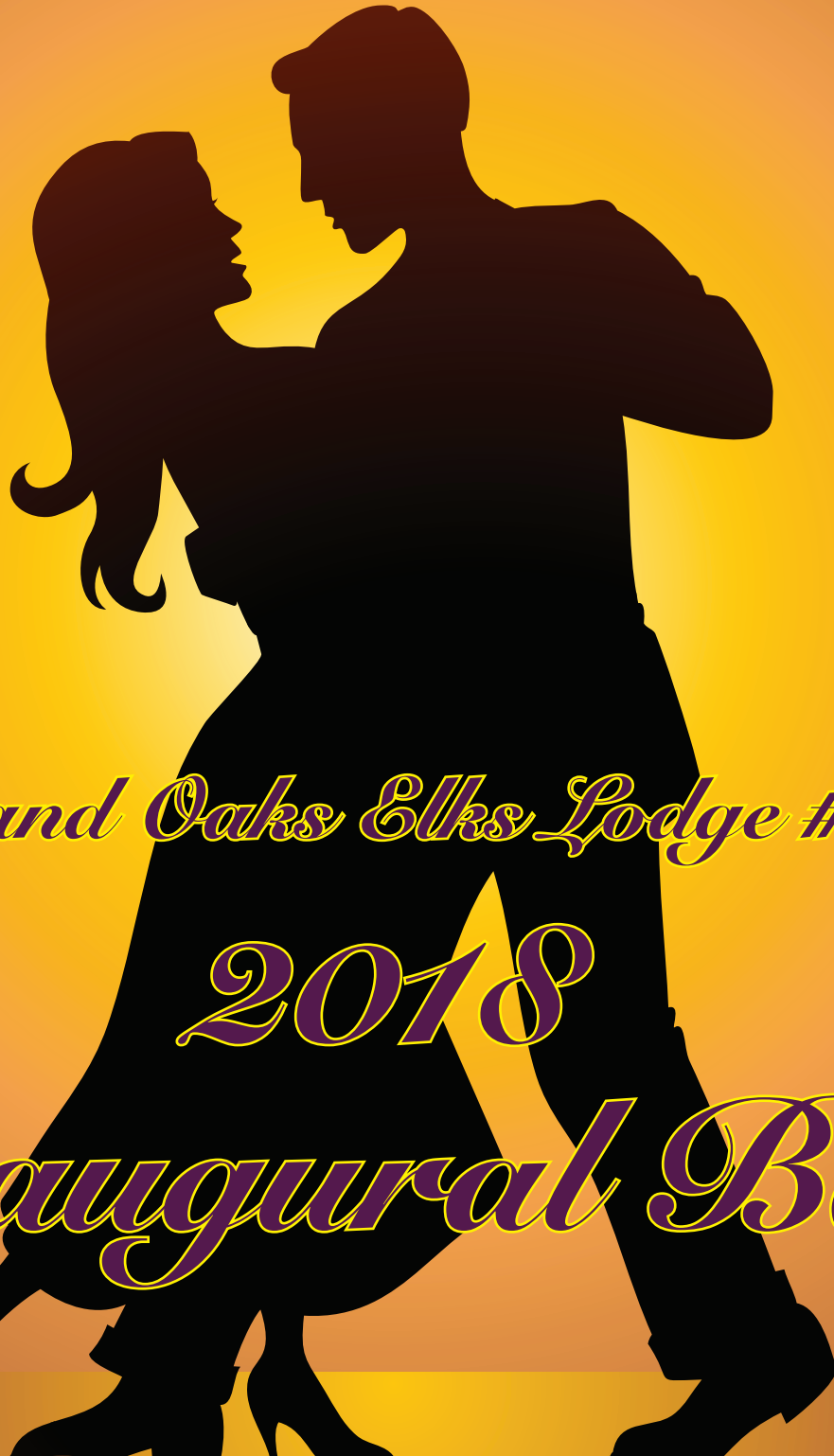




# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*



*Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477*

*2018*

*Inaugural Ball*

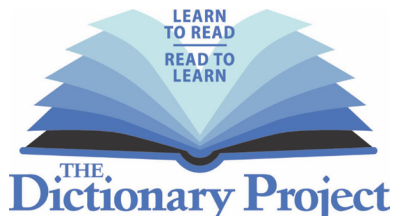
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## Duty Officers

03-01 to 03-07	Mike Flannery, PER
03-08 to 03-14	Casey Boggiano
03-15 to 03-21	David Naccarato, PER
03-22 to 03-31	ER Jean Miraglia



### 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



Who is that tall hombre in the flannel shirt? Why it's Max Maxwell, Elk of the Month. In the morning, Max can be seen around the Lodge, taking care of the daily workings of the Lodge. He is aware of the many items that need replacing, fixing or adjusting. Max your attention to the needs of the Lodge is commendable. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Jean Miraglia  
Exalted Ruler

## CHEMPI Century Club Certificate Recipients



The latest class of Century Club Certificate Recipients at the lodge meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. (L-R) John Puckett, Steve Finnerty, Arthur Garcia, Chairman, Alexandra Rogers, Billy Sternberg, ER Jean and Gregg Miraglia.

