

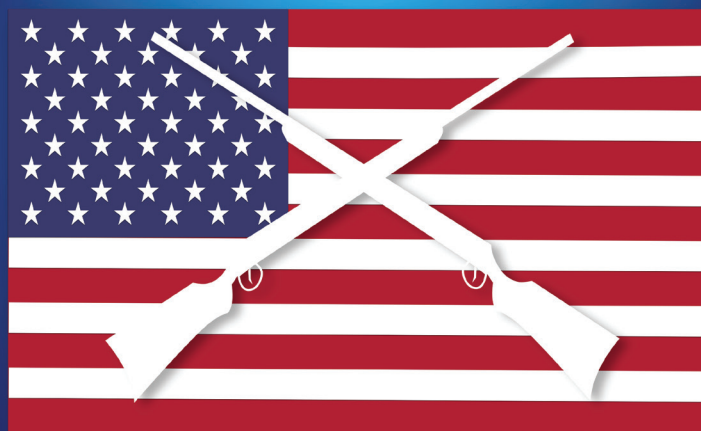


# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*



**Thank You  
VETERANS**



*Join us for our anual Veterans Day Brunch  
Sunday, November 5, at 10:30 am  
See flier on page 7 for details*

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## Duty Officers

11-02 to 11-08	Terry Gicking, PDDGER
11-09 to 11-15	Gregg Miraglia
11-16 to 11-22	Casey Boggiano
11-23 to 11-29	Steve Woodlief
11-30 to 12-06	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.

## Elk of the Month



The Elk of the Month is Art Garcia. Art is our Major Project Chairman. He has prepared several delicious Pork Verde meals, and organized fundraisers for the Purple Pig. Art's enthusiasm is catching. He has sponsored Christina, his daughter, for membership. She will be participating in our Youth Activities Program. Thank you Art for your time and generosity.

## An Appreciated ENF Donation and Effort



Gerry Gillies loaded up 1890 pounds of scrap iron from the lodge and turned it in to a scrap yard receiving \$89. He added \$11 and gave Donna Leary (pictured with Gerry), our ENF Chairperson, \$100 for ENF.

Thanks Gerry for your efforts and contribution.

## Elks Volunteering at the Walk for Cancer



## New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements

Candidate	Occupation	Sponsor
Millard Cox	Oil Field Worker	Jim Allen

## Meeting Attendance

	09-06	09-20	09-27
<b>General Members</b>	7	14	17
<b>Officers</b>	14	11	14
<b>PERs</b>	7	7	6
<b>Total</b>	28	32	37

## Membership Report

Membership as of April 1, 2017	452
Total New Members as of 9-30-17	28
Reinstatements and Transfers	5
Total Member Loss 9-30-17	37
Delinquency as of 9-30-17	5
Total Membership as of 9-30-17	448

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



## Exalted Ruler Jean Miraglia



Fall is here, however you don't see it or feel it. The weather just can't make up its mind. Will it continue to be hot??? Will it continue to create havoc in California???

The fires, both North and South of us, have disrupted many families. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

The Elks Drug Awareness Program and the DEA have joined with "SMOOSH," a digital comedy youth-targeted site. The Anti-Drug campaign was launched on October 3, 2017. This is a 13 minute video that can be viewed on the following links,

- You Tube: <https://youtu.be/U47PEdOhDbo>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/smosh/status/915297923994312704>

View this program with your children and grandchildren and forward links to your family and friends.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** Volunteers are needed for the Saturday BBQs. An hour or two of your time, to relieve a member, will be most helpful and greatly appreciated. The BBQ crews begin their day at 7:00 in the morning, preparing and cooking the meats, and setting up for our loyal customers. Their day doesn't end until they clean up and put away their tools. Please consider volunteering to relieve these dedicated members for a short while. Our BBQ is well known locally and beyond, thanks to them. You will certainly have fun and enjoy the camaraderie.

