



# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*



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## Elk of the Month



This month's Elk of the Month is our own media buff, Steve Smith. Steve is the man behind the scene. As Steve relaxes in his Arizona abode, he manages to put together our monthly Antler Antics. Steve handles the lines of communication between Thousand Oaks, Ca. and Prescott Valley, Az. with ease. He sends out friendly reminders for us to submit your articles on time and encourages us to try to keep them short. Steve you do a great job with our Antler Antics. Many thanks.

## Volunteers Needed

If you have a green thumb and enjoy working and manicuring your yard, the lodge can use you here. Our top-notch groundskeeper is Past Elk of the Year Bernard Reiger. Ben is down every Thursday at 6:30 in the morning cutting, trimming, blowing and sweeping. If you would like to come on down and give Ben a hand it would be appreciated. As

the saying goes "Many hands make light work." Please call the office first to make sure Ben is not out of town that week. Work can still be done but he will leave instructions.

If you're the type that likes to wear your Levis, don a pair of gloves and experience

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## Golden Anniversary



**Congratulations**  
to  
**Jim (PER) & Kathy Moye**  
**Celebrating their 50th**  
**Wedding Anniversary**  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2017**

## New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements

Candidate	Occupation	Sponsor
Milton Price	Retired	Brian Boals
Douglas Brown	Retired	Brian Boals
Jodi Mannino Vevandro	Nurse	Paul Radomski
Dennis Angelini	retired LAPD	Paul Radomski
Mati Cohen	Contractor	Steve Kerman
richard Platt	Retired LAPD	Max Maxwell
Adelaide Wavra	Transfer from Santa Ynez Lodge	

## Duty Officers

08-03 to 08-09	Gregg Miraglia
08-10 to 08-16	Steve Woodlief
08-17 to 08-23	Terry Gicking
08-24 to 08-30	Rick Herrera

### LODGE ROOM RENTALS

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.

## Meeting Attendance

	06-07	06-21	06-28
<b>General Members</b>	20	9	21
<b>Officers</b>	14	10	14
<b>PERs</b>	6	4	7
<b>Total</b>	40	23	42

## Membership Report

Membership as of April 1, 2017	452
Total New Members as of 6-30-17	17
Reinstatements and Transfers	1
Total Member Loss 6-30-17	6
Delinquency as of 6-30-17	40
Total Membership as of 6-30-17	464

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

## Exalted Ruler Jean Miraglia



Finally, we ended the month of June with a full Officer Core. Paul Radomski has moved up to fill the position of Esteemed Lecturing Knight. Paul, we'll miss your auctioneering. Our PDDGER, ei ei o,

Terry Gicking has graciously volunteered to be Lodge Esquire. I now have an outstanding team of Officers.

We had a very successful visitation with Association Vice President Jay Dupler, and his First Lady, Kristi. Our Lodge did very well, and I am expecting a favorable report at our DDGER visitation, with Shelley Gonzales. We enjoyed a delicious Chicken Enchilada dinner, prepared by Donna Leary and crew. Overall, it was a great evening.

The Elks Ladies prepared a Father's Day Brunch, with all the fixings, for our members and their families. The Brunch was well attended and enjoyed by all.

A highpoint in June was the awarding of a long overdue Purple Heart to one of our own, David Stull. Our Lodge, due to the efforts of Lodge Secretary David Naccarato, PER, who organized the event. The Rolling Thunders escorted David and Jessica to the Lodge. David's Purple Heart was presented and pinned on him by Congresswoman Julia Brownley. The Mayor of Thousand Oaks, Claudia Bill-de la Pena, presented David with a Proclamation from the City, and guest speaker Captain Charlie Plumb spoke about the captured servicemen in the Viet Nam prison camps.

Keep your eye on the flyers that will be coming your way. Several enjoyable and fun filled events have been planned. It's hard to believe, but once summer is over, the holidays are around the corner.

REMEMBER, support these events, they are for CHARITY. A successful event depends on the participants.

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia  
Exalted Ruler

## Leading Knight Karen Martyn



Time flies! It's already August and we're halfway through the summer. Soon the fall season will be here and with it will come some ENF and Purple Pig events, as well as our annual Charity Basket

Dinner, which will be held on Saturday, October 7th. As most of you know, each year this event is our fundraiser for our annual Christmas Basket program for the needy in our community. Please mark your calendars now so you won't miss this event. Raffle tickets will be in the mail to you early next month, and we will have some great baskets and great entertainment this year.