## New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements

Candidate	Occupation	Sponsor
Mike Becker	Software Developer	Carol Fredericks
Robert May	Retired	Christine Rundle

## Meeting Attendance

	01-03	01-17	01-24
<b>General Members</b>	21	11	18
<b>Officers</b>	14	15	14
<b>PERs</b>	8	7	6
<b>Total</b>	43	33	38

## Membership Report

Membership as of April 1, 2017	452
Total New Members 1-31-18	37
Reinstatements and Transfers	6
Total Member Loss 1-31-18	46
Delinquency as of 1-31-18	0
Total Membership as of 1-31-17	449

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## Exalted Ruler Jean Miraglia



The disasters of this past year have been many. They have caused hardships for many throughout the country: hurricanes, floods, fires and mud slides. The Elks reached out

to the communities to give aide and comfort. The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge acknowledges Bill Joseph for his donation of a watercolor painting commemorating Cory Iverson, Fire Engineer, who lost his life in the Thomas Fires. Bill's generous donation has inspired district lodges to join in on our efforts to help Cory's widow and children. The original watercolor is to be raffled off at our Lodge, at the Inaugural Ball. Prints were given to other Lodges to be raffled off. All proceeds will go to Cory's widow and children.

Sadly, this year has seen the passing of 17 brothers and sisters. We have acknowledged their contributions and we keep them in our memory.

At this time I want to focus on two issues that have become topics for discussion: service dogs and sexual harassment. This information is given to clarify any misconceptions one might have on these issues.

A service dog performs a valuable service to its handler. Since this has become an issue, I am sharing information I received from the ADA, and I quote:

"A service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability."

"Emotional Support Animals or Comfort Animals are not considered service animals under the ADA."

Appropriate behavior of a Service Dog is as follows; stays focused on the handler at all times, lays quietly besides the handler, no excessive moving around or barking,

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## Leading Knight Karen Martyn



As my year as Leading Knight comes to an end, I want to express my gratitude for the hard work done by the committee chairs that fall under my station.

Thank you Alex Rogers for giving weekly reports on Sickness and Distress. The lodge is indebted to Rick Lucariello for making it possible to continue selling Christmas trees this year, in light of the tree shortage. It was no easy task. Thank you Donna Leary for your passion for ENF. We look forward to your upcoming fundraisers for this wonderful cause. Thank you Art Garcia for your dedication to our Major Project aka the Purple Pig. Your generosity is so appreciated. Thank you for also chairing our BLT program.

Thanks again to all of those who contributed to our annual Charity Basket program, especially David Pearson and our very own UPS Lady, Sherri Jones. The Charity Basket project is a difficult task for a Leading Knight, but for me, it was personally rewarding, and I'm certain those who participated experienced what Elkdom is all about – serving our community and those in need.

I could not end the year without thanking the "Jersey Boys" for being such good sports during Good of the Order, and to Gerry Gillies, who handled being continually fined extremely well, considering he was fined for absolutely no good reason.

It has been a privilege to serve our lodge, and I thank you all!

Faternally,

Karen Martyn  
Leading Knight

## Loyal Knight Daniel Hoffman



The month of March is going to be filled with several memorable events. I encourage everyone to attend the following special evenings at our Lodge. See the enclosed fliers for details. The events are: St. Patrick's Day

Dinner, Saturday, March 17th by Mike Flannery, PER and his Kamper Krew; Three events on Friday, March 23rd which are the 150th Anniversary of the BPOE, the 46th Anniversary of our lodge and the announcement of the Elk of the Year; The last event is our Inaugural Ball on Saturday, March 31st.

I wanted to take a moment to recognize Paul Stein for the recent wonderful Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation Night. Paul, your work on this is very much appreciated. Billy Sternberg, thank you for the great job the Scouts did on the Presentation of Colors. Elks Ladies and all the folks that helped prepare the family style dinner, thank you so much. Everyone enjoyed a very classy and worthwhile event. I would also like to recognize The Acorn for the wonderful coverage/photos they provided. Your support of our Lodge is never taken for granted.

Well, as my year as your Loyal Knight is coming to an end, I wanted to personally thank all of you who took your personal time to prepare the Friday night dinners. Brook Okray, you have been a great partner and I would not have been able to fulfill my kitchen obligations without you. There were several members who went beyond the call of duty for me. You know who you are and thank you for your support and friendship. I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with so many of you in fulfilling all of my obligations as Loyal Knight. Thank you for always extending a helpful hand and providing me with solid guidance. Jean, our Exalted Ruler, thanks for asking me to join your team. It has been quite a ride and one that I thoroughly enjoyed. Finally, Karen Martyn, you really helped me every step of the way and your counsel was always welcomed by me.