The Elks 150th Anniversary is coming up soon. Let's make this a grand Lodge event. If you have ideas please share them with me or let David, our Lodge Secretary, know.

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia  
Exalted Ruler

## Leading Knight Karen Martyn



One of the most important responsibilities of the Leading Knight is the annual charity basket program, which requires fundraising, planning and a lot of hard work from our member volunteers. I

am happy to report that the generosity of our members will again enable us to fund this important community service project.

I cannot thank enough the Konejo Kampers for their generous donation of \$3,000 to support this program. Whether it's supporting our various charitable projects including ENF, CHEA Major Project (aka Purple Pig), Charity Baskets, Dictionaries, or funding the purchase of much needed equipment for the Lodge, the Kampers always come through. The funds donated result from hard work by our Kamper volunteers and, again, on behalf of the Lodge, THANK YOU!!

The Elks Ladies once again pitched in with a donation of \$500. They are another group in the Lodge who can always be counted on to volunteer and to donate. I look forward to helping them wrap gifts for our baskets, which they always do. THANK YOU!!

Our annual charity ball held on October 7<sup>th</sup> was a well-attended, tremendous success both financially and as a fun-filled evening for all who attended. Jim Porter's crew prepared a delicious southern-style fried chicken dinner, complete with mashed potatoes, corn and collard greens followed by apple pie and ice cream. The dinner went perfectly with the fantastic (and sometimes very funny) Night at the Grand Ole Opry by Cat-Dave Productions (aka Catherine Koeritz and David Naccarato). Jimmy Miller did double duty cooking and performing, along with Catherine, David, Lori Hartin, Terry Gicking, Marlene, and special guest Paul Walker. These performers gave it their all, and then some. Thank you so very much.

Lodge Party Planner (and ENF chair) Donna Leary decorated the lodge western style and it was so appropriate for the theme. Donna always shares her God-given talent when needed. Kathy Moye sold the tickets for the opportunity

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## Loyal Knight Daniel Hoffman



We are fast approaching the Holiday season. With Thanksgiving coming up, it is appropriate to give thanks, both for our personal blessings, as well as for our Veterans, who have tirelessly served our country. Serving

our Veterans is a cornerstone of our Elks Mission. The nation will be celebrating Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Lodge will be honoring our Veterans on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am with a wonderful brunch. Under the steady guidance of our Veterans Chairman, Carl Lanterman, Tom Hartin and Chef Lodi will be preparing a special menu that will include all of the traditional brunch items to which we are accustomed. Please support this tradition and join us for the brunch on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing all of you.

As you all know, we provide many opportunities and activities for member participation at our Lodge. The monthly calendar and the Antler Antics are the sources for the listing of all these activities. Also, each month we initiate new members. It is my sincere hope and desire that the newly initiated members take advantage of everything this Lodge has to offer and return to the Lodge and meet a lot of good folks. However, I think we could do better in this area and I am going to ask for your help in improving participation. **Please let me know what we are doing right and what we are doing wrong. No siege mentality here, I really want honest feedback.** All new members have invested their valuable time in meeting each of the steps to become members of the Elks. The goal here is to make the Elks an important part of your busy lives. You may reach me at [fivehofies@yahoo.com](mailto:fivehofies@yahoo.com) or on my mobile at 818-822-2219.

Remember, you can have a good, affordable meal at the Lodge on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and the first and last Sundays each of the month. Again, the menu and price is listed on the monthly calendar.

I wish all of you Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe.

Fraternally,

Dan Hoffman  
Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knight Paul Radomski



I love being the Brotherly Love Knight. My job is to remind our Elks to always remember the oath of our Obligation that we all took when we joined. To not get hung up on “the faults of our members”

which, when written in the sand, should fade away with the winds and the rains. To always stay focused on why we are here, to live by the Golden Rule.

