

Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



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Duty Officers

12-27 to 01-02	Dan Martyn, PER
01-03 to 01-09	Richard Lucariello
01-10 to 01-16	Ray Laraway
01-17 to 01-23	Terry Gicking, DDGER
01-24 to 01-30	Gregg Miraglia
01-31 to 02-06	Darryl Kopacz

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



My pick for January's Elk of the Month is Bill O'Shea. Bill has been a member of our lodge for some time but now more than ever he can be seen helping on the bbq teams, in the kitchen, at the Christmas tree lot, and wherever the need arises. Bill is a retired RN and also shares his medical skills when needed (like when I almost sliced my fingertip off at a recent event). Thanks for your support Bill!

Karen Martyn
Exalted Ruler

Back in the Saddle



Our Secretary, PER David Naccarato, all healed up and helping put Christmas baskets together.

New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements

Candidate

Sponsor

Dean Curtis	Ed Lees
Steven Henderson	Ed Lees

Krista Hartin, daughter of past EOY Tom Hartin is being initiated into Newport Harbor Lodge #1767

Meeting Attendance

Membership Report

	11-14	11-28
General Members	4	15
Officers	13	11
PERs	7	6
Total	24	32

Membership as of April 1, 2018	450
Total Initiations, Reinstatements & Transfers as of 11-30-18	31
Total Members Lost as of 11-30-18	18
Delinquency as of 11-30-18	27
Total Membership as of 11-30-18	463

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

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Exalted Ruler Karen Martyn



I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday and that you are ready to continue the great work we do as Elks in the New Year.

The December Antler articles were

due before DDGER Terry Gicking's homecoming on November 17th, so I was not able to thank everyone who made that event a success. Thank you to Master Cook Ed Rice and his crew including Steve McKee and Tom Hartin. Our guests from other lodges really appreciated being served traditional "Thousand Oaks Elks BBQ", which is second to none – including Santa Maria. The dinner went smoothly in part because of our efficient servers, Karen Naccarato, Jill Williams, Myrna Block and Christine Harrison. Thank you Max Maxwell and Dan Martyn for setting up the room to accommodate so many guests, and for all the members who helped take down the room to prepare for the following day's memorial service, including Bill O'Shea and Dan Hoffman. Thank you Kelly Berg for helping to fold all those napkins and Kathy Moye for warmly greeting our visiting guests. Thank you Club Manager Brooke Okray and her staff for helping our visitors feel comfortable and welcomed. And thank you to Oxnard Secretary and PER Ines Greenwald for selling the raffle tickets. I am sure Terry will remember this evening for many years to come.

When we were initiated into the Order, we were given a key card with instructions on its usage. Please remember to always carry it with you and remember to use it each time you enter the lodge. Members who ring the bell to enter instead of using their card interrupt service to our fellow members and will be subject to a \$1.00 fine, which will go to the Purple Pig.

Our Annual Hair of the Dog Potluck will take place on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Don't miss this annual fun-filled event. See flier for details.

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Leading Knight Dan Hoffman



As I am preparing this article, we are on the brink of performing our Annual Charity Basket Program. This program succeeds through the efforts and generosity of many good folks. I recognized several steadfast supporters of

this event in my December article. I want to recognize someone who helps organize this event each year, David Pearson. His organizational skills and ability to put them in an easy to follow written format is simply outstanding. He, along with Karen and Dan Martyn, have gently guided me through the many various steps it takes to, in the end, show up on a senior's or needy family's front porch with food, gift cards and presents for the Christmas season. I also want to recognize The Conejo Valley Legal Professionals Association for their annual donation of wonderful toys/presents for our needy families. Thank you all for your help and friendship. This task is time consuming, however, I have loved doing it for all of the right reasons.

I also want to recognize Rich Lucariello for his dedicated and steady guidance on managing our annual Elk's Christmas Tree Lot. The hours he has put in is daunting and very much appreciated. During this period, he has truly put his personal life on hold. Thank you Rich and all of the others who assisted you again this year. All of the efforts here have ensured another successful year with this profitable program.

It is hard to believe we are entering 2019. Sandy and I have very much enjoyed 2018 with all of our fellow Elks. As we enter the New Year I will be focusing on the following, "There are good ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, may they always be." How about making a New Year's resolution to take advantage of everything our Lodge has to offer? Since becoming an Elk, I have enjoyed making numerous friends along the way. The quality of the folks in our Lodge is impressive. Please think about embracing the many good things your Lodge does all year long and getting involved in 2019.

Sandy and I wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR. If I can assist you in any way, please reach me at 818 822 2219 or fivehofies@yahoo.com.

Loyal Knight Leo Rodriguez, PER



January 2019 Antler Antics Article

As we begin this new year, 2019, Lynn and I would like to wish all our members a very healthy, happy and prosperous new year! I would also

like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who have assisted us in our charitable projects, cooking in the kitchen and the Saturday BBQ every weekend and hope that all of you as members will continue to be generous with your time and efforts this coming year.