That is it for now. Sandy and I hope to see you all at the Lodge during March for what will be some fantastic evenings. Take care and be safe.

Dan Hoffman, Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knight Paul Radomski



My, oh my! It's been one heck of an Elk year. I started the year as your Esquire and finished it as your Lecturing Knight. I have to say, it's been more fun than I expected! As I look forward to moving up

to the Loyal Knight chair I pray that no vacancy will be left behind me. I have spoken to some members who are being considered for our next Lecturing Knight and I sincerely let them know that the number one thing to remember is you are never alone.

First of all, there is a plethora of wonderful past officers who are eager to answer any questions that come up or offer advice based on their solid experience. Second of all, as Lecturing Knight you have the privilege and pleasure of managing a fabulous cadre of committee chairs in place dedicated to the marvelous works they do for Elkdom.

I owe a ton of gratitude to all my committee chairs. Thank you Steve and Mary Woodlief for being at the helm of our tremendously successful Dictionary Program! I have personally attended their presentations to watch an animated Steve mesmerize 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who can't wait to receive their very own dictionary. Thank you Rick Herrera for your dedication to our Scholarship program and the enthusiasm you bring to it! What a thrill it was to meet the recipients, all of whom fortify my faith in our soon-to-be future leaders. Thank you Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg for your exquisite leadership in our Scouting program! Nothing is more impressive than the fine young men who matriculate to Eagle Scout. And thanks to Billy Sternberg for filling his dad's shoes in the next Elk year and beyond. Thank you Reem Agel for the youthful enthusiasm you bring to our Americanism program! I look forward to all the fresh ideas you bring. Thank you Anna Garcia for taking the lead with our Hoop Shoot program! It's a pleasure to have one so skilled organizing a great sports program. Finally, thank you Don Sobol and Mary McBride for bringing your talents to our Drug Awareness program. With the epidemic of drugs in our schools these days, nothing is more important and

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## Secretary David Naccarato



It's that time again for dues. The notice will be arriving shortly. Dues are due by April 1st to receive you early bird sticker. I know how valuable that sticker is. Futures have been altered due to that

sticker.

If you are planning not to renew your membership for 2018-2019, please contact me before April 1st, so I can issue you an absolute demit.

Please also remember that delinquent or dropped members cannot use lodge facilities and cannot come in as a guest of an Elk, "Once a member, never a guest". This is a Grand Lodge statute and must be followed.

The Grand Lodge has increased the member assessment by \$1. Our dues will be 151.50 for regular members and \$87.50 for life members. I know it's small but if everyone skips the 50 cents that will be a \$900 hit that the Trustee's of the lodge didn't figure on.

Every year our lodge Trustees must put together a budget for the coming year. To begin with, they multiply the number of members by \$151.50 and \$87.50 for life. They try to predict how much income will be earned by the BBQ, the bar, Unrelated Business Income and the like. They take into account the expenses of the lodge, hoping they're estimating correctly. After the ins and outs we should have a 0 bottom line. We are a nonprofit. We have tax advantages over a conventional business which is why there are some rules that need to be followed, such as; Visiting Elks and any guest must sign the register. Elks must sign in spouses and all non-Elk visitors. All visitors must be accompanied by a member and leave when the member leaves.

Just to put it to rest, Past Elk of the year Herb Jellander was the first to pay his lodge dues.

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## Lodge Events



Purple Pig Dinner and fund raiser held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of January.



Super Bowl Party at the lodge



Special dinner for Tree Lot Volunteers



Dart Tournament and Potluck Dinner held every Tuesday night starting at 5:30pm

*For more pictures of lodge events visit [www.elks2477.com](http://www.elks2477.com) and click on the "Blog" link in the menu bar at the top of the home page.*

## Sickness & Distress

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

### Condolences to:

The family of **State Sponsor Kenneth Moore**, who passed away Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.

The family of **State Major Project Chair Debbie Hosted**, who passed away February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The family of **William Doody, MD**, born 8-4-1931, initiated 3-27-1960, affiliated with T.O. lodge 4-1-1983 and died January 20<sup>th</sup>.

The family of **Sam Frankl**, born 1-12-1947, initiated 6-16-2010 and died January 4<sup>th</sup>.

The family of **Harold Constantine**, who's **wife, Virginia**, passed away February 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Family of **Pam Price**, who's father-in-law, **Jack Price**, passed away January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Keep in your prayers

**Diane Jones**, who's mother, Dottie, had a bad fall, broke her nose and contracted the flu. She's now in rehab.

**Diana**, daughter of **Greg Metzgs, DL**, will begin therapy for cancer as soon as she is stabilized.

**Jim Mullen**, who has started Chemo Therapy.

**Alan Hardie**, who has stopped his treatment for cancer as it is not helping.

**John Nau**, who suffered a stroke and is now going through Rehab Boot Camp at St. John's Hospital, 1600 N. Rose Ave., Oxnard, Rm 4206. 805-988-2500.

