Antler Antics Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



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Duty Officers

02-28 to 03-06 Jim Moye, PER 03-07 to 03-13 Richard Platt 03-14 to 03-20 Leo Rodriguez, PER 03-12 to 03-27 Dan Hoffman 03-28 to 03-31 Karen Martyn

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.

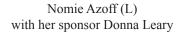
Elk of the Month



My choice for the March Elk of the Month is Steve McKee. Steve is a long-time member who has volunteered at the Lodge for bbq, kitchen duties and other capacities over the years. Steve was instrumental in helping me to graduate from wrapper to stacker/cutter on Ed Rice's Cut-Up's bbq team. He continues to critique my performance and I really appreciate his input. Thank you Steve for your continued support of the Lodge.

Meet our New Members







Daniel Parrot with Donna Leary, standing in for his sponsor, Fred Sitterley of Carson City Lodge.

Sponsor

New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements

Candidate

Lawrence Kraszewski Bobby Williams
Gerry Lieberman Bill Schenewerk
Charles Hall Jim Allen
Robert Geary Gary Berg

Transfers

Vince Carabello seeks a transfer to our lodge from Simi Valley Lodge #2492

Life Membership Applications

Peter Padilla Tommy Claunch Bill Smail

Meeting Attendance Membership Report Membership as of April 1, 2018 450 01-09 01-23 Total Initiations, Reinstatements & 19 51 **General Members** 33 Transfers as of 1-31-19 **Officers** 15 14 Total Members Lost as of 1-31-19 47 **PERs** 7 12 Delinquency as of 1-31-19 0 Total 41 77 Total Membership as of 1-31-19 436

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

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Exalted Ruler Karen Martyn



As my year as Exalted Ruler comes to an end, I thank those members who have supported our efforts to help improve what needed improving, to continue to support our many charities, and to carry on the

good works we do in our community.

Part of the ritual for the installation of the Exalted Ruler reads, "In the year to come, all may not be plain sailing." I am sure that every ER before me found these words to be true. Although there were many times throughout the year that were very gratifying, there also were some tough hills to climb. Each officer, member who chaired a committee, or who worked on a committee knows this to be true. The officer corps that I had the privilege of serving with worked together through the good and the bad. I forever will be grateful to all of you for your support.

- Secretary David Naccarato: Thanks for getting well enough to return to work. Hopefully you will be able to do bingo in the near future.
- Treasurer Bill Joseph: Thanks for being so much more than our Treasurer – members enjoyed your Qigong class and your generous contribution of bar snacks.
- Esquire Terry Gicking: Thanks for remaining in your position even while juggling all your other responsibilities as DDGER.
- Inner Guard Gregg Miraglia:
 Thanks for doing your job well and being consistently cheerful (even though you sold me many losing tickets).
- Tiler Deb Clingan: Thanks for hanging in there despite your physical issues.
- Chaplain Richard Platt: Thanks for your continued dedication even when at times you did not think you were up to par.
- Lecturing Knight Holly Healy: Thanks for your always cheerful and upbeat presentation.

Leading Knight
Dan Hoffman



WOW, my year as your Leading Knight is coming to an end. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as Leading Knight and relished the opportunity to work with some phenomenal folks who chaired the Committees reporting

to the Leading Knight. Art Garcia, thank you for all your work and commitment to our Major Project/Purple Pig and Bequests and Living Trusts. The success of our Purple Pig would not happen without your focus and drive. Alex Rogers, thank you for your compassionate and caring heart and the work you do with Sickness and Distress. Jim Porter and the El Konejo Kampers, thank you for supporting our Lodge with your bi-weekly breakfast and other fundraising activities you perform throughout the year. In particular, thank you for your financial donation to the Charity Basket Program this past year. Finally, Rich Lucariello, thank you for your dedication in managing the Christmas Tree Lot this year. Once again, your efforts led to a very successful fundraiser for our Lodge. In closing, I thank all of you, you know who you are, who assisted me this past year with my responsibilities. Last, but not least. I would like to thank our ER Karen (and Dan) for the steady guidance you provided for me with everything that was on my plate this past year. Guys, I had a great time.