In other summer news, we are continuing our trial happy hours Saturdays through Tuesdays from 4pm to 7pm. In addition, we are continuing our extended Saturday and Sunday evening hours until 8pm. Next month the House Committee will decide whether to continue these based on the level of member support.

In other club news, on August 4th following a southern style fried chicken dinner, we will be bringing back Friday Night Karaoke and, with member support, we plan to continue karaoke on a regular basis. Come down on August 4th and howl with the rest of us. Sometimes karaoke is funny, sometimes it is painful to the ears and eyes, and occasionally a star is born. Please come and join in the fun.

Fraternally,

Karen Martyn  
Leading Knight



## Loyal Knight Daniel Hoffman



The month of July will close with our presence at the Ventura County Stand Down. What a great opportunity to honor our Veterans. I thank Carl Lanterman, our Veteran Services Chairman, for all

of his efforts in coordinating our Lodge presence at this event.

As we enter August, please join us for some fine meals on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. This Lodge is blessed to have volunteers who donate their time and effort in preparing these meals. Please let me know if you are interested in preparing a meal for your fellow members. We can always use the help. We will also be continuing with "Happy Hour" on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday from 4pm to 7pm. Do not forget, we offer a wonderful breakfast prepared by our El Konejo Kampers twice a month on Sunday morning. Please refer to our August calendar and our Antler Antics for a complete listing of all the events taking place at our Lodge.

Some housekeeping matters:

1. If you are not part of the team preparing and serving the Lodge meals, please do not enter the kitchen area. There is a lot going on with these preparations and there is no room for "visitors" during the preparation process.
2. Per the Health Department, we can only store food and food preparation materials in our pantry. This is a non-negotiable requirement and we do not want to risk receiving a citation from the Health Department.

Please, look for ways to facilitate your involvement with all of our lodge activities. Your fresh perspectives will assist us in growing. Focus your efforts on our documented Mission Statement. Be passionate about being a member of our Lodge.

If I can assist you in any way, please reach me at 818-822-2219 or fivehofies@yahoo.com.

Dan Hoffman  
Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knight Paul Radomski



### Brotherly Love Rules!

Have you ever been skeptical about something to the point that you needed to test it for yourself? I have. Years ago I decided to test whether

it really was true, that God blesses the faithful. While raising my family I became immersed in charitable activities, which included my kids being involved as well. It made a believer out of me. My lifelong testimonial will always be, "Good things happen to people who give of themselves to others".

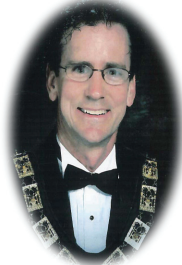
At the end of July we all had an opportunity to demonstrate our Brotherly Love to some of America's homeless veterans. Over the three-day weekend of the Ventura County Stand Down, members of the Lodges in Ventura County came together to provide food, showers, clothing, and fellowship. I personally joined Tom Hartin, and others, prepare a nice taco lunch on Friday afternoon. Others from our Lodge were a part of the Sunday lunch bag assembly line. It was all one huge coordinated effort to reassure these homeless veterans that they will never be forgotten and that we will always be grateful for their service to our country!

Being involved as Elks for events like the Stand Down is living proof in the value of volunteering. No matter what charity you are able to personally donate money to, nothing beats the value of giving of your own time to help others. If you were not able to give some time to the Stand Down this year, why not think about helping us out with it next year? You'd be amazed what a blessing it is!

In Brotherly Love,

Paul Radomski  
Lecturing Knight

## Secretary David Naccarato



With having as many memorials as we have been (you guys can stop anytime) and with so many new members joining our ranks, I'd like to write on the topic of "The Eleven o'Clock Toast".

In regards to the toast of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, we have to go back long before the BPOE came into existence. One of the main contributions of Charles Richardson, the stage name for Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian our founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks, was to deliver in the hands of newborn Elks the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010 A.D. That organization was The Royal and Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

The ROAB, or Buffaloes as we shall henceforth refer to them, also practiced an 11 O'clock toast in remembrance of the battle of Hastings, in October 1066 AD. Following his victory, William of Normandy imported a set of rules, both martial and civil in nature, to keep control of a seething Norman-Saxon population always on the verge of a revolution.