**Lynette Micheli**, who had surgery to repair a broken ankle.

**Tom Corrigan**, who was hospitalized with pneumonia.

**Carl Lanterman**, who had adjustments to his pace maker

**Kaycee Radomski**, who has severe back and leg pain.

## March Birthdays

Harvey Flam-01  
Leslie Smith-01  
Alan Van Cleave-03  
Scott Lee Armstrong-05  
James Coon-05  
Dee Ansell-06  
Milton Price-06  
David Cundy-07  
Marie Reichelt -07  
Thomas Hartin-08  
Mark Rediger-08  
Richard Romani-09  
George Meehan, PER-10  
James Lovato-11  
Robert Thorton, PDDGER-11  
Paul Alvidrez-12  
Lennard Benson-12  
Tony Lerner-12  
Carmine Prizzi-12  
Don Yates-12  
Semih Sinik-14  
James Porter-15  
Kevin Metzgs-16  
Carlos Muzquiz-16  
Casey Boggiano-17  
Phillip Johnson-19  
Richard Platt-19  
Jill Williams-20  
Douglas Bevan-21  
Jay Schmidt-21  
Gary Erland-22  
Douglas Ryan-22  
Arleen Adamsky-23  
Richard Goldner, PDDGER-24  
Sally Johnson-24  
Kenneth dameron-25  
Alan Ito-25  
Donald Shewmon-27  
Victoria Novak-28  
Paul Walker of *WKRP in Cincinnati*-31

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Jon Preston  
Jill Williams (Century Club)  
Rik Gessler (Century Club)  
Virginia Grindley  
David Naccarato, PER (Century Club)  
Jean Miraglia  
Gregg Miraglia  
Art Garcia (Millennium Club)  
Juanita Feamster  
Dan Martyn, PER  
Karen Martyn  
Jim Allen BBQ team Feb 3rd  
Herb Jellander BBQ team Jan 20th  
Paul Radomski (Century Club)  
Rita DaCorsi  
Joseph Buckout  
William Maxwell  
Darryl Kopacz  
**Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Dark Night Purple Pig Event**  
Raffle participants \$174  
50/50 participants \$173

### Secretary's article continued

We have the best members. Even if they are not members of this lodge, they still have the spirit of Elkdom.

Dan Grey who is a member from Simi lodge #2492 has lately been in my sights for one reason or another. He has lent me a hand with either setting up for BINGO or dumping the trash, he gives me a hand. Our members always step up when the need arises.

B.P.O.E. Best People On Earth.

Faternally,

David Naccarato, PER

## The Crying Towel



**01-03-18**

**Capsule Drawing #1 \$500**

William Doody, not present (passed away 1-20-2017)

**Capsule Drawing #2 \$50**

Patty Harrod, not present

**Lucky 13 \$75**

Jean Miraglia, no winner.

**01-17-17**

**Capsule Drawing #1 \$500**

Paul Alvidrez, not present

**Capsul Drawing #2 \$75**

Leslie Smith, not present

**Lucky 13 \$90**

Gregg Miraglia, no winner.

**01-24-17**

**Capsule Drawing #1 \$500**

Mark Rediger, not present.

**Capsule Drawing #2 \$100**

Greg Metzgs, DL, not present.

**Lucky 13**

Rich Lucariello, no winner.

### Lecturing Knight's article continued

meaningful to our youths.

To our Exalted Ruler Jean Miraglia and my fellow officers and trustees, thank you for a great Elk year. Your leadership is inspiring and I love working with you!

In Brotherly Love,

Paul Radomski

## Veterans Services

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

March 1st – Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day  
March 3, 1931 – Star Spangled Banner was made the U.S. National Anthem  
March 19, 2003 - Iraq War Began  
March 24, 1999 - Kosovo Campaign Began  
March 31, 1995 - Somalia Campaign Ended  
March 19, 1912 - Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. was founded

**BINGO** @ Sepulveda V.A. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month at 1:00pm  
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

Welcome Home is a program started by Elks National Veteran Services in order to help veterans settle in their new homes. The program pays \$200 for furnishings for a newly settled veteran. Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 is one of only 7 lodges in California who have provided 31 “kits” under the program. We just used it again in mid-February. Nationally, 61 lodges have provided 915 kits. Thanks to David Naccarato for your work on this grant.

Requests for veterans assistance continue coming in from the VA, Salvation Army, Gold Coast Veterans Foundation and sometimes direct contact. Many older veterans who never needed assistance with VA benefits in the past, now find that help is sometimes found where least expected. If you or any veteran you know needs help, please call Carl @ 805-630-8110.