March has some enjoyable events coming up. On March 16th, the PERS will be preparing the St Patrick's Day dinner with all of the trimmings. This is always a fun event and the dinner is outstanding. See the flyer for additional information. On March 30th, the Inaugural Ball will be presented. The evening will include appetizers, dinner and live entertainment. Please plan on attending and having the opportunity to thank Karen Martyn for her dedication, service and leadership as our outgoing ER. You will also be able to wish the new Lodge Officers your support and good luck for the upcoming year. See the flyer for additional information.

Sandy and I are looking forward to the new Elks year. If I assist you in anyway, please contact me at fivehofies@yahoo.com or 818 822 2219.

Loyal Knight Leo Rodriguez, PER



Well another Elk year has come and gone, and this will be my last message to you as Loyal Knight. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who volunteered and cooked meals for Wednesdays, Fridays

and all the other meals in between. Your support is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. I hope that you continue your support in the coming year for the new Loyal Knight.

To all of those who were the Committee Chairmen for the committees under my Chair, I take this opportunity to thank you for your time and support. Without your support, this year would not have been as successful. You made it possible.

I ask that everyone mark your calendars for March 30, 2019 for the Inaugural Ball. It promises to be a wonderful evening and an opportunity to meet your incoming Exalted Ruler and Officer Corps for 2019-2020. The evening promises great food and great entertainment. Don't be left out! Tickets will be available at the lounge from March 1st through March 23rd, so be sure to get yours in advance. To reserve a table, call 805-496-4550.

Fraternally,

Leo Rodriguez Esteemed Loyal Knight



Secretary David Naccarato



Dues Notice
Dues notices have
gone out. This year's
dues are \$151.00, of
which \$23.00 goes
to Grand Lodge and
our State Association.
The remaining dues
of \$128.00 must cover

the cost of statements.

membership cards.

key cards, postage, cost of Ritual contest, State, Midterm and Grand Lodge conventions, the printing and mailing of the Antler Antics, plus the cost of the office staff. Dues are not used for any lodge operations or activities. Each year, as part of the annual budget process, the Trustees review the books in order to make sure our dues are sufficient to cover the designated expenses. No portion of the dues subsidizes or supports the kitchen, lounge, BBQ or other lodge operating expenses or activity.

Veterans

Looking for all Purple Heart recipients. Please contact the office. We are having a dinner in May to honor our men and women who serve in the military with special attention to Purple Heart recipients.

The Elks have had a relationship with our Veterans and have a saying "so long as there are Veterans, we will never forget them."

In 1917 at the Grand Lodge session 1 million dollars was pledged to the War Relief Fund. It was voted on and passed unanimously. Their tag line was "The best that we have to offer in service at the front and in resource and fealty at home, today and always."

The United States was poorly prepared to fight in WW1. The Army had no hospitals for mass casualties. Our first order of business was to arrange and finance two base hospitals in France for the Army. Elks bought the equipment and paid for these hospitals.

The war sent a stream of maimed and wounded flowing back to the United States, which soon filled our hospitals. The Elks built a 700 bed reconstruction hospital for the government. It was built in Boston, MA.

Then, in 1941 and WWII the United States air power was almost nonexistent. The war

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Investigation Committee

Greetings from the Investigation Committee. I've been thinking about what it means to be an Elk and a member of our Lodge. I'd like to share a few of my thoughts with you.

Our Lodge is like an extension of our own homes. It is a place where we should feel comfortable, welcome and safe.

When we invite someone to join our Lodge, we are inviting them into our home away from home and inviting them to be a part of our Elks' family. That means that proposing someone for membership is not something that should be taken lightly.

When you propose someone for membership, you should know them well enough to be comfortable with the thought of inviting them to your home or visiting theirs. It is preferable that you invite them to at least one or two Lodge activities before inviting them to join our Lodge. The Friday night dinners are a good place to introduce them to other members of the Lodge and for them to see that we are warm and welcoming.

When you do propose someone for membership, remember that you are vouching for them. According to the Grand Lodge Investigation manual, "The proposer has a responsibility to be well-acquainted with the candidate and the individual's reputation, moral fiber, employment status, professional character, family situation and personal manners/habits."