This month I want to encourage our members to feel obligated to stay in touch with those people who you proposed for membership and went on to become Elks. We hear it too many times that “once someone becomes an Elk, we never see them again.” We need to remind new members about the reasons they gave for wanting to join this fraternal order. We should be vigilant to keep abreast of the needs of the communities we serve and, when volunteers are needed, put out the call to those who we saw as worthy of membership.

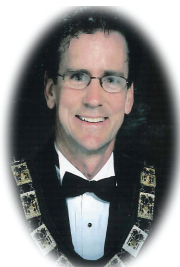
So, be that bug in someone’s ear, call them up. Let them know when we are involved in something that is right in their wheelhouse. Remind them that it’s Wednesday and we’d like to see them at the Lodge meeting for some brotherly love!

Fraternally,

Paul Radomski  
Lecturing Knight



## Secretary David Naccarato



From the Secretary I have written many times about how the Elks were started. I went searching as to why Charles Vivian came to America in the first place. He was very talented and I could not see why he couldn’t

make a go of it in London.

Charles Vivian started as a comic performer and singer in the halls of London, where he became a crowd favorite and earned glowing reviews. A well known critic at the time made the statement that Charles showed more talent than performers three times his age.

Still opportunities weren’t as plentiful as Charles would have liked. At the time 1866-1868, old pros such as George Laybourne, Alfred Vance, and Harry Clifton dominated the London stage and newcomers had to bide their time waiting for a big break.

In a hurry Charles set his sights on New York-the center of glamour and excitement where crowds from far and wide came to see the latest entertainment. After arriving he felt truly alone and asked where singers and actors congregated. He was given directions to the Star lounge and was on his way.

Charles was the son of a Clergyman and had been raised to live according to the eternal virtues-Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity( sound familiar) His parents were no longer on this earth, but he felt they were watching and helping him take the right path. Charles had 1 British pound in his pocket when he got off the ship after making his way downtown saw tall buildings with Greek columns and figured it was a bank. He asked for the exchange rate and was given 7 dollars for his British pound. He asked for every different type of coin available. Hungry he found the Star lounge and the rest is history. Look up previous articles of mine to see what happens next.

Fraternally,

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary



Bingo on September 21<sup>st</sup> had many new winners. Betty McFarland Won the hardest and split another. Paula Williams and Reva split the crazy L. Kathy Jenkins took the double hard way and didn’t share in the prize money. Marlene who ventured over the grade along with the Moye’s won the broken picture frame. Kathy Moye split with Betty. My mother, who flew out from Colorado and has never played, won twice. I thought she would be too timid to yell BINGO!! Member Sylvia Kofer won the U-Pic-Em game. We had enough players to play the horse race game which allowed Bobby Williams, Dreena(New member) and again Kathy Jenkins to all share in the prize money. Being very astute in the game of Bingo the extra cards she purchased did not go without reward. Sylvia Kofer walked away with the double action prize. And of course lunch was served.

Move ahead to October 5<sup>th</sup>. Member Marion Anderson, widow of Jon Anderson, has been supporting our BINGO for at least 8 months and she finally picked up a winner. Again I feared she would be scared to yell BINGO!! But that’s the name of the game. Kathy Jenkins was the hands down winner that day with 4 wins. She had 5 but had to split one with Lynn Rodriguez and another with Jim Moye. So two half’s is a whole so 5 out of eleven games Kathy is playing with house money. Jim also won a broken picture frame himself. Usually Charlotte Gessler is the big winner but she had to settle for the U-Pic-Em. Hey, it all spends the same. And I brought lunch. For November and December we will only be having BINGO on the 1st Thursday of each month.