The annual “Point in Time (PIT)”

homeless count in Ventura County was scheduled for Feb. 21st. Each time I try to quote updated numbers of homeless veterans, a new “official” number comes up under a different scenario. I will do my best to provide accurate numbers when they become available.

The director of the VC Military Collaborative, Kim Evans-Logie has announced her resignation, in light of a full schedule and family needs. I attended the first collaborative meeting at the 146th Airlift Wing, where Kim presided. Over the past 5 years, the collaborative has grown to more than 150 organizations that provide myriad services to veterans and Kim has volunteered countless hours of personal time and effort. Two big events each year are (1) the Expo, usually attended by 100 vendors and 1,000 visitors and, (2) Operation Snowflake with Terry Gicking as Santa and Jane Watson as his

“elf”. This event provides Christmas gifts to military families who cannot otherwise afford a good time.

Congresswoman Julia Brownley was instrumental in obtaining the Purple Heart for David Stull, 47 years after his service in Vietnam. She has now gotten a bill passed that will remove a major hurdle for the potential presentation of the Medal of Honor to an Oxnard resident and ground forces Marine in Vietnam. We are hopeful that the Pentagon and President will authorize the presentation.

We were planning a big event at the lodge, but had to delay because of a scheduling conflict. Stay tuned.

**Carl Lanterman**, VSC Chairman  
(805) 630-8110  
[carl.silverstrand@gmail.com](mailto:carl.silverstrand@gmail.com)

### Exalted Ruler's message continued

ignores distractions, is quiet at all times, doesn't sniff others or pick up food or objects from the floor or engage with other dogs and people, and is house broken”; just to name a few.

Sexual Harassment appears to be the topic of the day. Please be mindful of the members, employees and guests that are at our Lodge. We are a family; we relax, joke, and sometimes say things in jest. Consider how others might view this? We cherish friendships and don't want to be misunderstood by a single expression.

Looking forward to March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are combining the celebration of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge's 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and BPOE 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the “Elk of the Year” dinner. Plan to attend. Also, join us on March 31<sup>st</sup> for the Installation of Officers and the Inaugural Ball. Be there to welcome in our new Exalted Ruler and Officer Corps.

As I complete another chapter in my life, that being Exalted Ruler of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477, I have come to realize that we function more like family. We have many bumps in the road, but manage to overcome them. I view my year as a learning experience, an East meets West situation. Do we always agree? No. However, our efforts are for the good of the Lodge. I have enjoyed my year, met and made new friends, and worked with many of our members. I recognized that the dealings of the Lodge are multi-faceted and there isn't always an easy answer.

In closing, I want to thank the members for their support, especially my Officers: Leading Knight Karen Martyn, Loyal Knight Dan Hoffman, Lecturing Knight Paul Radomski, Esquire Terry Gicking, PDDGER, Secretary David Naccarato, PER, Chaplain Rick Herrera, Treasurer

Dave Anderson, Tiler Casey Boggiano, Trustees Pam Price (C.O.B.), Dan Martyn, PER, Rich Lucariello, Ray Laraway and Steve Woodlief and Officer at Large Mike Flannery, PER.

A very special THANK YOU to my FIRST GENTLEMAN, MAN, MATE, DUDE, ETC. and Inner Guard, GREGG, without your help I couldn't have done the job.

Keep in your prayers our First Responders, Veterans and our Servicemen and women, who face danger daily, to keep us safe and free. Fly our Flag proudly. GOOD BLESS AMERICA!

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia  
Exalted Ruler

## Law Enforcement and Firefighter Recognition Event a Success

On Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> our Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 conducted the 41<sup>st</sup> annual law enforcement and firefighter recognition event. Over 110 Elks and guests attended the event. The event honors law enforcement and firefighters who work in the Conejo Valley area, which includes Westlake, Hidden Valley, Thousand Oaks, Malibu and Newbury Park.

The honorees were:

- Captain Kenny Kappen, Ventura County Fire Department.
- Deputy Travis Neet, Ventura County Sheriff's Department.
- Firefighter Phil Najemnik, Los Angeles County Fire Department.
- Deputy Kristen Deschino, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

The honorees have been singled out by their respective departments as

outstanding performers and individuals whose dedication to serving the public has spanned a number of years.

In attendance to present awards were City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Rob McCoy. Additionally, County Supervisor Linda Parks and State Assembly Member, Jacqui Irwin made presentations to the honorees. Retired Fire Chief Paul Stein was the Master of Ceremonies.

During the event two Ventura County Sheriff Deputies Joshua Richter and Jon Bentrup were awarded the Elks Hero Award. On December 23, 2017 around 5:00am a call came over the air that a house was on fire in Newbury Park. When the deputies arrived on scene they found a lady and her dog on the lawn and the house on fire. Armed with fire extinguishers they entered the building that was full of smoke and

bravely extinguished the fire. They saved Christmas for the home owner.

A special thanks to all the Elk volunteers who helped make the event a great success.