We should all make New Year's Resolutions. Let's all work together for a more harmonious year. Let's come to the Lodge more often and enjoy the camaraderie. Let's volunteer any amount of time we can to give, to allow our Lodge the ability to accomplish more of what we stand for: helping children, giving back to our community, helping veterans, scholarships and all the other charity work that we do. Let's make this year a year of good fortune and success so we can continue to support all of our charities!

Looking forward to seeing you to help make 2019 one of our Lodge's best years ever! Happy New Year to all!

Fraternally,

Leo Rodriguez
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Exalted Ruler's Message continued

On January 19th, COB Pam Price, Leading Knight Dan Hoffman and I will be attending the Officer Training Seminar in Solvang. These business sessions are open to all members so if you are interested in attending, please let me know. We always return with a keener understanding of lodge policies and procedures.

Fraternally,

Karen Martyn
Exalted Ruler

Lecturing Knight Holly Healy



For me, as I think back, the New Year is always a good time of year with a feeling of renewal and an opportunity to press reset and forge ahead with resolutions and good thoughts. With this in mind, it is a great time to get organized as we

look ahead.

Our youth activities committee will be doing our annual 'hoop shoot' soon and as with all our activities at the lodge, I am looking forward to members volunteering their time where possible for this special event.

As we know, our lodge has always been gladly partnering with Scouting and am pleased at all we have done thus far and what lies ahead. As a past girl scout leader, it would be great to see, and I encourage our lodge members to get more involved in supporting Girl Scouts and positively influence young women in their formative years. I see this as a collaborative opportunity and welcome all suggestions.

To show your patriotism, please don't forget to hang your 'Old Glory' flags high this year.

Reflecting on 2018, our lodge enjoyed an amazing showing of member support, volunteering, and brotherly love. As we now press reset and glide into 2019, looking forward to our even further embracing those tenets of our lodge's charter.

In Brotherly Love,

Holly Healy
Lecturing Knight



Secretary David Naccarato



THE ELKS POINT OF VIEW
(From the Guide for New Members)

The Benevolent and protective order of Elks is a nationwide organization whose membership over

13 decades has consisted of millions of America's finest citizens. We love our country and desire to preserve its cherished institutions, traditions and values; respect our neighbors and constantly seek to promote their well being; and love and enjoy life and believe this enjoyment is increased by sharing it with family, friends and all with whom we come in contact.

To Elks, Laughter is better than tears, and a kind word is more powerful than a frown. The dream of a better world becomes a reality when shaped by enough willing hearts and hands.

We seek to bring into our Elks family only those who delight in wholesome associations with congenial companions, who possess a deep sense of patriotism, fair play and dedication to noble causes- persons who find fulfillment of their existence in service to humanity, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, aiding those in distress and proving themselves to be true friends to all in need.

We do not question no one's religion, nor do we exclude anyone because of creed, race, ethnic origin, education attainment, vocation, material status or physical stature.

We measure character by what one is and does, not by titles or position. We do not ask you to change beliefs, nor interfere with your present life, nor act contrary to the dictates of conscience. In fact, we encourage you to put your personal beliefs into practice more strongly in these areas. Your associates want to enjoy life more by becoming a better American and humanitarian.

We are joined with 900,000 of fine and noble American Elks who have helped better the destiny and way of life for countless generations in our country for more than a century and a third.

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Dues and Delinquency

The following members will be dropped from membership for non-payment of dues:

Paul Alvidrez, Nicholes Cigan, Joe Clancy, Stephen Garcia, George Da Costa Gomes, Karen Hall, Bob Hart, Dick Hejik, Barry Hibbs, Howard Jacobson, Gerald Kamm, Alfred Koemmpel, Irvine Koeritz, Jesse Lacroff, Sozanne Malvitz, Patrick Martin, Charles Messmer, Angelique Milner, Dennis Ryan, William Siegel, Ray Sorbino, Todd Turnham, Alan Unthank, Jaxon Valdespino, Robert Wissusik

If you know any of these members or are their sponsor, please give them a call. Perhaps the failure to pay dues was an oversight, or perhaps we can learn the reason why one would give up their membership. Maybe we can reinvigorate their enthusiasm for Elkdom again.

Dues notices for Elk year 2019-2020 are going out during the month of February. Dues with assessment will be \$151.00.

Let's revisit why we joined the order and ask, "What I can do next year to promote Elkdom"? Many events at the lodge require the help of members. The burden seems to be carried by the same few and they could use a break. January 1st is the "Hair of the Dog" potluck party which is run by Dan Martyn. Check to see if he needs help. February is our "Police and Firefighters Dinner". Paul Stein is the Chairman and help is always needed. Our Super Bowl party is always a big event. Don't be shy. Get involved. Have a "Happy New Year" and make a difference.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

Secretary's Message continued

Generosity is without fanfare and often even without the recipients knowledge. You may even have been helped at some point along the way. We have always been there, quietly providing help and encouragement. Now it's your turn as one of America's quite humanitarians', a nationwide family of good neighbors, to begin giving your life new purpose and fulfillment.