### On a Side Note: Qi Gong

In Chinese Qi is “energy” and gong is “the way of”. We learn from Master William Joseph. He teaches us how to limber up, create Qi (Chi) then move the Chi where it needs to go. In China it is given as a prescription. We’ve done bone marrow cleansing. We learn exercises for the heart, spleen, kidneys and lungs. We learn how to direct Qi anywhere your body needs it. If nothing else the 20 minutes of meditation we do makes a world of difference in the daily grind. We do things that ancient Chinese saw and mimicked. Some moves are “grinding corn”, picking fruit, cow gazing at the moon, hugging a tree, standing like a tree and moving a balloon. Classes are every Tuesday at 10:30 am. Plan to attend and learn the way of Qi Gong.

David Naccarato, PER



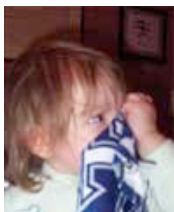
## Sickness & Distress

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

### Condolences to:

The family Jim Wiens, born Feb. 14, 1933, initiated Jan. 30, 2008 and died Sept. 22, 2017.

## The Crying Towel



**09-06-17**

**Capsule Drawing \$350**  
Dennis Schankle, no winner

**Lucky 13 \$165**

Ray Laraway, no winner.

**09-20-17**

**Capsule Drawing \$375**

Larry Cummings, no winner.

**Lucky 13 \$180**

Karen Martyn, no winner.

**09-27-17**

**Capsule Drawing \$400**

Shawn Stevens, no winner.

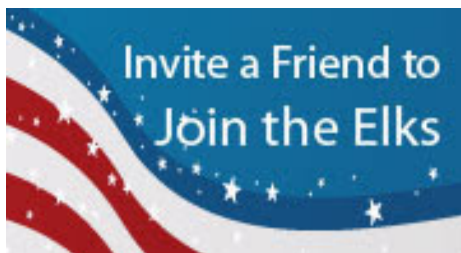
**Lucky 13 \$195**

Art Garcia, no winner.

### Leading Knight message continued

drawing. She is another lodge angel who is always willing to help. I do not know what I would do without these two selfless ladies.

Our opportunity drawing netted \$320 to Paul Walker, who generously donated a portion of it back to the program. Trustee Ray Laraway donated a mini-wagon filled with mini spirits which was won (fair & square) by yours truly. Raffle tickets sold for the wagon totaled \$340. Thanks Ray! Dee and PER Buggy Ansell donated party favors for the tables which were a nice addition to the evening. While I do not have a final number, our Charity Basket fund at last count was approximately



### Keep in your prayers

Kevin Metzger, recovering from elbow surgery.

Gerry Gilles and his wife, Ruth, who are both having had cataract surgery.

Bill Sternberg, who is having carotid artery surgery on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Coleen Morris, recovering from artery vein replacement in Rm 3424 at Los Robles Hospital, East Campus, 150 Via Merida, Westlake Village, 805-497-2727.

Jim Moye, who was black and blue on his face and arms after a fall while cleaning his pool.

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris

Peter Gordon

Max Maxwell

Billy Sternberg

Paul Radomski

Bobby Williams

Ray Laraway

Greg Sweet

Bill Joseph (Century Club)

Greg Miraglia

Jean Miraglia

Brenda Hagen

Alexandra Rogers

Dan Martyn, PER

Karen Martyn

Bill Sternberg, PER

### Recurring Donations

Art Garcia

Terry Gicking, PDDGER

\$10,000 through the generosity of our members.

We now move to planning, purchasing and delivering the baskets. Delivery will take place on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be sign-up sheets in the Lodge for turkey donations, packing and delivery. Please get involved in this project to help the needy in our community. This is what Elkdom is all about!

Fraternally,

Karen Martyn  
Leading Knight

## Be Loud & Proud of Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477

Get yours before they're gone. One of the last five Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge T-shirts. \$25 goes to the parking lot fund. They are extra large, navy blue and show the good works of the Elks and our membership. Call the office for more info, 805-496-2477.