Also, tickets were being sold for a water color painting depicting a firefighter at the Thomas fire with the proceeds going to the Wife and Daughter and one on the way of Cory Iverson. Cory was up from San Diego fire helping out with the Thomas fire and was caught in a flare up and was killed. Member Bill Joseph purchased the original water color and donated it for this auction. The winning ticket will be pulled May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*For more pictures of this event visit [www.elks2477.com](http://www.elks2477.com) and click the Blog link in the menu bar on the home page.*



## Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477, 46 Years Ago

### How and Why It All Began

The year was 1971. Richard Nixon was president and Ronald Reagan was Governor of California. The West Central Coast District was established in the 1967-68 Elk year and in 1971 consisted of seven lodges.

The population of Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park was 27,000 and there were two high schools. The Westlake area was just being developed.

Thousand Oaks lodge was the result of an innocent conversation during an afternoon get together of two men Dick Flake and Vern McNaboe at the Holiday Inn in Newbury Park. Dick Flake was a member of Garden Grove and Vern was a Charter Trustee of San Fernando lodge. Their conversation eventually got around to the Order of Elks.

As their conversation continued another man at the Inn introduced himself and asked if there was a lodge in Thousand Oaks. Dick and Vern both said no "but wished there was one". The man asked for their contact information and, after receiving it on a cocktail napkin, the man was gone. Dick and Vern both forgot all about the meeting.

About two weeks later, after Dick got home from the office, his wife informed him he had received a phone call about starting a lodge in Thousand Oaks, and if they were serious, to give him a call back. The man they met that afternoon was John Armstrong, a Past Exalted Ruler of Ventura lodge and the district's New Lodge Chairman. Dick called back and set up a dinner meeting to

discuss how to go about starting a lodge in Thousand Oaks. At the meeting was Ralph Sussmark, the CHEA New Lodge Chairman and he outlined the problems that could be encountered in the start up of a new lodge.

Dick Flake, who worked for an insurance company in the area, spoke with some co-workers who agreed to help with the start up. First they needed some working capital to fund the work to be done. Each man contributed fifty dollars to an expense account.

With a "Stray Elk" list, letters were sent to Elks in the area with the idea of building a new lodge. A meeting date was chosen and the place for the meeting was the Los Robles Inn.

We're now in February 1971, and if you guessed that this was the night of the big earthquake, February 16<sup>th</sup>, you'd be right. Needless to say the lodge got off to a rocky start. To raise more funds a bottle of spirits was auctioned off a total of seven times. The lodge was instituted February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1972 with 115 members on the books. By Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 1972, 140 more members became part of the class of Charter Members of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477. The Past Exalted Rulers of Oxnard lodge #1443 were the Initiating Officers. A few years later when Simi Valley lodge #2492 came into being, our Past Exalted Rulers installed their Charter Member class. This is why we refer to Simi as our "sister" lodge.

David Naccarato, PER  
Researched by Tom Ryder, PDDGER

## Letters and Cards to the Lodge

### Thank You Card from Danielle Fleisher

Dear Elks Lodge. I would like to express my gratitude to the members of 2477 for adopting my family this past holiday season. The past couple of years have been very difficult for my family due to many unforeseen incidents. My 5 daughters and I have been able to move in with my parents, my Mom being a cancer survivor herself. We all work hard every day to pick up the broken pieces. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for providing my family not only Christmas but also with a feast. We are much honored

to be one of your families you chose this holiday season.

### Received from Linda and Randy Knox

Dear Jean and David & all we want to thank you so very much for the special "teenager of the year" award you honored Ben with. It was such a surprise for him. He was overwhelmed to receive it! We thank you for giving him the opportunity to grow and mature with providing him the opportunity to volunteer for special causes. Look forward to many more years for "Sammy" is next.

## 150 Years Ago

We, the Elks, are celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> year as a fraternal organization. Other events from 1868 include:

- "Decoration Day", a predecessor to Memorial Day where mourners decorated the graves of Civil War Veterans with flowers, is first observed in Decatur, IL.
- The House of Representatives votes to impeach President Andrew Johnson for violations regarding the Tenure of Office Act. He was later acquitted by the Senate.
- The Fourteenth Amendment, which grants citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States, is adopted.
- Republican Candidate Ulysses S. Grant is elected President, defeating Democratic challenger Horatio Seymour.
- The territory of Wyoming is created.
- The "Stapler" is patented.
- Fish dealer William Davis invents the refrigerated train car.
- "Hamlet" premiers in Paris.
- Reno, Nevada is founded.
- Tom Morris makes the first *hole-in-one*, at the 8th hole, while playing golf at Prestwick's.
- Congress passes an eight-hour work day law for Federal employees.
- Japan's Shogun military dictatorship is overthrown and the city of Edo is renamed Tokyo.
- The element "Helium" and the first skeleton of the Cro-Magnon are both discovered.



# Elks National Foundation



**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

**March Birthdays**

1	Angie Prizzi
3	Rosa Conde
6	Dee Ansell
11	Crystal Dool
18	Beverly Cabello
20	Jill Williams
25	Jessica Stull

This month, the Elks Ladies would like to recognize Charlotte Gessler. Charlotte has been a member of the Elks Ladies for 35 years. Charlotte has served on the Board for the Elks Ladies as the Treasurer from 2008 to current with only 1 year off. She has always volunteered in

**Elks Ladies**



**Karen Naccarato, President**

most all of the different events and fund raising that the Ladies do. She co-chaired the Chinese Auction which was a very successful fund raiser the Ladies held 2 years ago, Charlotte also arranges for servers for many Friday night dinners and special events at the Lodge. Charlotte is no stranger to charity work within our community, as she also is very active with her church activities in addition to our work. For all that you have done and continue to do; we thank you for all of your time and efforts.

We have a Slate of Officers for our 2018-2019 Board to be elected at our March meeting; the proposed slate is as

**2017 - 2018  
Committee Chairpersons**

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

follows: Karen Naccarato, President; Rose Barrington, 1st Vice President; Open for Nomination, 2nd Vice President; Diane Lovato, Secretary; and Charlotte Gessler, Treasurer. Our Installation Dinner is March 13, 2018, please plan to attend and enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by Tom Ryder. For reservations contact Karen Naccarato at 805-496-2477.

Finally, some fun food for thought. Whether it's the best of times, or the worst of times, enjoy it! It's the only time we've got. Life is not about how you survived the storm; it's about how you dance in the rain! Life is always a 2nd chance. It's called tomorrow! Have a great day!

**Meet Our New Members**



Matt McGee being pinned by Terry Gicking, PDDGER. Matt was sponsored by Jack Murray



Robert Hodgson with sponsor David Naccarato, PER



Steve Brodie (R) sponsored by Doug Brown



Gary Berg (L) with Bobby Williams standing in for sponsor Bill Fulton



New members Kenneth Dameron (L) and Jim Ryland (R) with their sponsor Carl Lanterman, our Veterans Services Chair

## Teenager of the Year, Ben Knox



(L-R) Reem Agel, Americanism Chair, Ben's Brother, Sammy, ER Jean Miraglia, Lodge Secretary David Naccarato, PER, Teenager of the Year Ben Knox, Ben's mother Linda and Ben's grandmother.



### From Ben

Dear Elks Lodge,

Thank you so much for the Teenager of the year award. It means a lot and was a great surprise.

## Elks Care – Elks Share

### El Konejo Kampers



The first camp out of the year took place at the SM Elks Lodge hosted by Jim and Kathy Moye. We had fifteen rigs attend. The party animals attending include Betty and Henry Vega, Virginia Grindley and John Puckett, Alan and Trish Ito, Ed and Rita DaCorsi (incidentally, Rita is the new Vice President of the campers. I couldn't remember her last name in one of my previous articles. Sorry, Rita), Don and Roxy Skinner, David and Jessica Stull, Herb and Pat Jellander, Jane Watson, Rik and Shirste Gessler along with Shirste's mom Maureen, Jim Miller and Patty Bauman, Joel and Beverly Erickson, Jim and Kathy Moye, Jim and Diane Lovato, Carol Spinner and Ann Digman, and Mike and Mary Flannery. Numerous cats and dogs were present as well. Can't be certain, but it seemed everyone was in a festive sort of mood, probably camping withdrawal since we had nothing in January.

Very few campers did not go to Jocko's for dinner on Thursday so 25 people kept Jocko's on their toes and made for a three hour excursion. Food is always good, so it is fun to see the newbies faces when they see the portions and enjoy the deliciousness of it all. While the majority

of the campers went to "cook your own steak night" at the lodge, they had no idea they would run into almost 700 people at the lodge due to a sell out band. Yes, can you imagine? The wait just to get tickets was crazy. Fortunately, we were able to buy ours ahead or most of us would have just given up. There were at least six birthday parties there with about 40 people for each celebration and that wasn't even the majority of people. Too many for my taste.

Saturday is usually the big activity day with this group an this one was no exception. The potluck had more food than anyone could finish and the corn hole game was competitive. Betty Vega is getting famous for her delicious fudge and she is raising expectations that she always bring it. Winners in the corn hole tournament were John Puckett and Ed DaCorsi and in second place were Herb Jellander and Alan Ito. Winners of the FREE Camp outs were Rik and Shirste Gessler and Alan and Trisha Ito, and the winner of the 50/50 was Virginia Grindley. A BIG Congratulations to all the winners. I mentioned party animals earlier. Must be because both Saturday and Sunday there was a competitive dog show with American German Shepards being featured. It was right out on the lawn at the lodge for all of us to see. Most of the pet dogs wanted to join, though their owners kept control. Congrats to those

winners too.

The SM Lodge invited us to participate in their Monte Carlo night. We were tentative, not knowing what to expect as the flyer said they would have Cuban food and that there would be Cuban cigars for purchase. It also said you could dress tropical???? I was so confused, Monte Carlo is in Europe, near France, and anything but tropical. In fact, you have to be really dressy to get into that casino. But, I have to say, despite the mixed metaphors or whatever, those of us who attended had a delicious meal and so much fun gambling. They had Craps, Roulette, Poker and Black Jack. Several of the ladies including Roxy, Kathy, Virginia, Carol and me had a ball on the craps table, and everyone wanted us to roll the dice, as we were winning everyone a lot of money. The dealers liked us too, as our laughter and screams brought a lot of attention to the table and made the time fly by. We were all sad when it ended. None of us won any big money, but Kathy's ticket was drawn and she won some stuff. Yes, stuff, not great prizes, but the whole idea was fun and the night did deliver. All and all, a really busy and fun camp out.

Be sure to get your tickets for the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Mike Flannery and crew put on a fantastic meal and it is always a sellout. Don't be left out.

## 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		

### 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

<p>Antler Antics</p> <p>Editor &amp; Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER</p> <p>USPS Mailing: Juanita Feamster</p> <p>Calendar: Steve Smith, PER</p> <p>Website, Blog &amp; Weekly Updates: Steve Smith, PER</p> <p>Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson</p> <p>Barbeque: Jean Miraglia</p> <p>Photography: Jill Williams</p> <p>Forward Planning: Jim Moye, PER</p> <p>Protocol: Karen Martyn</p> <p>Parliamentarian/Presiding Justice:</p>	<p>Membership: Steve Kerman &amp; David Naccarato, PER</p> <p>Investigation: Alan Hardie, Diane Scott, John Duhig &amp; Steve Kerman</p> <p>Orientation: Catherine Koeritz, PER, Chair Officers, David Naccarato, PER</p> <p>Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER</p> <p>Maintenance: "Max" Maxwell</p> <p>Grounds: Ben Rieger</p> <p>Facilities: Tom Hartin, Dean Reichle &amp; Jeff Conyers</p> <p>Greeters: Dorothy Murray and Kathy Moye</p> <p>PER Association President: David Naccarato, PER</p> <p>Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato, PER</p>
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### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

<p>Bar Liaison: Dan Martyn, PER</p> <p>Major Project/Purple Pig: Arthur Garcia</p> <p>Bequests &amp; Living Trusts: Arthur Garcia</p> <p>Elks National Foundation: Donna Leary</p> <p>Christmas Basket Program: Karen Martyn</p>	<p>Community Activities: Karen Martyn</p> <p>Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers</p> <p>Charity Matters: Karen Martyn</p> <p>El Konejo Kampers: Sherri Jones</p> <p>Christmas Tree Lot: Rich Lucariello</p>
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### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

<p>Kitchen Liaison: Dan Hoffman</p> <p>Lodge Activities: Dan Hoffman</p> <p>Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg, PER</p> <p>Government Relations: Richard Platt</p> <p>Elks Memorial Service: Rick Herrera</p> <p>Veteran Services: Carl Lanterman</p>	<p>Public Relations: Dan Hoffman</p> <p>Conejo Valley Days: Jim Moye, PER</p> <p>Mediator: Boyd Lindquist</p> <p>Mothers Day: Dan Hoffman</p> <p>Inaugural Ball: Dan Hoffman</p> <p>Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein</p>
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### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

<p>Youth Activities: Paul Radomski</p> <p>Hoop Shoot: Anna Garcia</p> <p>Drug Awareness: Don Sabol &amp; Mary McBride</p> <p>Scholarships: Rick Herrera</p>	<p>Scouting: Billy Sternberg, Chair and Bill Sternberg, PER</p> <p>Americanism: Reem Agel</p> <p>Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief</p> <p>Youth Appreciation Night: Paul Radomski</p>
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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 Sleigh  
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
1993-94 \*Jim Wallace  
1994-95 \*George Pekow  
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER  
1996-97 \*Jack Loughran

1997-98 \*John Kelly  
1998-99 Chet Kozlowski  
1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER  
2000-01 Jacob Panczak  
2001-02 John D'Ambrogio  
2002-03 Don Booker  
2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER, DL  
2004-05 \*Jay Block  
2005-06 \*Sally Claunch  
2006-07 David Naccarato  
2007-08 Catherine Koeritz  
2008-09 George Meehan  
2009-10 Terry Gicking, PDDGER  
2010-11 \*Harry Brockwell  
2011-12 Steve Smith  
2012-13 Leo Rodriguez  
2013-14 Terry Baker  
2014-15 Dan Martyn  
2015-16 Jim Moye  
2016-17 Mike Flannery

By Affiliation:

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

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