



# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*



*September 11, 2001*  
*We will never forget.*

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## Duty Officers

08-29 to 09-04	Dan Martyn, PER
09-05 to 09-11	Gregg Miraglia
09-12 to 09-18	Richard Platt
09-19 to 09-25	Leo Rodriguez, PER
0925 to 10-02	Adam Smith



### 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



The Elk of the Month for September is Bobby Williams. He has been a member of our Lodge for 40 years. He supports our Lodge via his generous donations to our various causes and the collection of aluminum pull tops for cash redemption. In addition to this, he is a long-term member of a BBQ team on Saturdays and assists at all of our off site BBQ appearances at various community events. To top it off, he regularly supports our annual Christmas basket program and assists with the preparation and delivery of the baskets to the elderly and needy families in our community. In his "free" time he prepares his Friday night dinners, which are famous for his HUGE pork chops and chicken breasts. Bobby, THANK YOU and enjoy your reserved parking spot and free Friday night dinners.

## Blood Drive at Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 participated in the Ventura County Blood Drive in July. The Lodge welcomed the *Blood Drive Mobile* and their first volunteer, Grace Vega, an Elk plus thirty others volunteered. This is another small way to help our community. Elks care. Elks share.



Pictured above is Grace Vega, PER Ventura Lodge, entering the *Blood Drive Mobile*.

## Announcing What We Do for the Community



Pictured are "Max" Maxwell (L) and Loyal Knight Richard Platt displaying a banner, to answer a question often asked by members of our community, "What do Elks do?"

## New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements

### Candidate

James Anderson  
John Berg  
Tamara Runnalls

### Sponsor

Jim Horning  
Mike Arkelin  
Ed Shuttleworth

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

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## Exalted Ruler Dan Hoffman



It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and the kids have returned to school. I hope everyone had a good summer. I just recently attended training at the Oceano Lodge and I wanted to share some of the

highlights from this training.

Included in this edition of our Antler's you will be receiving a Photo Release Form as a flyer. GL has instructed us to provide this form to our members and advise those that will grant us permission to use their photographs in publications, news releases, online and in other communications related to the advisements of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America to sign and return the form to our Lodge office. There will also be a Minor Release Form, which will be available at the Lodge when required. This minor inconvenience is reflective of the litigious times we live in. I thank you for your support.

How is the Elks National Foundation helping California-Hawaii? During the 2018-2019 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated \$929,639.72 to the Elks National Foundation. The Foundation gave us back a total of \$2,135,490.00 in the form of Grants, Scholarships and National Veteran Commissions. **That's a ratio of 2.297 for every dollar the Foundation received from California-Hawaii. What an unbelievable return on investment.** Please support the Elks National Foundation by considering a recurring donation. You can do this online by signing into Elks.org and opening the Elks National Foundation tab. Scroll down to Donate and follow the simple instructions. You decide on the amount you can afford.

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (Purple Pig) was also highlighted at our training. Your gifts will help hundreds

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## Leading Knight Leo Rodriguez, PER



Under the station of the Leading Knight comes our Annual Charity Ball. The profits from the Charity Ball help to fund the Charity Basket Program in which we deliver baskets to those families in our community who are less fortunate. We

will be sending out 12 raffle tickets to all members, which you can put your name on and send them back with your \$20 donation to the lodge and you will be entered for chances to win gift baskets and other great prizes.

The Charity Ball will be held on, Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>, the details will be available soon so look out for the flyer and mark your calendars! It promises to be a fun evening and the opportunity to support our program and get together with your fellow members.

As we come closer to December, there will be sign-up sheets posted in the Lodge for volunteers to help with the many tasks that go into this program including, assembling food boxes, the wrapping of children's presents, and the delivery of baskets throughout the community. Those of you who have participated in the past have seen the smiles on the faces of the children and the appreciation of the parents. It really makes you feel how worthwhile our efforts truly are!