## November Birthdays

01-John Duhig

02- Cathie Capolino

04- Brad Knupp

05- Steven Grindley

07- Kelly Jo Reed

08- Barry Hibbs

08- Robert Souza

10- Jack Carter

11- John D'Ambrogio

12- Louis Carlentine

12- Wayne LaFarr

13- Jacob Panczak

15- George Thompson

17- Russell Miller

18-Roy Ratcliffe

18- Robert "Bobby" Williams

19- Shannon Cunningham

19- Larry Levine

21-Gerry Gillies

22- Betty McFarlin

26- Beverly Reis

26- Larry Thompson

27- Wendell Oxford

29- Brian Thompson

30- Bruce Froude

## Operation Snowflake

December 16<sup>th</sup> is the date for *Operation Snowflake*. This is the event where military families who need help are invited to bring their children to Constitution Park in Camarillo to see Santa (Terry Gicking) and to be entertained, and receive gifts for the children. With the loss of state and federal funds for so many events, organizations like the Elks are asked to help make up the difference. We will start a toy drive to support the gift giving for these children. Please bring gifts for children of ages up to 18. Watch at the lodge for deposit locations.

Carl Lanterman  
NVSC Chairman

## Veterans Services

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

November 10, 1775 – U.S. Marine Corps established  
 November 11, 1918 – Signing of WWI Armistice– Veterans Day  
 November 21, 1983 – Granada Campaign ended

**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

“For the Elks, November is Veterans Remembrance Month. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission asks all Lodges to run a special event to commemorate Veterans Remembrance Month and to raise funds for the Lodge’s Veterans Service Commission.” Copied from *Elks.org*.

### November 5<sup>th</sup> is the Veterans’ Brunch @ 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

(Photos from the 2015 Brunch)

Bill Sternberg, Bill & Jeri Miller will again organize the scouts to present



Scouting Chairman Bill Miller with Scouts

the colors and lead a flag retirement ceremony. Please come out and make it another memorable day.

Veterans Day will be recognized at the lodge, but there are so many events in the



area that it is difficult to plan a big event. Watch the bulletin board.



### The Origin of Veterans Day

In July of 1917, The Order of Elks appropriated \$1-million for the War Relief Fund. This Commission evolved into the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. It organized and equipped the first two base hospitals to reach France

during World War I.

In 1918, the Elks built a 700-bed Reconstruction Hospital in Boston and gave it to the War Department. The Order also built a 72-room Community House to take care of families visiting the 40,000 soldiers at Camp Sherman, Ohio.

The Elk War Relief Commission made 40,000 loans for rehabilitation, vocational and educational programs to disabled veterans who were ineligible for Government help or were waiting approval of their applications for assistance. The GI Bill, which makes funds available to veterans for education, had its genesis from this Elk program.

In 1918, when the Armistice ended the fighting in Europe a lifelong Elk, General John J. “Blackjack” Pershing, decided that the Elks 11th Hour Significance (which dates back to the 1066 Battle of Hastings) would be the basis for the signing of the Armistice. He chose the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month for the signing of the Armistice, which is now Veterans’ Day.

**Carl Lanterman**, NVSC Chairman  
 (805) 630-8110

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## Meet our New Members



Joseph Buckout sponsored by Rita DaCorsi.



Claudia Frappier(R) sponsored by Alexandra Rodgers.



Rosalind Stenson (L) sponsored by Reem Agel.



Anna Garcia, our new Hoop Shoot Chair, sponsored by her father Art Garcia.