Among the rules was a curfew law requiring all watch fires or bonfires to be extinguished at 11 each night. From strategically placed watched towers, that also served as early fire alarm posts, the call would go out to douse or shutter all lights and bank all fires. This also served to discourage secret and treasonous meetings, as chimney sparks stood out against the black sky. A person away from home and out on the darkened street, when all doors were barred for the night, risked great peril from either evildoers or patrolling militia.

The hour of 11 quickly acquired a somber meaning, and in centuries that followed, became the synonym throughout Europe for someone on his deathbed or about to go into battle. "His family gathered about

### Secretary's article continued

his bed at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour" or "The troops in the trenches hastily wrote notes to their families as the 11<sup>th</sup> hour approached when they must charge over the top".

Thus when the 15 Jolly Corks voted on February 16, 1868 to start a more formal and official organization, they were already aware of an almost universally prevalent sentiment about the mystic aura connected with the nightly hour of 11.

The great variety of 11 o'clock toasts makes it clear that there was no fixed and official version until 1906-10. On Sundays, when the bars, theaters and movie houses were closed, Charles Vivian had the only game in town. While he met with other entertainers as part of the Jolly Corks, at times, it became apparent that some were missing. Whether sick or have died an Elk is never forgotten never forsaken and at eleven o'clock the Jolly Corks would stand in remembrance and recite The Eleven o'Clock Toast.

Fraternally,

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary



We had our BINGO outing Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> with a very small group. Jim and Kathy Moye and Charlotte Gessler were among the missing. The fact that they win most of the games meant their absence was received with a glimmer of hope to the other players.

Member Sylvia Kopfer came away with house money after winning a couple and splitting the pot with others. Sylvia is also my go to Gal when questions arise about bingo. Someone is always trying to push the envelope and she keeps me in line with the rules of the game. Alan Azoff our member who has been coming and bringing along his Father who served our Nation in the Army Air Corp. This week he also brought the Mom and a friend. Alan says BINGO grows on you. He never gave it much thought but enjoys it. His father, who is 93 and sharpe as a tack,

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## Sickness & Distress

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

### Condolences to:

Member **William "Bill" O'Shea** and his family who lost Bill's wife **Cheryl Denise** on April 2, 2017. She was born 9-13-63 and mother to Anica Louise O'Shea.

The family of **Alan Erickson**, born 4-12-40, initiated 10-28-09, passed away 7-7-17

### Keep in your prayers

**Luz Herrera**, who will undergo knee surgery.

**Patti Queen**, who is still battling cancer.

**PER Chet Kozlowski's** lady friend, **Rosa**, is doing well after surgery and will begin chemo treatments soon.

**PER Terry Baker's** wife, **Sharon**, is in a residential care home and would appreciate visitors. Contact Terry for details.

**Alan Hardie**, who is having a bad reaction to chemo treatment.

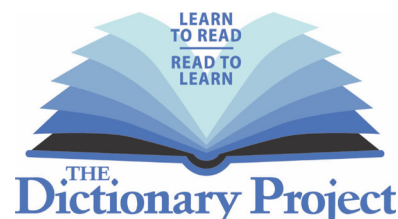
**Lynn Rodriguez** whose mother, **Letty Archbold**, is at home and resting after surgery.

**Christine Harrison's** brother, **Steve**, who is in ICU.

**PER Gil Riding's** wife **Phyllis** has good and bad days.

**Lecturing Knight Paul Radomski's** wife, **Karen**, is in need of surgery for nerve pain and is trying to work with the insurance company.

Past 1<sup>st</sup> Lady, **Myrna Block** who was scheduled for surgery on July 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Elks Care – Elks Share

### August Birthdays

Karen Hall -01  
Darryl Kopacz-01  
Michael Koslow-01  
James Mullen-01  
Erle Pitman PER-01  
Janine Van Poppelen-01  
Max Maxwell-02  
RD Routh-03  
Robert Wissuski-03  
Harold Constantine-04  
William Doody-04  
Suzanne Malvitz-04  
Joe Medroano-04  
Louis Reis-06  
Greg Ryder-11  
Jason Frase-12  
Nakeisha Washington-13  
Jan T King-14  
Ralph Vashaw-14  
Arthur Garcia-17  
Patrick Shultz-17  
Donald Skinner PER -17  
Jane Watson-20  
Jerry Humphries-21  
Luz Herrera-22  
Richard Lucariello-22  
Jesse Garcia-23  
Susan Williams-23  
Joel Erickson-24  
Leslie Donovan-25  
Myrna Block-26  
Bill Burmester-26  
Gary Berg-28  
John Getzvein-28  
Gilbert Riding PER-28  
Dennis Ryan-28  
Albert Mayer-30  
Dan Kozlowski-31

### Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris  
Mary Catherine McBride (Century Club)  
Billy Sternberg  
Ray Laraway  
Bobby Williams  
Paul Radomski  
Max Maxwell  
Brenda Hagen  
Steve and Mary Woodlief (Century Club)  
Dan Martyn, PER  
Karen Martyn  
Gregg Miraglia  
Jean Miraglia  
Paul Stein  
Rick Herrera  
Bill Sternberg, PER  
David Naccarato, PER

### Bingo continued

likes to get out and have some lunch here at the Elks.

New member Dreena Tierney won a couple and split a couple. Juanita Feamster brought her girlfriend Jill to play. Juanita won, Jill did not. Hope she gives us another chance. I threaten everyone that if Juanita does not win at least one, we will not receive our Antler Antics. No one is getting rich but it's more than that.

Bingo is fun, you're out of the house, you're with like-minded friends and lunch is provided and you could walk away with butter and egg money. We play on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday's of the month at 1pm.

### The Crying Towel



**06-07-17**  
**Capsule Drawing \$100**  
Carlos Muzquiz not present

**Lucky 13 \$30**  
Teri Endsley no winner

**06-21-17**  
**Capsule Drawing \$125**  
Nick Sheile not present

**Lucky 13 \$45**  
Gerry Gillies no winner

**06-28-17**  
**Capsule Drawing \$150**  
George Vivlamore not present

**Lucky 13 \$60**  
Dan Hoffman no winner

Next month we are revamping the system. There will be two winners per game. That means fewer games played but double the payouts and lots of different games i.e. "U-pick'em" and Horse Race. U-pick'em is fast paced. It's like finding your lotto numbers. Horse race is played along with a regular bingo pattern that the player is striving for. If you line up all the numbers in your column you win the race. Bingo is only open for members and their guests. Any questions call me in the office, 805-496-2477.

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary

## Veterans Services

### Dates to Remember (Taken from VFW Calendar)

August 1 – Air Force Day  
August 4, 1790 – U.S. Coast Guard Established  
August 7, 1782 – Purple Heart Medal Established  
August 7, 1964 – Vietnam War Began

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

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

**AIR FORCE:** From the time that the US military purchased its first aircraft in 1909 up to 1947, the US Air Force did not exist as a separate and independent military service organization. It went through a series of designations: Aeronautical Section, Signal Corps-1909; Aviation Section, Signal Corps-1914; United States Army Air Service-1918; United States Army Air Corps-1926, United States Army Air Forces-1941.

WWII illustrated the value of airpower, and the need to change the basic organization of the US Military Forces. The result was the creation of a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy, and Air Force chiefs. In 1947 President Truman signed the National Security Act which established this new defense organization, and along with it the creation of the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy. The official birthday of the US Air Force is 18 September 1947.

**COAST GUARD:** The Coast Guard is one of America's five armed forces and traces its founding to Aug. 4, 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of federal revenue.

1915 – The Revenue Cutter Service merges with the U.S. Life-Saving Service, and is officially renamed the Coast Guard, making it the only maritime service dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws.

1939 – President Franklin Roosevelt orders the transfer of the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard, putting it in charge of maritime navigation.

1946 - Congress permanently transfers the Commerce Department's Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard, putting merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety in its control.

1967 – The Coast Guard is transferred to Department of Transportation.

2003 – The Coast Guard is again transferred, this time to the Department of Homeland Security, where it currently serves.

**PURPLE HEART:** The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917, has been wounded or killed.

The original Purple Heart was established by George Washington in 1782, and was known as the Badge of Military Merit. It was awarded to three soldiers at the time, and while it was never abolished, it would not return to the public consciousness until 1927, when Army Chief of Staff General Charles Pelot Summerall directed that a draft bill be sent to Congress "to revive the Badge of Military Merit". While the bill was never passed, the action led to Summerall's successor, General Douglas MacArthur, initiating work on a new design a few years later.

