Antler Antics Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks





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Duty Officers

11-29 to 12-05	Richard Platt
12-06 to 12-12	Leo Rodriguez
12-13 to 12-19	David Naccarato, PER
12-20 to 12-26	Dan Hoffman
12-27 to 01-02	Dan Martyn, PER

Keep your eyes open for an upcoming flier with information regarding our Blood Drive tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 19th.

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



Our Elk of the Month for December is PER Steve Smith. Steve has served our lodge for many years in many capacities. He has been Editor of our <u>Antler Antics</u> for several years which is no easy task. He is also regularly bombarded with requests for eblasts alerting our members about lodge activities and dinners. Steve resides in Arizona with his wife Pam.

Your free Friday night dinner will be waiting for you the next time you visit us, Steve. We appreciate all you do for our lodge.

Karen Martyn Exalted Ruler



New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements Candidate Sponsor

Mike Arkelin

Daniel Parrot

David Cope

Audrey Fallier

Scott Pickles

Casey Boggiano

Fred Sherlay

Darryl Kopacz

John Puckett

Brian Boals

Meeting Attendance

	10-10	10-24
General Members	14	13
Officers	13	12
PERs	8	6
Total	35	31

Membership Report

Membership Report	
Membership as of April 1, 2018	450
Total Initiations, Reinstatements & Transfers as of 10-31-18	27
Total Members Lost as of 10-31-18	18
Delinquency as of 10-31-18	27
Total Membership as of 10-31-18	459

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Exalted Ruler Karen Martyn



I am sure I am not alone in praying for those people affected in our community by the recent California fires and unspeakable tragedy in Thousand Oaks. I am grateful for all our courageous firefighters and first responders. After the

first of the year, our lodge plans to do a fundraiser to help those who have been the most adversely affected by these fires.

In early November we attended the CHEA midterm convention in Modesto, where we received information on many subjects including Major Project, ENF, Public Relations, Drug Awareness and Membership, to name a few. There was much emphasis placed on Insurance and Safety issues. The Elks has suffered significant losses in recent years due to claims involving service of alcohol at lodges. Our bar staff and supervising officers have all been required to attend training sessions regarding service of alcoholic beverages in order to avoid over pouring and over serving patrons. Please support our efforts to avoid further claims.

Please join Dan and I for the annual ER Christmas Dinner at our lodge on Friday, December 14. This is a complimentary dinner to which all members are invited. **Reservations are required so we can purchase and prepare enough for our members.** Please make reservations with the bar or sign up in the ante room. There will be no service without a reservation.

Now is the time to mark your calendars for our annual Hair of the Dog Potluck which will be held on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. This is always a fund event where we share food, play games and win prizes. More information will be provided in the near future.

Please join me in welcoming our Lodge Secretary David Naccarato back after an extended absence for medical treatment. A special thank you to Karen Naccarato for all the extra help she provided while David was away.

Dan and I wish you all a safe and blessed holiday season.

Fraternally,

Karen Martyn Exalted Ruler

Leading Knight Dan Hoffman



The Holidays are upon us and the Lodge will be quite busy with several scheduled activities, including the annual Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Charity Basket Project. Each year our Lodge delivers boxes of food to needy families and seniors in

the area. Additionally, toys are collected and delivered to needy families with children so that they will enjoy Christmas. The Elk's Ladies volunteer to wrap the Christmas gifts. This program would not be possible without generous donations from Lodge members, the Kampers and the proceeds from the Golf Tournament chaired by David Pearson. I thank all of you for supporting this worthy program. Volunteers will be needed to set up the boxes, apply labels and complete the deliveries. I promise you will enjoy helping us with this program, and the response and thanks you will receive will make it all worth your time. I must also thank Sherri Jones, who is employed by UPS and has, once again, received approval to assist us with a UPS truck and her professional driving skills. We are scheduling the delivery date for Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Additionally, the Lodge dining room will be closed Dec 17th through the 22nd for the preparation of this event. More information will follow and a volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted at the Lodge.

Our Christmas tree lot will open the week following Thanksgiving. Once again, our trees will be available for sale to the public at Carlson's Building Center. Help will be needed preparing the tree lot, unloading the trees, selling and delivering the trees. This is a fun event and really gets us all in the holiday spirit. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted at the Lodge and a schedule for the tree lot will be distributed. Rich Lucariello does a great job chairing this event.