# ANNUAL VETERANS BRUNCH & FLAG RETIREMENT



**“So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH @ 10:30 AM**

**BRUNCH BY TOM HARTIN & CHEF LODI**

**VETERANS – FREE**

**ADULTS - \$12**

**CHILDREN - \$5**

**FLAG RETIREMENT – ELKS & SCOUTS**



Pictured Highlights from the Grand Ole Opry Charity Basket Fundraiser





## More Pictured Highlights from the Grand Ole Opry Charity Basket Fundraiser



## Karaoke Night at the Lodge



## Elks Members Recognized



Lodge members receive certificates in recognition of their lying the flag 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Kampers members receive CHEMPI certificate for Kampers donation of \$2,000 to CHEA's Major Project



## A "Grand Ole Opry" Good Time

Catherine and I had discussed putting on a show for our lodge. Leading Knight Karen Martyn asked if we could have our show as her entertainment so as not to have the need to hire a band for the occasion. That would either be an expense, taking away from the basket money or adding a \$7 price to the \$15 dinner ticket. So, Catherine and I held our, first ever, Grand Ole Opry at the lodge. Just for fun we call it Cat-Dave productions. (Sure, I'm 2<sup>nd</sup> fiddle but I'm not bitter)

The show started with hosts Dolly Parton (Cat) and George Strait (Dave) welcoming the crowd. After the welcome we had Dolly sing one of her hits, Jolene. I said HITS. You had to be there. The Highway Men followed with, Jimmy Miller (Willy Nelson) Paul Walker (Kris Kristofferson) Terry Gicking (Waylon Jennings) and yours truly as Johnny Cash. Marlene Nord rocked the house with "Down at the twist and shout" and as Patsy Cline, her

favorite, with "Walking after midnight". Lori Hartin, as Crystal Gayle, sang "Don't it make my brown eyes blue". I pulled off a George Strait hit, "Amarillo by Morning". Pam Price taught me how to have a southern drawl and to pronounce "Amarillo", which is "Amarilla".

Catherine and I sang a David Frazil and Shelley West hit, "You're the reason God made Oklahoma". Paul Walker, sounding very much the part, sang "Okie from Muskogee". Catherine Koeritz sang "Redneck Women" with all the props. Terry Gicking led everyone in line dancing to Achey, Breaky Heart complete with MULLET, and Jimmy Miller finished up with "You don't call me by my name". We led the lodge in "God bless America" and that was it, but no one left. The songs were sung, the basket winners drawn and the 50/50 was had, which, by the way, was won by Paul Walker who donated \$100 to the scholarship program. Everyone stuck

around because of the good time being had by all. The way membership at the lodge should be.

We had room for more and those who didn't give it a chance missed out. Who knows when the next Cat-Dave (sure I'm 2<sup>nd</sup> fiddle but I'm not bitter) production will be. We had a good time doing it for the members of the lodge. One member who I asked to perform turned me down flat but came up later and apologized. He thought it was going to be a joke and he was humbled. That meant a lot. I want to give a huge thanks to David Pearson and Tom Hartin for manual labor, Pamela Price for stage design and Terry Gicking on sound. Catherine was the brains, I found arguing with her is like the software agreement...just click OK. (2<sup>nd</sup> fiddle... I'm not bitter).

David Naccarato, PER

## Cat-Dave Productions

### CAT-DAVE PRODUCTIONS

(Catherine Koeritz and David Naccarato)  
"We didn't know guys did that"

That's what we heard after our last production of the 2017 "Night at the Grand Ole Opry" for the Annual Charity Fund-raiser. We are so thankful for the performers: Jimmy Miller, Paul Walker, Terry Gicking, Lori Hartin, and Marlene Nord. Without you we wouldn't have a show. THANK YOU!

Well, we've been putting on themed parties, shows, and skits for various functions and going-away parties for many years. But, it wasn't until we started the "Legends" shows that we decided to call ourselves, CAT-DAVE PRODUCTIONS.

It all started when we got the idea of putting on a "Legends in Concert" show. David was dying to play Elvis and we started planning the show for September



2006. We had a great turnout of performers and guests. We had so much fun that

we started planning more events, like the 2009 "Love Boat Cruise" with the onboard talent contest, the 2011 "Butt Stops Here" fundraiser for the Ladies Restroom, the 2012 "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" ERs' going away party, the 2015 New Year's Eve "Speakeasy", to name a few. We've been involved with entertainment for many years.

