



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

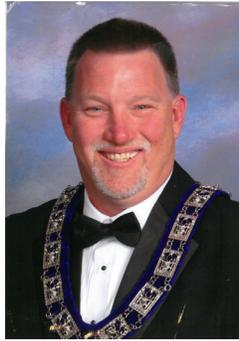


*Happy
Father's Day*

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Elk of the Month



My Elk of the month for June is Rik Gessler. A big man with a bigger heart. Rik donates his time volunteering on a BBQ team, transporting oak wood from downed oak trees, preparing dinners for our Lodge, preparing breakfast by the Konejo Kampers and assisting with our Charity Basket Program. Frankly, if I/We need help, I ask Rik. Rik is a very decent and caring man. He truly understands that Charity is the greatest of all virtues and he leads by example. He is someone I respect very much and I seek out his opinion on a variety of issues. Rik, enjoy your parking spot and free dinners and Thanks again.

Purple Pig Recognition



Rich Lucariello (L) receiving his Century Club Certificate for his Major Project donation and Art Garcia receiving a millennium certificate for \$2,000 dollars donated to the Major Project.



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

Duty Officers

05-30 to 06-05	Gregg Miraglia
06-06 to 06-12	Richard Platt
06-13 to 06-19	Leo Rodriguez, PER
06-20 to 06-26	Adam Smith
06-27 to 07-03	Jean Miraglia, PER

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

Rose Barrington
Adelaide Knupp
Michael Munniner

Sponsor

Bill Joseph
Adelaide Wavra
Dainis Eglitis

Meeting Attendance

	04-10	04-24
General Members	12	8
Officers	14	13
PERs	5	8
Total	31	29

Membership Report

Membership as of April 1, 2018	445
Total Initiations, Reinstatements & Transfers as of 4-30-19	3
Total Members Lost as of 4-30-19	2
Delinquency as of 4-30-19	44
Total Membership as of 4-30-19	446

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

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Exalted Ruler Dan Hoffman



Wow, we made it through a very busy month of May with the Ritual competition, Youth Appreciation Night, Mother's Day, Chili Cook Off, Conejo Valley Days and Veteran's Dinner. Also, we supported a Life Line event and several charitable organizations who requested us to allow them to use our Lodge as a rest stop for their events. This included serving lunch etc. None of this happens without our dedicated volunteers. This Lodge can be proud, ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE. I thank all of you who volunteered to assist with all of these events.

I wanted to acknowledge Kathleen Reichle. Recently she dropped off seven handmade blankets she prepared for our Veterans. These blankets were personally delivered to the VA on our scheduled bingo day. Kathleen did this quietly and did it from the heart. This generosity displays the highest level of compassion and respect for our Veterans. I must admit, these character traits coming from Kathleen are not a shock to me. Kathleen is a very decent and giving person. Kathleen THANK YOU.

June promises to be a very rewarding month. We will be celebrating Father's Day. However, the big event this month will be our Flag Day Ritual ceremony on June 9th. As in the past the Scouts will be helping us with this event and will be guided by the steady hand of Bill Sternberg. The ceremony will promote the knowledge of, and respect for, the American Flag and all that it represents. Please consider joining us at the Lodge for this event. More information to follow. Sandy and I will be attending the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo on June 1st and 2nd. This will be a nice warm up in preparation for our Flag Day Ritual. Another important event this month will be our Lodge Pin Night on June 21st. It is important that we recognize membership in the Elks and this is one way we do it.

I hope all of you are taking advantage

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Leading Knight Leo Rodriguez, PER



Well the Ritual Competition is over, and we got through it representing our Lodge in Santa Maria. We had a great time, all 12 Lodges in our District participated this year, with great people getting the chance to see old friends and meeting new ones. We thank all our members that supported us in preparing for the contest. Now that this is over, it's time to get busy with the activities and fund raising for our charities and our community.

This year we have some events in the planning stages so I hope to see you all participate in these activities. It is our members that make these events successful and although it can be hard work at times, we always have fun doing it with friends. It is so rewarding to give to those who are in need, really showing what the Elks do for the Community.

We are not only planning more Community Activities, but also some Lodge Activities as well. Any suggestions or ideas you may have, please let me know as we welcome any and all input from you. To start, there have been people interested in starting a Bunco group one evening a month, giving you the opportunity to get together and enjoy an evening out rather than sitting at home. The first Bunco night will be held on Wednesday, June 5th. Anyone interested in playing, please let myself or Lynn know so we see can determine if there is enough interest to give it try. Next, we will be doing our 4th of July Pancake Breakfast open to the community. On October 19th we will be having our Annual Charity Ball to raise the monies to fund our Christmas Basket program. This program is one of the biggest events we do for the families and seniors less fortunate than we are and it really makes the Holidays very blessed by the charity we are able to provide. The last event that we have put on the calendar is a New York New Year's Eve Celebration. We will host a nice dinner and provide some great entertainment,

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Loyal Knight Richard Platt



Lecturing to Loyal Knight, just that fast. I want to thank all the members who supported my nomination to Loyal Knight. With the departure of our Loyal Knight just a few weeks prior to the Ritual Contest, David Naccarato stepped up and did a wonderful job as Loyal Knight in the contest. All of the Lodges were in the contest and without David, Thousand Oaks would not have been represented. In fact, David was awarded for his outstanding work. David was judged to have been perfect in word accuracy. Way to go!

At our Lodge meeting May 8th I saw why the Elks, and our Lodge in particular, is one special place. Bobby Willams humbly asked a number of committee chairs to join him at the Altar. He then gave each of our chairmen a check to be used for that committees work. Committees dealing with Scholarship, Scouting, ENF and even our old train were gifted. Major Project chair, Art Garcia, then bestowed a second miracle upon us and matched the gifted Major Project amount. These two men walk and talk the talk. They live their lives the way we all might learn from. Elks Care...Elks Share. Bobby and Art you are both my HEROS.

On a personal note as I depart Lecturing and come into the Loyal Knight chair, I want to thank all of the Chairmen associated with the Lecturing Chair. Billy Sternberg, Anna Garcia, Rick Herrera, Mary and Steve Woodlief and Reem Agel. At the same time, I want to wish Adam Smith, the best of luck as Lecturing Knight. I have been told by a dozen people that the Loyal Night is the most challenging job as a Lodge Officer, so here it is, please help me. We can make our Lodge better. That is my only objective for this year.

Richard Platt
Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knight Adam Smith



Well, here I am as your Lecturing Knight. I look forward to my new role.

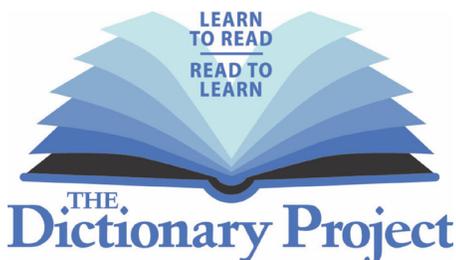
At the April House Meeting, Gerry Gilles reported that

members worked approximately NINETY hours on routine Lodge maintenance issues. Tasks such as rebuilding and painting tables, installing door locks and bolts, rebuilding the north rail fence, installing parking lot lights and obtaining, cutting, and stacking wood for the BBQ to highlight just a few. To the many who assisted in that hard work, we, your brothers and sisters, say a very hardy thank you so much, for you are true heroes. What can you do to help?

We still have a Chairperson opening for Drug Awareness. Please think about stepping up, we need your help.

During the last few weeks I have been in our Lodge's office counting the hours and documenting the volunteer efforts at our Lodge. What I noticed was just how many differing tasks our Lodge Secretary, David Naccarato, and his better half, Karen Naccarato, deal with during an average day. Calls from members and non-members, ranging from help with an old water heater, travelling Elks asking about camping space, health issues and late dues payments to name just a few. Additionally, there were many walk-ins requesting assistance. They handled these issues and their many administrative duties with a smile and great customer service. Thank you guys.

Adam Smith
Lecturing Knight



Secretary David Naccarato



Membership and Delinquency:

April 1st Lodge starts with 444 members. April Initiation brought in 3 for a total of 447 as of May 1st. As of May 8th, 48 are on the delinquent list and may not

use the Lodge or attend meetings. The 48 delinquent are not included in the 447. If we could get them all back in our membership would bloom to 495. I saw an old report from 2008 where our membership was 398, so we are going in the right direction.