Elizabeth Will, an Army heraldic specialist in the Office of the Quartermaster General, was responsible for the redesign, which was christened the Purple Heart. By Executive Order of the President of the United States, the Purple Heart was commissioned on the 200th Anniversary of George Washington's birth, out of respect to his memory and military achievements, by War Department General Orders No. 3, dated February 22, 1932.

### **VENTURA COUNTY STAND DOWN** JULY 28-30, 2017

At the time of this printing, the Stand Down had not yet taken place. Next month's Antler will include the results of our volunteer time and donations. In monthly executive committee meetings, I, along with Terry Gicking, present the activities of our lodge and the four Ventura

County lodges combined. As appropriate, we also become involved with other committees and offer whatever assistance that we can. Tom Hartin and Ed Rice lead a lunch for about 250 people. Terry coordinates the Sunday bag lunches at the Ventura lodge, as well as provision of drinks, supported mainly by the Oxnard lodge. Carol Fredericks assists me in coordinating the arrival of transportation to the Stand Down. Several other Elks members help in various ways.



**Carl Lanterman, NVSC Chairman**  
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## Meet Our New Members



Dreena Tierney  
Sponsored by Jim Moye, PER



James Coons (R)  
Sponsored by Alan Hardie



Ivan Pinchuk (L)  
Sponsored by Alan Hardie



(L-R) Kevin McBride and Mary Catherine  
Sponsored by Tom Hartin



Camera Shy - Larry Cummings  
Sponsored by Herb Jellander



Tony Mallord (L)  
Sponsored by Dainis Eglitis

### *Volunteers Needed continued*

the awesome power of machinery, have we a job for you. We were able to obtain an oak tree that had fallen on the property of the Simi Valley Elks Lodge. Cooking over oak is what sets us apart from the rest. This latest tree amounts to 10 cords of wood once we get it split and stacked. This is where you come in. On most morning's we are splitting wood with our wood splitter. You'll need to be trained on the splitter to the satisfaction of Max Maxwell or Gerry Gillies. Then, when you have a couple hours to kill, come on down and do a little splitting. Right now at 100 degrees you will need to start at sunup before the heat kicks in.

Around October or November we hold our annual Charity ball. It has been a black tie event in the past, but this year we are going to try a Country "Hee Haw" theme. We need acts for the show after dinner. The money raised goes to our Christmas Cheer program. Cat-Dave productions will

produce the show. I have Johnny and June Carter Cash, Patsy Cline and Jim Croce lined up, we'll even have line dancing to Tulsa time. Being "Hee Haw", if you have been a closet comedian I want you for in between acts. It's nothing but fun at Elks #2477. This year the Charity Ball is October 7<sup>th</sup>.

I also want to thank you for your concern about our Christmas tree lot. Apparently you all do read the Antler.

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary



***Have You Proposed***



***a New Member today?***



In September 2015, the Elks pledged to help end veteran homelessness. Two years later, here's what we've accomplished.

## ★ Emergency Assistance Fund ★



**546**  
Veterans

have received  
assistance.



**847** EAF

requests have been  
granted.



**\$714**

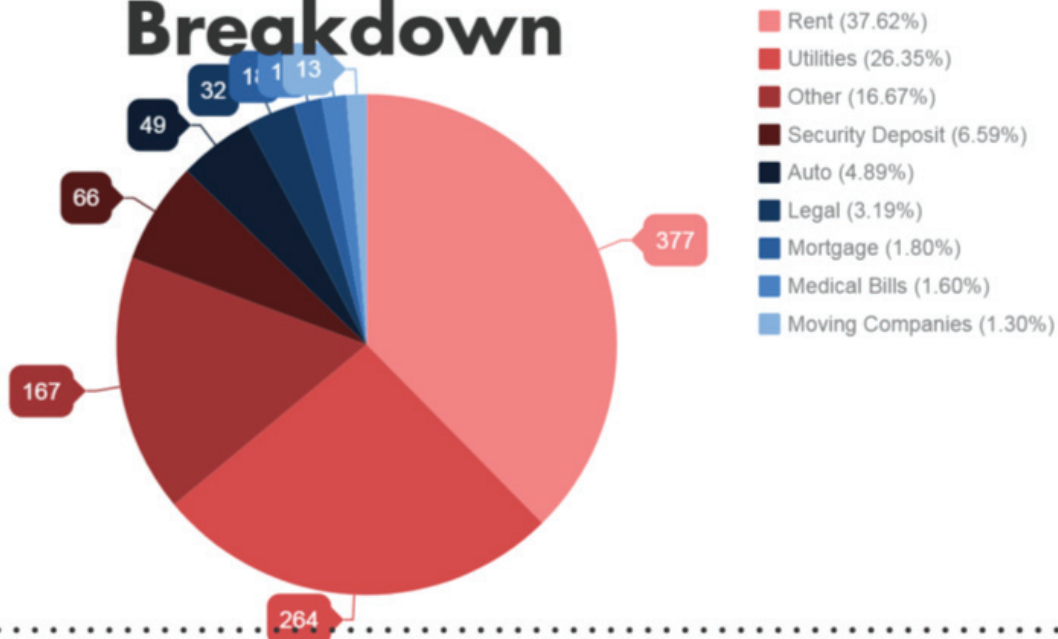
is the median  
amount of  
assistance per  
request.



**\$1,131,732.06**

in assistance has been given to veterans in  
need via the Emergency Assistance Fund.

### EAF Breakdown







"The Elks focused in on the veterans in a way that other organizations haven't. They're coming from a totally different direction. **They're innovators.**" - Cynthia King Myers, Social Worker

## ★ Welcome Home Kits ★



**316 Kits**

have been delivered to recently housed veterans and their families.



**30 Lodges**

have participated in the program.



**\$52,058**

worth of supplies have been distributed.

"One of the **most rewarding** things we've done as Elks members." -Gretchen Peterson, Hopkins Lodge No. 2221



## ★ Welcome Home Grants ★



**19 Lodges**

in areas of high need have undertaken outreach programs for veterans exiting homelessness, distributing **\$85,300 in funding.**

## ★ Lodge Grants ★



**434 Grants**

have been used to serve homeless veterans, including 152 Freedom Grants, distributing approximately **\$850,000 for the cause.**

"First off as a single father of 3 children I want to express my gratitude for all of the assistance provided to my household. We hit tough times. It's nice to know there are agencies and individuals who support us. **Thanks so much for all you do for veterans.**" - U.S. Navy OEF IEF Veteran

## 2017 - 2018 Committee Chairpersons

1st Vice President	Diane Lovato
2nd Vice President	Lynn Rodriguez
Secretary	Faye Stevens
Treasurer	Charlotte Gessler
Auditor	Shirste Gessler
Communications	Carol Fredericks

## Elks Ladies



**Karen Naccarato, President**

## 2017 - 2018 Committee Chairpersons

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

### August Birthdays

2	Sharon Baker
2	Beth Kozlowski
5	Jacque Turner
9	Niki Case
10	Jeannie Sandt
16	Faye Stevens
17	Tina Dow
21	Jean Kammerer
26	Myrna Block
31	Debbie Buxbaum

The Ladies are currently working on a Major Project fundraiser for this Elk year. It is still in the planning stages so look in the upcoming Antlers for more details.

### Did you know that the month of August celebrates 4 National Theme Weeks?

#### Week 1 National Simplify your Life Week

We are all familiar with spring-cleaning, but some late summertime simplifying is a great way to keep the clutter to a minimum going into the fall.

#### Week 2 National Smile Week

Forcing yourself to smile can boost your mood, smiling boosts your immune system, it is easier to smile than it is to frown, smiles are the most recognizable facial expressions, smiles are more attractive than make-up, a most of a smile is contagious!

#### Week 3 National Friendship Week

Friendship is really what makes the world go round. Friends see you at your best and at your worst, when you celebrate or when you vent. This week is the perfect week

to tell your friends just how much you appreciate all that they do and much they mean to you!

#### Week 4 National Be Kind to Humankind Week

This week is a week of reflection and kind thoughts of others to make this world a better place. In the days of this week, each day has a theme. Sunday, show them that you care; Monday, drive courteously; Tuesday, spread kindness one heart at a time; Wednesday, offer a helping hand; Thursday, treat others well; Friday, come together; and Saturday, say something nice!

Have a great month!

## El Konejo Kampers



Due to recent deaths of Lodge members, the June campout was cancelled. Our love and condolences go out to all the family and friends of those wonderful people who have left us. You are not forgotten, you remain in our hearts and minds.