I want to thank you and let you know that your ENF donations to date place us #26 out of 169 Lodges, with a member per capita of \$10.46. This is outstanding and exceeds the requested per capita donation goal set by Grand Lodge. Additionally, our Purple Pig campaign, chaired by Art Garcia, has collected \$6,507.06, with a per capita of \$14.17. Once again, our lodge members extend a helping hand to those in need.

Sandy and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If I can assist you in any way, contact me at 818-822-2219 or fivehofies@yahoo.com.

Loyal Knight Leo Rodriguez, PER



Well the year is almost over and I just don't know where it went! The years seem to go by faster and faster every year. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and cooked in the kitchen this past year! I look

forward to starting the New Year with some new faces in the "fun and happy place" at our Lodge: the kitchen! Let me know if you would like to prepare your favorite dish for a Friday night dinner! Contact me at 805-338-3195 to volunteer. I have several dates available in January, February or March of 2019.

Lynn and I would like to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year! I hope Santa brings you everything on your wish list, and if not, there's always next year!

Fraternally,

Leo Rodriguez Esteemed Loyal Knight



Lecturing Knight Holly Healy



I would like to inform everyone about all the activities that are going on under my station. Let's start with Scouting. Bill and Billy Sternberg headed up the flag retirement ceremony in November. It was

a very moving and patriotic ceremony as the veterans were able to burn a flag in memory of loved ones who served in the military. Thank you kindly Bill and Billy.

Moving to Americanism, Rick Herrera has distributed forms to local schools for students to enter an essay contest on Americanism. Don't forget that we also have our own essay contest on Americanism right here for lodge members.

Switching to dictionary program which achieved yet another success this closes out 2018 for the program. I was able to assist Steve Woodlief at a local elementary school to meet students and distribute dictionaries and what an enriching experience it was. The students were so grateful that I even was given an unsolicited hug from one of the students. As I think back, I remember my own children receiving and bringing home 'elks dictionaries' and I was extremely grateful for those gifts and never forgot. Steve is now done for the year with dictionary distribution and we tip our hats to him for doing such a great job.

Finally, the scholarship program is well underway as students have turned in their paperwork and more news will be forthcoming soon on this.

In the wake of all the recent tragedies my prayers go out to all those directly and indirectly impacted by the Borderline tragedy and the fires and with heartfelt gratitude to all the first responders in both.

In closing, also want to express thanks for the first responder friends from other cities that came down here in full support of Thousand Oaks in our days of need.

Fraternally,

Holly

Secretary David Naccarato



From the "Wood Chucks"

Take a look at all the oak our "Wood Chucks" picked up for the Saturday BBQ's. Now all this wood needs to be split and volunteers are always

needed. First, you will need to be trained on the proper and safe use of the wood splitter by Gerry Gillies before proceeding on your own.

With the recent fires and winds our lodge property had 11 wheelbarrow loads full of leaves, limbs and ash dumped into the trash container. Our grounds keeper, Past Elk of the year Ben Reiger, was down Thursday morning to clean up the grounds before we host the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Homecoming at our lodge. Ben, who works alone but would welcome assistance, was evacuated due to the fire. However, he was able to return home and still made it to the lodge to clean up the leaves and ash. Thank You Ben!!!!!

Sickness & Distress

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

Condolences to:

The family of **Sylvia Kopfer**, born 12-18-1933, initiated 4-25-2012, passed away 10-25-2018.

Lynn Rodriguez and her family on the passing of her mother **Letty Archbold** on 10-22-2018 at the age of 97.

Keep in your prayers

Tom Hartin who, by now, will have had foot surgery.

Kacee Radomski for relief from severe pain.



December Birthdays

Richard Shaw- 01 John Betancourt-02 Harold Wankel-02 Bruce Cameron-03 Chuck Kudra-03 Paul Stein-04 Richard Johnson-05 Eugene Letourneau-06 Gerald Feldman-07 David Mueller-07 Patty Harod-11 Donna Leary-11 Craig Lopez-12 Mary Catherine Mcbride-12 Jeff Nickerson-12 Scott Wanamaker-12 Mark Hardie-13 Richard Harms-13 Catherine Koeritz-14 Amanda Hanson-15 IB Jensen-16 Jodi Nevandro-16 Donald Rue-16 Scott D Dool-17 Richard Ouance-17 Jesse Lacoff-18 Brett Fuchs-21 Omar Kalid-21 Jeffrey Weiherer-21 Nelson Cabello-22 William Sternberg-22 Joseph Loy-26 Don Doxsee-27 Adam Hendershot-27 Jeff Gambino-28 Stephen Finnerty-29 Robert Jones-29 Susie Ross-29

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Bobby Williams
Jean Miraglia
Greg Miraglia
Bill Joseph
JV BBQ crew
Numero Uno BBQ crew
Richard Platt
Catherine Koeritz
Bill O'Shea
Dan Martyn
Rich Lucarellio
John Betancourt
Darryl Kopacz (Century Club)

Pictured Highlights from our Taco Wagon Charity Ball



Pictured Highlights from our Golf Tournament Awards Dinner









Exalted Ruler's Christmas Dinner Friday, December 14, 2018 6:15 pm

Big Burgers with Corn on the Cob & Salad

Dinner is provided by ER Karen Martyn.

This is complimentary but <u>reservations are</u> <u>required</u>. No Takeouts. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow members.

Please call the bar to reserve a meal (805-496-4550) or sign up on sheet in anteroom







Grand Lodge News - Christmas is prime time for giving

By Danny E. Tabor, Grand Lodge Committee Member

Now that Thanksgiving is over, we can look forward to Christmas and the beginning of a new year. This is when our Members and our Lodges really pick up on our charitable giving.

We help those less fortunate by donating food baskets and gift certificates, visiting nursing homes, assisting veterans and the families of deployed military personnel, and just being there to help in any way we can. It feels good to help others. We do this because that's just what Elks do, "Elks Care – Elks Share." Please take time to report all of our volunteer hours and monetary donations. You will be surprised how much this will increase your charitable statistics.

This is the time to start a program where we honor and thank our first responders.

2018 - 2019 Committee Chairpersons

1st Vice PresidentRose Barrington2nd Vice PresidentMarian AndersonSecretaryDiane LovatoTreasurerCharlotte GesslerCommunicationsCarol Fredericks

December Birthdays:

Collene McFarlane 12/6 Kay Riebe 12/10 Catherine Koeritz 12/14 Roxy Skinner 12/15 Marilyn Cissel 12/27

The fires put a damper on activities for a few days. However, the Children's Christmas Party is still scheduled for the first Saturday in December and volunteers These people are there for us whenever we need them. Just think of all the natural disasters we have had to deal with across the nation: fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and droughts. Now think of all the times our police, firefighters, paramedics, and the National Guard have been called for help. Pick out some of these great people and show them just how much we appreciate their service. There are a few places in the Charity Records Workbook where you can record this. Hopefully you can get some new Members and some good publicity as well.

This is also a good occasion to interact with elected officials. Send them an invitation to your Lodge for a Christmas party, let them know you appreciate their service, and remind them of all the good things we do as Elks. Try to work together throughout the rest of the year: Invite them to your youth banquets, scholarship awards programs, Flag Day ceremony, and

Elks LadiesKaren Naccarato, President



are needed to help with this yearly party. Games and activities are planned and of course a visit from Santa is the highpoint of the day. There will be food and goodies served.

Remember the Ladies will not have a meeting on the 1st Tuesday in December.

The Elks ladies Dinner will be held December 11th. President Karen will be sending out invitations with details. events where we are honoring our veterans and military personnel. Staying in touch with our elected officials is crucial to our Order. We need their help with certain legislation that may come up. The more they know about what all the Elks do, the more they will be able assist us.

Charitable reporting is one of the keys to the survival of our great Order. The job of this committee is to assist you with knowing what you can report, where to report it, and how to report it. Please regularly review your Government Relations Manual and your Charity Records Workbook. They are both filled with good ideas and are very informative.

We have a lot of people who depend on what we do, and we do a good job helping those less fortunate. Let's keep up the good work and let's remember to report it.