Around the lodge:

Max Maxwell and Ben Reiger with other Lodge members repaired the rail fencing at Los Feliz and Conejo School Rd. Looks great and saved the Lodge a lot of money.

At the Ritual contest on May 3rd and 4th in Santa Maria, our Lodge fared pretty well, when you consider we had not sent a team in 5 years. For the first time awards were given out for those that read their parts and our Exalted Ruler Dan Hoffman and Lecturing Knight Richard Platt both received top honors. Other team members that placed were the Loyal Knight, who came in third even with a 2 point deficient. Other members who worked with a 2 point deficit and would have placed if the rules were a bit clearer, would have been our Esquire Terry Gicking and our Chaplain.

I still can't get over the lighting around the lodge. It really lights up the place at night. Thank you to those risking their necks climbing ladders and walking on the roof.

Jill Williams and Carlos Muzquiz are shaking up lunches around here. They are doing a great job with many members coming in for lunch which equates to lounge business also.

We have a yearly temporary food vendor license. To obtain this we needed to have members who are willing to sit through the class and be certified. Those who passed muster are myself, Ed Rice, Tom Hartin, Jim and Kathy Moye and Bobby Williams. Thanks guys for taking the

Secretary's message continued

time out of your Wednesday to get this accomplished.

With VP visitations approaching, remember a visiting Elk and all guests of that Elk must sign in the register book at the door. All guests must be with an Elk member and leave when they leave. Non members are permitted in the club anytime, except Wednesday nights after 6:30 pm and special Elk Functions.

PER Catherine Koeritz held her annual Kentucky Derby event May 4th. No Triple Crown this year. Thank You Catherine for your hard work. Sorry we were at Ritual. Catherine was able to deposit \$255.00 to the parking lot fund.

You may have noticed the lodge is a busy place, especially Monday through Thursday with the Quilters renting out our Lodge room to make their beautiful quilts. They took up a collection for our parking lot also. We'll get some figures together by the next Antler. The Past Exalted Rulers were also able to put in \$2,800.00 with the Saint Patrick's dinner proceeds. Thank you, you made it happen.

Heart in the right place:

Hard working member Robert "Bobby" Williams, supports our lodge with cooking duties, never missed my Thursday afternoon bingo games and works the BBQ on and off site.

Bobby was present at our last Lodge meeting and invited up to the Alter the chairmen of ENF (Casey Boggiano), Scholarship (Reem Agel), Major Project (Art Garcia), Parking Lot (Jim Moye, PER), Dictionaries (Steve and Mary Woodlief), Scouting (Billy Sternberg) and CHEA (Dan Hoffman). Bobby Williams then handed each an envelope containing \$500.

Thank you Robert "Bobby" Williams.

Did you know?

Up until 1956, there were 4 raps of the gavel. It was to remove your blind fold. Can you imagine? I love this stuff.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

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Sickness & Distress

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

Condolences to:

Mary Woodlief, whose son, **Michael Smithers**, passed away April 30th. He was only 58 years old.

Keep in your prayers

Ed and Rita DaCorsi who have been ill with the flu for the past two months. Rita was even hospitalized.

Casey Boggiano who is still receiving radiation treatment

Dennis Shankle who has prostate cancer.

Kacee Radomski, for relief from pain.

**THE KITCHEN IS NOW
SERVING LUNCH
Monday through Thursday
11:30 am to 1:00 pm**

Exalted Ruler's Message continued

of the lunches being served at the Lodge Monday through Thursday. Thank you Jill and Carlos for managing this for the Lodge and preparing the delicious lunches. At our May 8th Lodge meeting, Bobby Williams displayed his charitable heart by donating \$500.00 to seven of our Committees and CHEA, for a total of \$4000.00. This gesture was completely unexpected and really added a positive and giving spirit to our meeting. It is these type of gestures that make be proud to be an Elk and to have the opportunity to associate with folks like Bobby. As a side note, Art Garcia matched the \$500.00 for the Major Project.

In closing, I wanted to thank Richard Goldner for coaching our Ritual team. Richard, you did an outstanding job and your dedication and example clearly rubbed off on us. Thanks again. Well, school will be out for summer break soon. Sandy and I hope you all have a great summer. If I can assist you with anything, please contact me at 818 822 2219 or fivehofies@yahoo.com. Hope to see you at the Lodge.

