Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

Dates to Remember *(Dates are taken from the VFW Calvendar)*

November 8th, 1950--First All Jet Combat In History
November 10th, 1775--US Marine corps Established
November 11th, 1918--Signing Of WW1 Armistice
November 11th--VETERAN'S DAY
November 21st, 1983--Granada Campaign Ended

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

KARAOKE @ Cal Vet Home – Ventura – 4th Thursday each
month at 6:00 pm 10900 Telephone Rd., Ventura, CA
Put on hold until after the New Year.

There is a saying that resonates throughout our country, “THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE”, which speaks to our gratitude for the courage and dedication of our veterans for preserving our way of life. Speaking for myself, I have experienced this many times over.

As for us Elks, our National Service Commission requests that all lodges honor and show our appreciation for veterans by declaring November as Veteran’s Remembrance Month.

So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them. God bless all veterans, men and women alike, who have served and continue to serve.

A gentle reminder to anyone who has served in our military: **KEEP A COPY OF THE SEPARATION DOCUMENT (DD214 or other) CLOSE AT HAND.**

For veterans discharged prior to 1950, there is no DD214; it is called SEPARATION FROM THE U.S. ARMY,

NAVY, etc. Sometimes it is necessary to provide discharge papers and it makes life easier if you have them readily available. If you don’t have them, call Art @ 805-241-5719 or call the Ventura County Veteran Services office at 805-477-5480. You can also go on line to www.archives.gov.

A free legal counseling service for veterans is available by the Ventura County Military Collaborative. See www.military411.org or call 805-419-3185.

Art Urbano, Chairman
Veterans Services Committee
(805) 241-5719 charlene.urbano@verizon.net

**DON'T FORGET OUR ANNUAL VETERAN'S BRUNCH
AND FLAG RETIREMENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th AT 10:30 AM**

Pictures from the Elks Ladies Chinese Auction



Pictured highlights of our 2016 Charity Ball



Meet our New Members



Paul Alvidez (L)
sponsored by Holly Healy



Greg Sweet (L)
sponsored by Art Urbano



Leon Cano (R)
sponsored by Lynette Micheli



Kristian Oates (L)
sponsored by Lewis Jones



Greg Sincock (L)
sponsored by Douglas Ryan



Kathleen Wilson (L)
sponsored by Brenda Hagen



Terry Endsley (L)
sponsored by Brenda Hagen



April Bourquin (L)
sponsored by Brenda Hagen



Elayne Stafford (L)
sponsored by Ernie Escoto

Pictured Highlights of Members Participating in Walk for Breast Cancer



**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

Happy Autumn Everyone!

Our Luncheon and Chinese Auction fundraiser on September 24th was a huge success. The Ladies raised a bunch of money for the dictionary program and other charities. Lunch was delicious and the auction was a lot of fun. The ladies had over 45 items up for bid so lots of people went home with a prize! We want to thank Co-Chairs Shirste and Charlotte Gessler, Rik Gessler for his wonderful cooking and auctioneer skills, Tanya Gessler for her wonderful cooking and all of her support, Andrew Gessler for being our photographer, Casey Boggiano, Christian Gessler and Gracie Wengler for serving, Beth Kozlowski and Jessica Stull for their help with tickets at the door and Marian Andersen for her help setting up. We

also want to thank everyone for helping with donations and ticket sales. An extra special thank you to Sandy Hoffman and Jill Williams for the extra help with the donations they both provided. It was a tremendous effort by many but definitely worth it!

The Ladies Holiday Boutique on October 8th was a great success! We had vendors selling holiday crafts, clothes and we had a bake sale. Thanks to Lynn Rodriguez and Marian Andersen for co-chairing this event!

Our Inspiration from our Chaplain from our September meeting:

According to Webster's Dictionary, Alms

are something given freely to the poor. God's law requires those with the means to give to those that are in need. Alms are not handouts to freeloaders. Alms are not giving money to enable a drunk addict. Alms are for helping those who are trying to help themselves, but they have fallen on hard times.

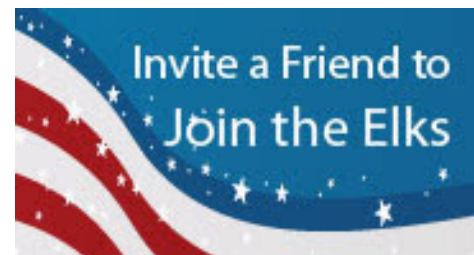
Sharing your blessings from God ensures more blessings will be coming your way. There is a difference between Tithes and Alms. Tithes are intended to make certain the word of God is being taught. Alms are charity to help the less fortunate.

Deuteronomy 15:7-10: If you have something in your hand that someone needs and you shut your hand, it means you are refusing to help. Think about that, you can't lose. If you help those that are less fortunate than yourself, God is going to bless your works. Alms don't have to be monetary gifts.

Matthew 6:3: If you give Alms, let not the left hand know what the right hand is doing. Give alms in secret and receive blessings.

Let us pray,
 Dear Father, Thank you for this study and please bless us all with the memory of your most precious words and direction.
 In Gods Holy Name, Amen

Pictured Highlights - Elks Ladies Holiday Boutique



El Conejo Kampers



The Santa Barbara Elks Lodge was the site of the September campout, the second time this year. While the Ericksons and Collerans came in on Wednesday, the rest of us - Stulls,

Moyes, Flannerys, Lovatos, Jellanders, the Millers, our newest campers Tom and Valerie Consolo, Virginia Grindley (who also hosted Donna Leary), and Jane Watson checked in on Thursday. On Saturday, Henry and Betty Vega came and stayed until Sunday.

Thursday evening the lodge served hamburgers and hotdogs along with fries, onion rings, chips and candy since they have bingo that day. They make the biggest burgers in town and provide all the fixings you could want. Most of us took advantage of this convenience and we hung around to watch the football game on TV. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and went to bed with full tummies. Friday the group split up with some going to eat dinner at the lodge while ten of us went to Harry's Plaza Cafe, a tradition

PERs Corner

Over the last two years our lodge has seen many new members. Many never heard how the lodge was started. I enjoy this story.

1971 - Our lodge started with a conversation between Dick Flake and Vern McNaboe. At the time, the West Central Coast District consisted of just 7 lodges and we now have 12. Dick, a member of Garden Grove, and Vern, a member of San Fernando, were having dinner at the Holiday Inn and the conversation soon turned to the subject of Elkdom. A man from CHEA named John Armstrong overheard their conversation. John was the New Lodge Development Chairman for CHEA.

John showed Dick and Vern the steps toward instituting a new lodge. With a list of stray Elks in our area, they sent out invitations to start a lodge in Thousand Oaks. Back then, Thousand Oaks was only 27,000 strong with two high schools, and Westlake Village was just a twinkle in

with this bunch it seems. People played cards, talked and just enjoyed themselves. Saturday morning we had our potluck brunch on the patio at the lodge. It is lovely with its umbrella tables and tile shelves and the weather was pleasant. Virginia and Joel won the free campouts and Mike Flannery won the 50/50. Jimmy Miller was our Sheriff, and partner. He did a mighty fine job!

While waiting for the main event at the lodge on Saturday - Blow Up Your Motor, people went about a variety of activities and some of us went to the Beachside Cafe down by the university. A microcosm of activity, people were surfing, sunbathing, jogging, walking dogs, eating, drinking, and so much more. It's fun just people-watching there. The ocean was so lovely we took some photos on the sand and on the pier (check the website, they should be there).

Blow Up Your Motor - Saturday evening the SB Elks Lodge was the scene of a fundraiser for scholarships. There were five vehicles of various vintage named after political figures such as the Hillary Hemi and the Donald. People bet on how

someone's eye.

The first meeting was held on the night of the great earthquake, February 16, 1971, so you can say we got off to a rocky start. Five employees of State Farm who had been Elks ("stray") became part of the team. To raise capital, each donated \$50, which went a long way in 1971, and they started meeting at DuPar's restaurant. Raffles were not allowed in the restaurant so they moved to a tack room in Lynn Ranch and among the hay and manure the Thousand Oaks Elks lodge was underway.

The Grand Lodge mandated that it would take 300 members to start a lodge. We had 252 but a dispensation was granted. In February, 1972, we were granted our charter (which the Simi Lodge has since stolen twice and held for ransom). On March 25th, in the gym at Thousand Oaks High School, we were instituted by the Oxnard Lodge. In March, 1973, all members were asked to come and vote on purchasing the former Lutheran Church at 158 Conejo School Rd.

long it would take each vehicle to blow up, as the water and oil had been drained from the cars. It was hilarious as the cars were equipped with surprises like airbags that blew off the hood or the trunk lid. The Mercedes had all four wheels blown off before it finally stopped running. They had massive raffle prizes, a band, bbq by the Elks and so much more. One small truck that was blown up belonged to the Santa Inez HS shop class. I think we all attended, though none of us won anything. That evening, a rousing game of Left, Right, Center happened with Tom Consolo brave enough to challenge a bevy of beauties determined to win those quarters. Pat Jellander was the big winner. Congrats, Mother Superior! Good-Bye summer, hello autumn.

September 4, the Kampers served 69 AA breakfasts and 38 Elks for a total of 107 breakfasts on a holiday weekend - GREAT JOB, and on September 25 we did 39 AA breakfasts and 25 Elks. Though the lowest Sunday in a long time, combined with the beginning of the month, still a respectable 107 breakfasts for September. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible.

Having no funds and needing \$85,000, the Officers and Trustees worked out a deal with a local bank, where one of our members worked, to obtain a loan. However, prior to obtaining the loan there was one caveat. Some of the lodge members needed to put their homes up as security against default of the loan. Robert Clark, Sr., Jack Henry, Dick Churik, Paul Jones, Dick Flake, Frank Rindone, John Farhat, Erle Pittman and Don Steinhelper did so under the name of "Conejo Brothers". Thanks to them also donating \$1,000 each personally, the purchase of the property was completed for a total price of \$97,000.

Our first Exalted Ruler was Marvin D. Smith. Mike Flannery is our current Exalted Ruler. Check out our anteroom wall for all 45 + 4 more by affiliation (check out 2006-2007).

David Naccarato, PER Association President
Research by Tom Ryder, PER

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

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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: Art Urbano	Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein

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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
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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
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