While the number of Elks taking advantage of the breakfasts available at the Lodge on the first and last Sunday of the month continues to rise, there are still some who haven't tried it. Let me tell you, it is a real bargain for \$7 or \$8 depending on whether you have the special or just a regular breakfast. REGULAR, did I say regular? Do you know what all is included in the regular breakfast? It's amazing how much you can get, for so little money. First, you have your choice of eggs. Everyone likes

eggs, don't they? You can have fried, scrambled - hard, medium or soft, sunny side up, all up to you. Say you want egg whites, no problem! Or skip the eggs altogether, again, your choice. Then bacon or sausage, or both. Hash brown potatoes, biscuits and sausage gravy, regular pancakes or blueberry pancakes. Toast? Oh yea, white, wheat, rye or sourdough.

Now if that isn't enough, you get unlimited coffee and/or orange juice. Come on folks, coffee is at least \$2.50 and juice even more in other restaurants. This is a bargain. Each month, there is a special for \$1 more. Generally it is omelets. Not your run of the mill tiny omelet, these things are works of art guaranteed to fill a lumberjack (okay, not really guaranteed), but I'm sure it would. There are so many ingredients, and they change often. To name a few, we have tomatoes, onion, mushroom, green chili, salsa, cheeses, bacon, ham and sausage.

I'm sure I missed some, but you get the idea. To make it even grander, along with your omelet, you can order any of the other items for the same extra dollar. You just can't beat it.

Not only will you not need to eat the rest of the day, you get to support your Lodge and the good works we do. Make a date with a friend or love one and come on down. The servers are friendly and the atmosphere relaxed. The good part is you can still sleep in, because we don't usually get started until 9:30 or 10 am, after we serve the AAs.

For the month of June, we served 58 AAs and 27 Elks. On June 4, and on June 25, we served 59 AAs and 14 Elks, for a monthly count of 158 breakfasts. Numbers down a little for the AAs which is expected in the summer, but the Elks are going to climb after this article, I'm sure. Bet your mouth is watering!

## Officers 2017 - 2018

Exalted Ruler	Jean Miraglia	Tiler	Casey Boggiano
Leading Knight	Karen Martyn	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Loyal Knight	Daniel Hoffman	Esquire	Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Lecturing Knight	Paul Radomski	Chaplain	Rick Herrera
Secretary	David Naccarato, PER	Officer at Large	Mike Flannery, PER
Treasurer	David Anderson		

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### Trustees 2017 - 2018

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

<b>Elk of the Year</b>	Dick McCann
<b>Officer of the Year</b>	Rik Gessler
<b>Citizen of the Year</b>	Ed Jones

### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics	Membership: Steve Kerman & David Naccarato, PER
Editor & Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER	Investigation: Alan Hardie, Diane Scott, John Duhig & Steve Kerman
USPS Mailing: Juanita Feamster	Orientation: Catherine Koeritz, PER, Chair Officers, David Naccarato, PER
Calendar: Steve Smith, PER	Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER
Website, Blog & Weekly Updates: Steve Smith, PER	Maintenance: "Max" Maxwell
Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson	Grounds: Ben Rieger
Barbeque: Jean Miraglia	Facilities: Tom Hartin, Dean Reichle & Jeff Conyers
Photography: Jill Williams	Greeters: Dorothy Murray and Kathy Moye
Forward Planning: Jim Moye, PER	PER Association President: David Naccarato, PER
Protocol: Karen Martyn	Grants Coordinator: Jim Moye, PER
Parliamentarian/Presiding Justice:	

### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

Bar Liaison: Dan Martyn, PER	Community Activities: Karen Martyn
Major Project/Purple Pig: Arthur Garcia	Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers
Bequests & Living Trusts: Arthur Garcia	Charity Matters: Karen Martyn
Elks National Foundation: Donna Leary	El Konejo Kampers: Sherri Jones
Christmas Basket Program: Karen Martyn	Christmas Tree Lot: Rich Lucariello

### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Liaison: Dan Hoffman	Public Relations: Dan Hoffman
Lodge Activities: Dan Hoffman	Conejo Valley Days: Jim Moye, PER
Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg, PER	Mediator: Boyd Lindquist
Government Relations:	Mothers Day:
Elks Memorial Service: Rick Herrera	Inaugural Ball: Dan Hoffman
Veteran Services: Carl Lanterman	Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein

### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

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

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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	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	2016-17 Mike Flannery
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	
1993-94 *Jim Wallace	
1994-95 *George Pekow	
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	

By Affiliation:

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

\*Deceased