The membership application has certain questions that must be answered in the affirmative in order for someone to be considered for membership. They are:

- 2. Do you believe in God and are you willing to attest to that belief?
- 3. Are you a citizen of the United States of America?
- 5. Are you willing to assume an obligation that:
 - (a) Will not conflict with your duties to yourself or your family, or your religious or political opinions, and that
 - (b) Will bind you to uphold the Constitution

Secretary's message continued

department asked the Elks to recruit pilots and mechanics. The Elks started the "Keep 'em flying" program. We were challenged to find qualifying candidates to enter the aviation cadet training course.

At a ceremony January 1941 at the White House, President Roosevelt mentioned the work the Elks do. He referred with pride to his own membership in Poughkeepsie, New York Lodge #275, which is still going strong.

David Naccarato, PER Lodge Secretary

Investigation Committee continued

and laws of the United States of America.

10. Have you been a bona fide resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge immediately preceding the date of this application?

The following question must be answered in the negative:

6. Are you now a member of or directly or indirectly participating in the activities of a group or organization, or supporting or adhering to beliefs or tenets advocation the overthrow of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence.

The applicant must also be over the age of 21.

If the person you propose becomes a member, it is helpful for you to attend several activities with them (including meetings) until they are comfortable coming on their own.

The whole purpose of joining our Lodge is to be a part of our family and to be involved in Lodge activities. That should be your goal, as a proposer and our goal when we vote to accept them into our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Diane Jones Investigation Committee Chairman

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Sickness & Distress

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

Condolences to:

The family of George Meehan, PER, born 3-10-1934, initiated 3-27-1972, died 1-23-2019.

The family of Michael O'Kelly, born 10-19-1933, initiated 1-24-1979, died 12-15-2018.

Keep in your prayers

Bill Lloyd, PDL, who is suffering from back pain.

Richard Platt, who is recovering from chemotherapy.

Rita Da Corsi, who is scheduled for surgery and heart tests.

Casey Boggiano, who is having surgery this week.

Diana Metzgus, who is improving. **Kacee Radomski,** for relief from pain.

The Crying Towel

01-09-19

Capsule Drawing - \$325.00 Robert Peloquin - Not Present

Lucky 13 - \$30.00

Kathee Wilson - No Winner

01-23-19

Capsule Drawing - \$350.00 Pam Price - WINNER!!

Lucky 13 - \$45.00 Rich Lucarellio - No Winner

March Birthdays

Harvey Flam-01 Leslie Smith-01 Alan Van Cleave-03 Scott Armstrong-05 James Coons-05 Dee Ansell-06

Katherine Phillipson-06

Milton Price-06 David Cundy-07 Marie Reichelt-07 Thomas Hartin-08

Mark Rediger-08

Richard Romani-09 James Lovato-11

Lennard Benson-12

Tony Lerner-12

Carmine Prizzi-12 Kim V Vu-12

Don Yates-12 Semih Sinik-14 James Porter-15

Kevin Metzgus-16

Carlos Muzquiz-16

Casey Boggiano-17

Edward Lee-17

Phillip Johnson-19

Richard Platt-19 Jill Williams-20

Douglas Bevan-21

Jay Schmidt-21

Gary Erland-22

Douglas Ryan-22

Richard Goldner, PDDGER-24

Sally Johnson-24

Alan Ito-25

Donald Shewmon-27 Victoria Novak-28

Paul Walker-31

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Tom Baldridge Kathee Wilson Ed DaCorsi Rita DaCorsi Catherine Koeritz, PER Ray Laraway Billy Sternberg **Bobby Williams** Dan Martyn, PER Karen Martyn Gregg Miraglia David Naccarato, PER Jean Miraglia John Betancourt Mike Becker Carol Fredericks Bill Joseph Greg Metzgus, DL Bill Sternberg, PER John Puckett Football Pool Harold Constantine, PER Alex Rogers

Law Enforcement and Fire Fighter Appreciation Night



(L-R)LASO Dep. Steven Arens, LA Co. Fire Captain Don Van Doren, T.O. Councilman Ed Jones, Ventura Co. Fire Fighter Weston Vallidez, VSO Dep. Kevin Allredge.



Ventura S.O. Deputy Kevin Allredge was selected as the recipient of the first Annual Sgt. Ron Helus Memorial Award. The plaque will be displayed at the East Valley Station and name plates will be added each year. Pictured with Dep. Allredge is Dan Hoffman, Leading Knight and Paul Stein, Police-Fire Appreciation Chairman.