June Birthdays

June Birthday's
Mike Mathews -01
William Ratcliffe-01
Bob Adams-03
Ronald Barron-03
Abe Gamble-04
Mary Woodlief-04
Woody Hammer-06
Weyman Dukehart-08
Jim McHarg-08
Elise Murray-09
William Figge-10
Cherri Peterson-11
Steve Smith, PER-13
Rod Reynolds-14
Clarence Brown-15
Ken Krabel-15
Pat Jellander-16
Ronald Pixitz-16
Chuck Costigan-18
Jerry Gilmore-18
Randle Hays-18
Glenn Kenny-19
Charles Maslin-20
Walter Ogden-20
Steve Harrison-21
James Allen-22
Steve McKee-22
Scott F Dool-24
Shirste Gessler-24
Anita Gorino-24
Virginia Lee Grindley-24
Howard Johnson-25
Martin Uskali-28
George Hees-29
James Horning-30



Elks Ladies Alice Kennedy, President

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/02 Pat Peterson
06/04 Mary Woodlief
06/12 Marian Anderson
06/16 Pat Jellander
06/17 Anne Ogden
06/19 Marcy Shewmon
06/21 Kathy Whitmire
06/23 Barbara Gibbs
06/24 Shirste Gessler

The Crying Towel

04-10-19

Capsule Drawing - \$125.00

Richard Harms - Not present.

Lucky 13 - \$120.00

Ed Lees - WINNER! *Donated to Purple Pig.*

04-24-19

Capsule Drawing - \$150.00

Daniel Hawkins - Not present.

Lucky 13 - \$15.00

Jean Miraglia, PER - No winner.

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Brian Mattson
Ed Rice
The Cut ups BBQ crew
Jean, PER and Gregg Miraglia
Dan Martyn, PER
Mike Becker (Century Club)
Bobby Williams (Century Club X5)
Bill Joseph
Catherine Koeritz, PER
Reem Ageel
Adam Smith
John Betancourt
Casey Boggiano
JV BBQ team (52 Club)
Numeral Uno BBQ team
Art Garcia (Century Club X 5)
Dainis Eglitis (Century Club)

Leading Knight's Message continued

fun raffles and we will bring in 2020 at 9:00 PM with great friends and our fellow Brother and Sisters. Please look for details in flyers that will be posted and sent to you. We hope we see our members support these events and enjoy their Lodge. We will be adding more activities and more things to do throughout the year. Please give your best effort to participate in any way you can, a little effort from everyone goes a long way in making our year a prosperous and successful one!

I am available at any time for your questions, suggestions and let's get more involved and enjoy the comradery that we as Elks share. See you at the Lodge!
lgrodrig@juno.com, or 805-338-3195.

Fraternally,

Leo Rodriguez
Esteemed Leading Knight

Pictures of Lodge Volunteers at CVD's Special Kids Day



Pictured Highlights of the 2019 Easter Egg Hunt at the Lodge



Officers 2019 - 2020

Exalted Ruler	Daniel Hoffman	Tiler	John Betancourt
Leading Knight	Leo Rodriguez, PER	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Loyal Knight	Richard Platt	Esquire	Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Lecturing Knight	Adam Smith	Chaplain	Adelaide Wavra
Secretary	David Naccarato, PER	Officer at Large	Jim Moye, PER
Treasurer	William Joseph		

Trustees 2018 - 2019

One Year	Dan Martyn, PER
Two Year	Raymond Laraway
Three Year	Rich Lucariello
Four Year	Darryl Kopacz
Five Year	Ed Lees

Elk of the Year	David Anderson
Officer of the Year	Pam Price
Citizen of the Year	Reem Agel

Grand Exalted Ruler *Outstanding Member Award* Recipients
Jim Moye, PER and Art Garcia

2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

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2018 - 2019 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

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

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

<p>Youth Activities: Adam Smith</p> <p>Hoop Shoot: Anna Garcia</p> <p>Drug Awareness: TBD</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: Adam Smith</p>
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Wednesday: 10:00 AM - Closing

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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	2018-19 Karen Martyn
1994-95 *George Pekow	
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	By Affiliation:
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	1981-82 *Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
	1999-00 *Ralph Vester
	'83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine

*Deceased