We hope to see you at the next CAT-DAVE PRODUCTIONS event. And that's home grown entertainment!

Fraternally,

Catherine Koeritz, PER  
David Naccarato, PER (Second Fiddle)

## Things You May Like to Know

San Francisco Lodge #3 is one of the first and continuously operating lodges in Elkdom. It's current building, at 450 Post St., was commissioned in early 1920 and completed in 1925. The lodge features a magnificent swimming pool where Olympian Mark Spitz swam as a child and his Grandfather was a member.

As I've mentioned before, the B.P.O.E. was started by entertainers known as the Jolly Corks. Why? Charles Vivian wanted to offer others, in the same field, stability in their unpredictable occupation. They never knew when they would be out of work, stranded, sick or broke. The Corks promised to help each other throughout their lives. February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1893 the New

York Times referred the Elks as all being reputable members of the theatrical profession, as well as officials, merchants, bankers, journalists, legal and medical men, and the bright lights of America in art, literature, and music.

Being in entertainment it was only fitting to have Clint Eastwood as a member in Monterey, Ca. lodge #1285. They made a provision for Helen Hays honorary member of lodge #15 Washington D.C. Andy Devine served as Exalted Ruler of San Fernando lodge #1539 in 1943. We also had, to our credit, Gene Autry, Jack Benny, Mickey Mantle, Vince Lombardi, Eddie Rickenbacker, and General John J. Pershing as members of the B.P.O.E.

It was General Pershing who chose the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Veterans Day and spearheaded the process to get the holiday on the calendar as a tribute to his roots in Elkdom. Will Rogers was a member of New York #1. John Bradley was a member of Appleton lodge #337 and Antigo lodge #662. Herbert Klein joined Los Angeles #99 and Santa Monica #906.

It doesn't stop there we still have members from the motion picture business joining our ranks with Kevin McBride and Al Mayer.

More next month.  
David Naccarato, PER



## Pictured Highlights of BBQ Teams Appreciation Night



## The Elks Train Goes to the Moorpark Parade



Seated in the back of the train are Boy Scout Dane Riggs of Troop # 754, with his mother Kimber and sister Bryn. The Engineer is Billy Sternberg.



## 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

### November Birthdays

5	Flo Lloyd
9	Jeri Miller
22	Betty McFarlin

This month, the Elks Ladies would like to recognize Marian Anderson. Marian grew up in Pennsylvania and spent 30 years in the Washington DC area working across the street from the White House at Riggs National Bank in the Foreign Exchange Division. She loves all forms of the Arts and obtained in Bachelors Degree in the same. She has been an Elks Lady for 5 years and a member of the Elks for 4 years. Marian served on the Board for the Ladies for 2 years in the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Ever since joining Marian has been very active and volunteering every year to

## Elks Ladies



**Karen Naccarato, President**

work on the Police & Firefighters Dinner, Veteran's Appreciation Brunch, Holiday Boutique, Children's Christmas Party, Ladies Appreciation Luncheon, Youth Appreciation Dinner and serving Friday Night Dinners and special events at the lodge. She is very much into crafts and has embroidered some aprons for the Elks Ladies to wear when we serve meals, and she keeps herself very busy with a senior craft shop in Ventura and has been on their Board for 10 years. Whenever the Ladies are putting on an event or helping the Elks with their events, you will always find Marian, and for that we really appreciate her time and efforts.

We are getting ready to gear up for the Annual Children's Christmas Party. This year it will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Mark

## 2017 - 2018 Committee Chairpersons

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

your calendars and bring your kids, grandkids and great grandkids to celebrate the Christmas season with plenty of activities. As always, there will be a visit from Santa Claus. All Elks, their families and friends are welcome to attend. Details will be in a flyer that will be posted in the Lodge and emailed to everyone. We hope to see you there.

Finally, some fun food for thought. The ability to find humor in the ups and downs of life can give us a new perspective and new way of viewing our circumstances. There is more logic to humor than in anything else, because, you see, humor is truth! It might just be helpful to remember that our humor adds color to a world gone grey with inattention! Humor and knowledge are the two great hopes of our culture!

## El Konejo Kampers



As with anything else, sometimes the dates of the campouts will overlap the deadlines for submitting articles for the Antler Antics. This is one of those times. Due to a number of factors there

will be a split with some campers going on the Laughlin bus trip while others will be going to Flying Flags in Buellton. That campout is one of the more fun campouts as there is plenty do do in the area. Also, it is that time of year and some of the regular campers are attending the hot air Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico. And frankly there are some folks just trying to get healthy enough to go camping again. I am told there will be up to five brand new campers, who are also new Elks members, that will be attending this month. Welcome to you. Since I don't have the names, we will cover that next month. But, I do have some extra special reminders for campers and non-

campers alike.

The November campout is from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> with the BIG Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday night, November 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have turkey and all the trimmings. Every year it is a special time and a delicious dinner. For anyone interested in attending, please contact Joel and Beverly Erickson for food assignments, and/or day visits. This will be the last year with one of the groups favorite camp hosts, Rona. It is at Kenney Grove Park in Fillmore. Some people come just for the day as it is a fairly easy drive home. They say things happen in threes and sure enough we have Veteran's Day to celebrate on our Thanksgiving and Retirement celebration. Should be nice. We can give thanks for all military personnel.

Every year the campers do a holiday brunch in December that is an over-the-top event. This year, it is at the Los Robles Golf Course on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available soon, so watch

for more information, or you can go to the El Konejo Kampers website ([http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com/index\\_1.html](http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com/index_1.html)). You could win a big flat screen TV or any number of other great prizes. Be entertained by the Westlake High School Corale Singers and Dancers. There is so much food on this buffet, you won't leave hungry. Also, it is a chance to sport your holiday attire, reindeer antlers, ugly Christmas sweater, or ??? You will have fun for sure.

Can you believe that we are so close to the end of the year? What happened to 2017? Well, I hope it was a good year for everyone, but if it wasn't, maybe 2018 will be better and it is so close. Keep in your prayers all the people that lost their homes recently due to hurricanes and fires, as well as all our military folks at home and abroad.

Thank you,

Jessica Stull



# **EL KONEJO KAMPERS**

## **Holiday Brunch**

**December 10, 2017**

**Los Robles Greens**

**Sunset Ballroom**

**299 S Moorpark Road**

**Thousand Oaks**

**10:30AM - 2:00PM**

**\$35 per Person**

**Manna Prizes \* Raffle Prizes**

**50-50**

**Tickets Available from:**

**Virginia Grindley (805)660-0852**

**or the Lodge Bar (cash or check only)**

**Bring canned and packaged food items for MANNA and you will receive a free ticket for a very special raffle.**

**Non-Kampers are welcome to join us.**

**Remember, this is an adults only event.**





# EL KONEJO KAMPERS Holiday Brunch

*We are actively seeking donations for the raffle prizes at the holiday brunch. If you have something to donate,*

*please contact*

*Virginia Grindley (805)660-0852*

*Thank you!!*

*Kamper Klub membership fees (\$25) for  
2018 are due in December.*



## Officers 2017 - 2018

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

Antler Antics	Membership: Steve Kerman & David Naccarato, PER
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### 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: Richard Platt	Mothers Day: Dan Hoffman
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: Paul Radomski	Scouting: Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg, PER
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Drug Awareness: Don Sabol & Mary McBride	Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief
Scholarships: Rick Herrera	Youth Appreciation Night: Paul Radomski

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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	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
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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
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1987-88 John E. Henry	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
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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	By Affiliation:
1994-95 *George Pekow	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
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1996-97 *Jack Loughran	1999-00 *Ralph Vester
	'83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine

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