2018 - 2019 Committee Chairpersons

Auditor Shirste Gessler
Parliamentarian Beth Kozlowski
Major Project Karen Naccarato
Sunshine June Leadam

Membership to the Elks Ladies is open to Elks, and the spouse or widow of an Elk member.

The Board will be making decisions of future activities for 2019. Call Karen Naccarato at 805 375 1089 for information regarding volunteering, membership, and any questions related to Elks Ladies.

El Konejo Kampers



Unfortunately, the November Kampout to Ventura KOA was cancelled. But some enthusiastic kampers decided to make an "unofficial" trip to the Rincon - from November 12th through the 15th. The Rincon is on the beach just north

of Ventura. Our kampers included Patty Bauman and Jimmy Miller, John Puckett, Jim Porter and Sherri Jones, and Joe and Judy Nemtusak. Jim and Kathy Moye drove up to visit our kampers for a day. In true California style, the weather was perfect - warm with no wind – just like summer. In fact, two of our hardy kampers, John Puckett and Sheri Jones ventured out into the ocean to do some body surfing. They said the water was fine and not too cold, which is unusual for November.

One day, three of our kampers – Jim, Sheri and John – took a bike ride to Faria Beach to refresh ice for the group. It was a beautiful ride along the shore. During the day, games of Ladder Toss were played by all. At night, bonfires on the beach were a must, and enjoyed by everyone.

This unexpected trip was so much fun, that a note went out to all kampers to make their reservations for next year. We can't wait for that trip.

The El Konejo Kamper Holiday Brunch is just around the corner – December 10th - at the Los Robles Greens Sunset Ballroom. Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the Lodge Bar. This is always a fun and exciting event with good food and raffles. This year, we have two TV sets, as well as many other delightful gifts, to raffle away. We look forward to everyone joining us for this enjoyable event.

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 David Naccarato, PER Officer at Large Secretary Jim Moye, PER

Treasurer Bill Joseph

Trustees 2018 - 2019

Elk of the Year Jill Williams One Year Pam Price, COB Officer of the Year Karen Martyn Two Year Citizen of the Year Jeffrey Alexander Dan Martyn, PER Carlson's Building Materials

Three Year Raymond Laraway Four Year Rich Lucariello Five Year Darryl Kopacz

Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Member Award Recipients

Gerry Gillies Rich Lucariello

2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Membership: Steve Kerman & David Naccarato, PER **Antler Antics**

Editor & Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER Investigation: Diane Jones, John Duhig, USPS Mailing: Juanita Feamster Steve Kerman & Alex Rogers

Website, Blog & Weekly Updates: Steve Smith, PER Orientation: Catherine Koeritz, PER, Chair Officers,

Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson David Naccarato, PER

Barbeque: Karen Martyn Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER Maintenance: "Max" Maxwell

Photography: Jill Williams Protocol: Karen Martyn Grounds: Ben Rieger

Presiding Justice: John Moran Facilities: Tom Hartin, Dean Reichle & Jeff Conyers

Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato, PER Greeters: Dorothy Murray and Kathy Moye PER Association President: Mike Flannery, PER

2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

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

2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Liaison: Leo Rodriguez, PER Calendar: Leo Rodriguez, PER Lodge Activities: Leo Rodriguez, PER Conejo Valley Days: Tom Hartin

Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg, PER Mediator: Rick Rodgers Government Relations: Richard Platt Mothers Day: Richard Platt

Elks Memorial Service: Richard Platt Inaugural Ball: Leo Rodriguez, PER

Veteran Services: TBD Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein

Public Relations: TBD

2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Scouting: Billy Sternberg, Chair and Bill Sternberg, PER Youth Activities: Holly Healy

Americanism: Rick Herrera Hoop Shoot: Anna Garcia

Drug Awareness: Don Sabol & Mary McBride Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief Scholarships: Reem Agel Youth Appreciation Night: Holly Healy Official Publication of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 - B.P.O.E. 2330 Los Feliz Drive Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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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

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 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 Metzgus, 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 Orden
 2009 10 Terry Girking PDDG

 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

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 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

'83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine

1996-97 *Jack Loughran 2001-02 Bill Sternberg 1999-00 *Ralph Vester

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