I've been asked after an initiation, what now? I hope this helps.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

January Birthdays

James Dills-01
John Moran-02
Mathew Daniels-03
Shawn Derrick Stevens-05
Holly Healy-07
David McFarlane-08
David Pearson-08
Chris Prince-08
Elvis Presley-08
Tevis Verrett-08
Richard Beal-09
Drew Oliver-09
James Bodenhamer-11
Jack Murray-11
Ron Schwartz-11
Carol Spinner-11
Scott Yeager-12
Bill Joseph-13
Jon Preston-13
Jim Ryland-13
Stephen Pence-14
Tommy Claunch-15
Lou Mages-15
Mike Markey-15
Ernest Escoto-16
Frederick McCord-16
George Stigile-17
Frank Corrigan-18
Stephen Dodge-18
Carol Fredericks-18
William Sternberg, PER-20
Peter Gordon-24
Dreena Tierney-24

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Sickness & Distress

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

Condolences to:

The family of PGER Frank Garland who passed away December 12th, 2018.

Keep in your prayers

Tom Hartin who is healing with some pain after foot surgery.

Kacee Radomski for relief from pain.

Jim Moye, PER recovering from surgery.

Rosa Conde recovering with the help of her sister

Good News

Gregg and PER Jean Miraglia have a new great-grandson, Ryder Frankie.

Greg Metzgus' daughter received a clean bill of health after cancer treatment.

January Birthdays continued

Douglas Morrison-25
Thomas Consolo-26
Adam Smith-26
Cheryl Templeton-27
Ken Stocton-29
Sherri Jones-31

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Jean Miraglia, PER
Gregg Miraglia
Coleen Morris (deceased)
Robert "Bobby" Williams
Karen Martyn
Dan Martyn, PER
Carlos Muzquiz
Mike Becker (Century Club)
Darryl Kopacz (Century Club)
Paul Stein
Bill Joesph
Bill Sternberg Sr., PER
Kathe Wilson
April Bourquin
Brenda Hagen
Inger Hogan
Doug Ryan
Harold "Doug" Wankel (Century Club)
Quarter Donors

The Crying Towel

11-14-18

Capsule Drawing - \$250.00

David Stull - not present

Lucky 13 - \$75.00

Jim Moye, PER - No winner

11-28-18

Capsule Drawing - \$300.00

Bill Sandham - No winner

Lucky 13 - \$90.00

Darryl "Duke" Kopacz - Winner!

Meet our New Members



David Cope (R) sponsored by Darryl Kopacz



Jasmine Silvestre (L) sponsored by Alexandra Rogers



Norman Rose (L) sponsored by Steve Crowell of Lancaster Lodge



Camera Shy were Mike Arkelin sponsored by Casey Boggiano

Pictured Highlights from Our Elks Memorial Service



More Pictured Highlights from Our Elks Memorial Service

You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to impress upon you that with us the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great

heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon

may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be peeling forth the friendly message: "To Our Absent Members."



Pictured Highlights from Our DDGER's Homecoming



**2018 - 2019
Committee Chairpersons**

1 st Vice President	Rose Barrington
2 nd Vice President	Marian Anderson
Secretary	Diane Lovato
Treasurer	Charlotte Gessler
Communications	Carol Fredericks

**Elks Ladies
Karen Naccarato, President**



**2018 - 2019
Committee Chairpersons**

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

Pictures from the Elks Ladies Christmas Party



Members Volunteering at Our Christmas Tree Lot



Pictured Highlights from the Exalted Ruler's Christmas Dinner



El Konejo Kampers



For those of you unable to attend the El Konejo Kampers Brunch, you missed a stellar event. The tables were adorned with trees and angels spewing silver glitter throughout and everyone attending seemed in jolly spirits. The food was delicious and plentiful with conversations being lively.

Vice President Rita Da Corsi, responsible for the event, pulled her volunteers together and "got her done." President Jim Porter kept the raffle rolling so there

was no lull in the program. There were so many prizes and lots of winners which put smiles on their faces.

No party is a real event without entertainment, and this year was a new twist. In the past we have always shared Westlake High School's chorale group with the Model A Club, but this year the EKKs opted for Thousand Oaks High School and they were delightful. It's always nice to see young people singing and dancing and thoroughly enjoying themselves. A big thank you to all the volunteers and officers, both exiting and incoming for the wonderful job on this event.

We all will continue to keep in our prayers those families and friends who have suffered as a result of recent tragic events, but for this short time we were able to breathe a sigh of relief and just enjoy the special camaraderie.

I also want to send a HUGE thank you to Trisha Ito who wrote the articles for me while I was enjoying myself in Asia. You did a great job, I enjoyed reading them.

By the time you receive this we may have already celebrated Christmas and the New Year will be on the horizon, but let me take a moment to wish everyone the blessings of the season no matter which holidays you celebrate.

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

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

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

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