Exalted Ruler's Message continued

- Loyal Knight Leo Rodriguez:
 Thanks for stepping up to the plate when you were very much needed.
- Leading Knight Dan Hoffman: Thanks for having my back and your constant support.
- COB Pam Price: Thanks for your never-ending mission to keep the Lodge financially afloat and our books accurate.
- Trustee Ray Laraway: Thanks for the olives, which alone justify the \$9.25 cost of a Ketel One Martini.
- Trustee Rich Lucariello: Thank you for heading the Christmas Tree Lot for the second straight year and thanks for sharing your pride in your Italian heritage. Your passion always came through loud and clear and the Jersey Boys always made us laugh.

- Trustee Duke Kopacz: Thanks for being Trustee all over again after having already served 5 years.
- Officer at Large Jim Moye: Thanks for standing in for an absent officer at every meeting.
- Antler Antics Editor Steve Smith:
 Thanks for performing once again
 one of the least visible but most
 demanding tasks in the Lodge.
 Thanks for letting me surpass my
 wordcount in this, my last article.
- District Leader & Area 7
 Government Relations Committee
 Chairman Tony Markarian from
 the Simi Valley Lodge: Thanks for
 your guidance throughout the year.
 I could not have asked for a better
 mentor.

Lastly, thank you Trustee Dan Martyn for being my rock and for always encouraging me when the seas became rough. Your advice was always appreciated even if not requested or if not always followed.

In the coming year I look forward to continue to participate in the great works we as Elks do. I know our Lodge will be in good hands under the leadership of Dan Hoffman. Please give Dan and his officer corps the support they deserve.

Thanks again for the privilege of serving you.

Fraternally,

Karen Martyn

2018 - 2019 Committee Chairpersons

1st Vice PresidentRose Barrington2nd Vice PresidentMarian AndersonSecretaryDiane LovatoTreasurerCharlotte GesslerCommunicationsCarol Fredericks

March Birthdays

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

Elks LadiesKaren Naccarato, President



Hello Ladies,

We have an Officer Board for the year 2019-2020. They are as follows: Alice Kennedy - President Alex Rogers - 1st Vice President Karen Naccarato - 2nd Vice President Rose Barrington - Secretary Charlotte Gessler - Treasurer

2018 - 2019 Committee Chairpersons

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

Ladies Installation is March 12th at 6 PM. Please plan to attend and say hello to your new board.

El Konejo Kampers



The Kampers will be back next month (hopefully) with detail about our trip to Camp Comfort in Ojai. Keep your eyes open for the flyer with details on the trip. Efforts are being made to get the Kampers new website up and running, but until then we are going old school. Everyone is encouraged to make the March camp-out at Camp Comfort.

The Kampers Sunday breakfasts continue to be popular with both the AAs and the Elks. Come down and support your lodge while enjoying a delicious breakfast at a ridiculously low price, just \$7-\$8, including coffee and juice. What a bargain!

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

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

Website, Blog & Weekly Updates: Steve Smith, PER

Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Member Award Recipients

Gerry Gillies Rich Lucariello

2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Membership: David Naccarato, PER **Antler Antics**

Editor & Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER Investigation: Diane Jones, John Duhig, & Alex Rogers USPS Mailing: Juanita Feamster Orientation: Catherine Koeritz, PER, Chair Officers,

David Naccarato, PER

Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER

Barbeque: Karen Martyn Maintenance: "Max" Maxwell Photography: Jill Williams Grounds: Ben Rieger

Protocol: Karen Martyn Facilities: Tom Hartin, Dean Reichle & Jeff Conyers

Presiding Justice: John Moran Greeters: Dorothy Murray and Kathy Moye Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato, PER 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 Phone: 805-496-4550 **Website:** www.elks2477.com

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El Konejo Kampers:

elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com

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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 1972-73 *Marvin D. Smith
 1997-98 *John Kelly

 1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER
 1998-99 Chet Kozlowski

 1974-75 *Richard Flake
 1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER

1975-76 *Bill Wagner 2000-01 Jacob Panczak 1976-77 *John E. Henry 2001-02 John D'Ambrogio 1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER 2002-03 Don Booker

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 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 Gicking PDD0

 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. Thor

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1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
1996-97 *Jack Loughran
2001-02 Bill Sternberg

*Deceased 1999-00 *Ralph Vester *83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine