

Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



Elks Care - *Elks* Share

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Elk of the Month



My pick for September's Elk of the Month is Richard Shaw. Rich volunteers regularly to work on the Kampers' breakfasts as well as initiation night dinners and other special event dinners. Rich is a Marine Corps veteran. He is an avid if not proficient golfer and participates in our weekly dart tournaments as well as daily CRS meetings on the patio. Thanks for your support Rich.

Karen Martyn
Exalted Ruler

Our Lodge Secretary
David Naccarato, PER

On the Happy Road to Recovery



Have You Proposed



a New Member today?

Duty Officers

08-30 to 09-05	Debbie Clingan
09-06 to 09-12	Leo Rodriguez
09-13 to 09-19	Holly Healy
09-20 to 09-26	Richard Lucariello
09-27 to 10-03	Ray Laraway

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.

New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements

Candidate	Occupation	Sponsor
Adam Smith	Plumber	Ernie Escoto
Edward Lee	Retired	Ernie Escoto
Stephen Hearst	Workflow Systems	Ernie Escoto

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

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Exalted Ruler Karen Martyn



I would like to start off by congratulating PER Leo Rodriguez on his election as Esteemed Loyal Knight. Thank you Leo for taking this position. I am confident given your dedication and experience that you will do a great job

with the many responsibilities that fall under this chair.

I need to reach out to our membership again. As you all know, our Lodge is in need of a Veteran's Services Chairman. It is so important that we continue to support these fine men and women who have sacrificed so much for us. Please consider overseeing or volunteering for this committee.

Another vacant position that needs to be filled is crew chief for the first Saturday bbq each month, the Numero Uno team. Our Saturday bbqs are vital to the Lodge. Some of our members have been filling in as crew chief but they are tired and need relief. We cannot afford to lose a crew because we have no leader. Perhaps to ease the burden two members could work together and share the position as crew chiefs?

I attended the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Clinic on August 11th in Santa Barbara along with Leading Knight Dan Hoffman and COB Pam Price. These meetings are always filled with interesting presentations. We heard from the various West Central Coast District Committee Chairmen. Our very own Richard Goldner, PDDGER, gave an informative report on Membership Interests, and we received more information about our business practices, bar service issues, tax issues affecting not for profit organizations and membership growth. These clinics are open to all members, so please feel free to join us.

Finally, I want to encourage members to attend our regular meetings as well as our regular House Committee meetings. This is a good way to stay informed about lodge operations and issues, and to offer your ideas and provide input at the House Committee meetings.

Fraternally,

Karen Martyn
Exalted Ruler

Leading Knight Dan Hoffman



I want to thank everyone for attending the ENF dinner on Aug. 4th. Special thanks to Jean and Gregg Miraglia for the wonderful chicken Parmesan, which they donated. Thank you ER Karen Martyn for the great room

decorations and for volunteering Dan to do the dishes. Thanks to my wife Sandy for the awesome spaghetti and the auction items. Kathy Moye, thanks for staffing the opportunity drawing. Finally, thank you Pam Price for all of your assistance. We ended up with a profit of \$1390.00. It was a wonderful night and the feedback on the entertainment was positive.

Art Garcia, Purple Pig Chairman, will be presenting a Purple Pig dinner on Wednesday, Aug 29th at 6pm. Art, and his children, who are both Elks members, will be preparing authentic tacos. The price is \$5.00 for two tacos. These tacos are donated by Art and would go elsewhere for \$5.00 each. For those of you who have been unable to attend any of our home cooked dinners, make this one the first. You will be supporting our Major Project.

We will be remembering 9/11 at the regular meeting on Sept 12th. **As Elks, we will never forget the horrific events that occurred on 9/11.** There will be a short remembrance and we will have some beautiful 9/11 commemorative coins on hand for \$5.00 apiece. The profit from the sales of these coins will be shared by Major Project/Purple Pig and the Christmas Basket Program. Please try to attend this meeting. I look forward to seeing some new faces.

Our Christmas Basket Program, fund raising dinner/event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Mark your calendars now. More information will follow. This is a very worthy Charity and we will positively impact many families and senior citizens. It will be fun so please volunteer to assist. Please contact me with any questions. Remember, *Charity is the greatest of all virtues and it should ever rule us in our hearts and in our lives.*

It is hard to believe that summer break has come to an end and school is starting. Sandy and I hope you all had a fun summer with your kids and grandkids. If I can help you in anyway, please contact me at Fivehofies@yahoo.com or 818 822 2219.

Loyal Knight Leo Rodriguez, PER



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the new members who do not know me. I am Leo Rodriguez, a Past Exalted Ruler, and I have been installed as your Esteemed Loyal Knight. I want to thank all members

for entrusting me with responsibility for the success of committees under my chair. I ask members to contact me at any time with your ideas and/or suggestions with regard to Lodge Activities. My goal is to have activities at the lodge which members will enjoy, and come to the lodge to meet new members and reconnect with our longtime members in order to build the camaraderie that is a huge part of a fraternal organization such as ours.

There are many members who want to be active and volunteer their time to do good work for our many charities, and give back to our community. Get to know your fellow members and have fun by volunteering and participating in fundraisers and lodge activities. It is really a fulfilling and satisfying feeling to work together as a team to raise funds to provide help to the less fortunate in our community.

The success of our Lodge depends on the participation of our members. I would like to see everyone become active and be a part of making this Lodge respected by our community for all the great things we do. I urge you to contact me at any time. I am willing to do whatever it takes to get our members into the Lodge and be a part of supporting our community charities.

I am currently looking for a Chairman to fill a vacancy for the Veterans Services Committee. If you have any interest in this position, and/or would like more details as to what duties are involved, please contact me and I will be happy to meet with you.

Finally, I am looking for members to help cook Friday night dinners, so if you are interested, please let me know. I can be reached by phone at 805-338-3195 or email me at lgrodrig@juno.com.

Fraternally,

Leo Rodriguez
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Sickness & Distress

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

Condolences to:

None to report.

Keep in your prayers

Jim Mullen who was home from the hospital one day, fell and was re-admitted.

Lodge Secretary David Naccarato, PER who is recovering from surgery.

The Crying Towel

*No Drawings on July 11th
AVP Visitation Night*

07-25-18

Capsule Drawing

No Winners

Lucky 13

No winner

September Birthdays

Edward Ayril-03
Julie Cook-03
Dan Hoffman-03
John Mutolo-03
Geoffrey Garcia-04
Tom Ryder, PDDGER-04
Leonard Cardoni-06
Ed Jones-06
Dorothy Murray-07
Vernon Noell-07
Anna Garcia-08
Jean Miraglia, PER-10
Larry Zarybnicky-11
Kathe Wilson-12
Dennis Anderson-13
James A LaRue-15
Christine Rundle-15
Lisa Teevan-16
Bill Lloyd, PDL-17
Ed Rice-17

Chris Campbell-18
Kirk Keeler-18
John Wendling-18
Raymond Sobrino-19
Robert Jacalone-21
Juanita Feamster-22
Jerry Serota-23
Stella Violano-23
Boyd Lindquist-24
Karen Martyn-25
Michael Dow-26
Marshall Knowlton-26
Vanessa Romero-27
Richard Russillo-27
Stephen Buczynski-28
Doug Carroll-28
Brian Boals-29
John Nau, PER-29
Reem Agel-30

Elks Care

Elks Share

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge - Official Rest Stop of the ALS So Cal Ride



Dear Karen,

On behalf of the entire So Cal Ride to Defeat ALS Committee and ALS Association Golden West Chapter Staff, we'd like to thank you so much for allowing us to use Elk's Lodge as our official Rest Stop this past weekend. Our participants only had nice things to say about their experience stopping off there and the location couldn't have been better. We are so appreciative of your kindness and effort in making sure our event was flawless. Because of you, we are inching closer and closer to our \$50,000 goal! We do hope you'll consider continuing to grow with and support us as we look forward to doing it all again in 2019!

Have a great rest of your week!

Gillian Wallengren
Community Outreach Coordinator,
Team Challenge ALS, Southern California
The ALS Association Golden West Chapter

**BIOGRAPHY OF
MICHAEL T. LUHR
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2018–2019**

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.



Michael T. Luhr was born in Petersburg, Alaska, on August 22 to Donald H. Luhr and Beulah E. (Reid) Luhr. Michael has one brother, Robert, and two sisters, Donna and Joyce. He attended elementary and high school in Petersburg, graduating in 1974.

Michael started his working career at the age of 9. He served as a janitor at a Ben Franklin store for two years, shelved boxes at a grocery store for two years, and worked at a fish cannery for another year. Through a school work program at the age of 15, Michael worked at a machine shop during the summers until graduation.

Upon graduating from high school, Mike worked with a logging company, a mining company, and a road construction company. In 1980, he purchased the floating machine shop where he worked as a teenager, becoming the fourth owner of the business.

In June of 1984, Michael met his wife Barbara (Barb) at the local daycare facility where their respective children were enrolled. Mike and Barb had their first child, Bradee, in 1989, and were married on January 8, 1991. Together they have four children, Sabrina, Francis IV (John), Justin, and Bradee,

and five grandchildren.

Also in 1984, Barb joined Michael to operate the machine shop. They worked together as sole proprietors until 2011, when a group of fishermen approached them with an offer they could not refuse. With the support of 25 local fishermen, Mike and Barb bought the shipyard in Petersburg, which had closed the previous year. Today, the business employs 17 people and provides a full-service ship store with vessel haul out, engine service, and machine shop facilities.

Michael was proposed and initiated into Petersburg Lodge No. 1615 in November 1977 by his father, Exalted Ruler Donald, along with ten of his lifelong school friends.

He served as a Trustee from 1990 to 1998 and was appointed as Esquire in 1998. He continued through the Chairs and was named Exalted Ruler in 2001–2002 and 2002–2003. He was elected to the Trustees again, serving from 2003 to 2008. He has served as the Lodge Treasurer since 2008.

Michael began his service at the State level in 2004 when he was elected as Trustee. He was elected and served as President of the Alaska State Elks Association in 2009–2010 and continues to serve as Chair of the ASEA's Charitable Trust Fund, Advisory Committee Chair, and on the Lodge Development Board.

At the Grand Lodge level, Michael was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Alaska's East District in 2005–2006, 2007–2008, and 2008–2009. He was appointed to the G/L-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee from 2010–2012. He was appointed as Special Representative to the Alaska East District in 2011, serving through December 2017.

In 2012, Michael was elected to represent Area 8 on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Building Applications–West Member in 2012–2013, as Secretary of the Board from 2013–2015, and Vice Chairman in 2015–2016. He was appointed as Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the State of Alaska from 2016 to the present. At the G/L Convention in Reno, Michael was elected and installed as Grand Esteemed Leading Knight and served in that capacity for the 2017–2018 fraternal year.

On a personal level, Mike was very active in baseball growing up and is in the Little League Hall of Fame. He coached women's softball and Little League for many years until the Elks became his passion. Children John and Bradee, as well as son-in-law Adam, are all Members of the Elks and were initiated by Michael.

Pictured Highlights of AVP Ed Martin's Visit to Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge



More Pictured Highlights of AVP Ed Martin's Visit to Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge





BEST FRIED CHICKEN

*MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
CORN ON THE COB, BISCUIT & SALAD*

*FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH
SERVING @ 6:00 ONLY \$12.00*

*DINNERS BY
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*"DJ Music by Ruben"
Simi Valley Lodge*





Laughlin Bus Trip



October 7th thru 9th

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\$ 165 per person (Double Occupancy)

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

Contact:

Annie Pearson	805-492-3707	Kathy Moye	805-388-6025
David Pearson	805-341-0984	Jim Moye	805-443-6261

Bus Itinerary:

7th 7:30am Check-In
 8:00am Leaves Lodge
 9th: 10am Leaves Laughlin
 Dinner at Lodge

Elks Ladies

Karen Naccarato, President



President Karen Naccarato and the Board discussed several ideas for future activities sponsored by the Ladies. Our annual Ladies Luncheon will be chaired by Jill Williams.

No date has been established at this time. Different themes were presented by members. Final decision will be made by Jill. Date and details will be announced.

Be assured you will have a good time at this event.

Other events to look forward to will be gift wrapping for the Christmas baskets and the children's party. These are important community services that the Elks Ladies sponsor every year. Ladies are encouraged to volunteer to help and provide input. These activities are informal and laughter is abundant even though we are working. Don't be shy. Plan on getting acquainted with members you may not know. Get involved and volunteer. Participation in these events is an important part in Elks

Ladies support of Lodge #2477. Call Karen at 805-375-1089 or stop in at the Lodge office for information.

How about some fun stuff?

"Lexophile" I didn't like my beard at first, but it grew on me.

Or how about crazy laws still on the books.

In Australia..... Men are free to cross dress just as long as their dresses are not strapless.



El Konejo Kampers



As the Conejo Valley suffered from severe heat, the El Konejo Kampers donned jackets as they sat around the campfires at the Oceano Elks Lodge in July. Attending were Alan and Trish Ito,

Jim and Kathy Moye, David and Jessica Stull, Ed and Rita DaCorsi, Joe and Judy Nemtusak, Ed and Donna Colleran, John Puckett, Jane Watson, Jim Miller and Patty Bauman. Rik and Shirste Gessler came on Friday. Virginia Grindley was the wagon master of record, but a family emergency kept her from attending. John Puckett, her brother, stepped in and did a fantastic job of keeping everything flowing. Needless to say, this group was in it for the prime weather and relaxation. Never got above 72 degrees and sometimes foggy.

After settling in, everyone did their own

thing about eating dinner. Some went to the lodge for pub food, some ate in their rig and the Nemtusaks and Stulls joined Jessica's sister, Terry and her husband at Brad's Restaurant for clam chowder and fish. They were up for a golf tournament in Santa Maria. Some of the campers wanted to play Bingo, but didn't. Sorry, I didn't get the WHY.

Friday turned out to be a lazy day with folks off to the Moose Lodge, various restaurants, the beach, or hanging around the campsite and practicing corn hole. During the afternoon Rik and Shirste showed up. They lamented that only a year ago they had been motel campers here and now they have a beautiful rig. How time flies. That night the majority headed out to Jockos for our biannual feast. They never disappoint.

Saturday morning we had a brunch potluck with so much food, we could have eaten for two full days. Wow, it had been

a while since I'd seen that much food at a campout potluck and delicious too! Drawings took place and Jimmie Miller won the 50/50 and the free campouts went to Patty Bauman and Trish Ito. The Sheriff had a stand-in too. It was John Puckett, again, standing in for Alan Ito who was afraid people wouldn't like him. Its all in fun, and John did a fine job. We sat around a good part of the day. No one really had their heart into playing corn hole, though a few practiced. The idea was to challenge the Simi Valley campers. When all was said and done, it was a two to two challenge with Kathy Moye and John Puckett representing the EKK. We lost, though I'm told the other side cheated - sour grapes? You decide. As the sun set and the fire blazed, John brought out the fixings for S'Mores. It was like being a kid again. Everyone likes their marshmallows a certain way, but John likes his all over his face. We got the giggles watching him try and get it all off his face. So much fun.

Officers 2018 - 2019

Exalted Ruler	Karen Martyn	Tiler	Debbie Clingan
Leading Knight	Daniel Hoffman	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Loyal Knight	Leo Rodriguez, PER	Esquire	Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Lecturing Knight	Holly Healy	Chaplain	Richard Platt
Secretary	David Naccarato, PER	Officer at Large	Jim Moye, PER
Treasurer	Bill Joseph		

Trustees 2018 - 2019

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

Elk of the Year	Jill Williams
Officer of the Year	Karen Martyn
Citizen of the Year	Jeffrey Alexander Carlson's Building Materials

Grand Exalted Ruler <i>Outstanding Member Award</i> Recipients
Gerry Gillies Rich Lucariello

2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

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2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

Bar Liaison: Dan Hoffman Major Project/Purple Pig: Arthur Garcia Bequests & Living Trusts: Arthur Garcia Elks National Foundation: Dan Hoffman Christmas Basket Program: Dan Hoffman	Community Activities: Dan Hoffman Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers Charity Matters: Dan Hoffman El Konejo Kampers: Jim Porter Christmas Tree Lot: Rich Lucariello
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2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Liaison: Leo Rodriguez, PER Lodge Activities: Leo Rodriguez, PER Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg, PER Government Relations: Richard Platt Elks Memorial Service: Richard Platt Veteran Services: Leo Rodriguez, PER	Calendar: Leo Rodriguez, PER Conejo Valley Days: Tom Hartin Mediator: Rick Rodgers Mothers Day: Richard Platt Inaugural Ball: Leo Rodriguez, PER Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein
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2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: Holly Healy Hoop Shoot: Anna Garcia Drug Awareness: Don Sabol & Mary McBride Scholarships: Reem Agel	Scouting: Billy Sternberg, Chair and Bill Sternberg, PER Americanism: Rick Herrera Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief Youth Appreciation Night: Holly Healy
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Lounge Hours

(Unless otherwise noted)

Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - Closing

Friday: 10:00 AM - Closing

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

1st & Last Sundays: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

All other Sundays: Noon - 6:00 PM

Lodge Meetings

Regular business meetings are at 7:00 PM
every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Trustee Meeting: 6:00 PM

House Committee Meeting : 7:30 PM

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	2017-18 Jean Miraglia
1993-94 *Jim Wallace	
1994-95 *George Pekow	By Affiliation:
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
	1999-00 *Ralph Vester
	'83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine

*Deceased