Lynn and Carol hosted Bunco, which was played on August 7<sup>th</sup>. We had 12 players and donated a total of \$75 to the Lodge, \$48 was from the game donation and Rita DaCorsi donated \$27 that she won for the Most Buncos. As always everyone had a great time and had a lot of fun. The winners of the evening were as follows:

- The Most Buncos, Rita DaCorsi
- The most wins, Leo Rodriguez
- The most losses, Lynn Rodriguez
- The Last Bunco, Rita DaCorsi

This month we will be playing Bunco on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP to either Lynn at 805-559-0909 or Carol at 818-635-5175 so that we set up enough tables for everyone to play.

Fraternally,

Leo Rodriguez  
Esteemed Leading Knight

## Loyal Knight Richard Platt



Karen and Dan Martyn, Krista Cameron, Jill Williams and Richard Goldner have all stepped up and have a good plan for what we are calling "Charity Thirsty Thursday." All are going to prepare a few scrumptious

meal items for our members during the airing of the very popular Thursday Night Football games. Starting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, Chicago vs Green Bay will have at it. Karen and Dan will grill their own version of the *All American Burger*. September 12<sup>th</sup>, Tampa Bay vs Carolina play and Krista Cameron will offer members her acclaimed *Chili Dogs*. September 19<sup>th</sup>, Tennessee vs Jacksonville play and Jill Williams will have her *Super Sliders* on deck. On Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, Green Bay vs Philadelphia are on tap and Richard Goldner will prepare your choice of *Caprese Salad, Italian Sausage Sandwich or Big Dog Lasagna*. Just in case one cannot decide, have them all if you are really hungry. So, the question is, why Thirsty Thursday? All of us should make it our mission to find out. See you at the games!!!! If all works out as planned, we will have more of this in October. Just what is Big Dog Food Richard?

I want to say a big thank you to our Treasurer, Bill Joseph. He has done a magnificent job as the Lodge Treasurer this year. His focus on making sure the lodge's funds are safe is commendable. But wait, that was the easy part. Bill also chairs the *Lodge Hall Set up Committee*. What is the Set Up Committee you ask? It is the members who have taken on the responsibility for setting up our Lodge Hall for private affairs, Lodge meetings and the Quilters. Bill has two crews of six to eight members, who come in early, as well as later in the day to set up our Lodge Hall. He is generally not a morning person, but without fail, your Lodge is always set up. To his crew, this Lodge is indebted to each and every one of you. Thank you guys!!!

## Lecturing Knight Adam Smith



*"It's the most wonderful time of the year."*

That tune was used in one of my favorite commercials. A father was skipping through an office supply store,

getting back-to-school supplies, while his two children sulked nearby. Genius! Very funny. What's this have to do with Elkdom? Glad you asked.

The application window for scholarships is now open! The kiddos are back to school. From our very own website, "Six scholarships are awarded each year to the top 3 male and female students in the area based on financial need, academic achievement and community involvement." There's also a Vocational Grant and an Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities. The information is located under the "Lodge Programs" tab on [Elks2477.com](http://Elks2477.com).

Wishing everyone a successful, drama-free school year. Keeping it short this month. You're welcome.

Brotherly yours,

Adam "Smitty" Smith



**Have You Proposed**

**a New Member today?**

## Secretary David Naccarato



Hi everyone. I am not fully recovered yet, but I wanted to provide you with some information. First, let me say how much I appreciated the get well wishes and visits during my time

away. I must stress again, the importance of pressure off loading for those who may be bedridden or require the use of a wheelchair. A pressure sore can start in as little as two hours. Even while driving, adjust yourself in your seat at least every 20 minutes during long drives. Pressure sores can get away from you quickly.

### Membership

As of July 31, 2019, we have 459 active members with 31 still on the delinquent list. Remember, that when your Lodge dues are not current, you are not able to use the Lodge for meetings or social activities. Dues are due each year on April 1st. The following is the list of delinquent members that have not contacted the Lodge. Please, if you are their sponsor, give them a call.

*Jesse Cooperman, David Cope, Mathew Daniels, Margaret Gonzales, Woody Hammer, Amanda Hansen, Paul Leroy Holmes, Robert Jones, Frederick Kolbeck Victoria Kuzma, Jacob Panzack, Erin Peters, Sergey Pinchuk, James Porter Jr. Richard Romani, Greg Sincock, Scott Wanamaker, Ron Watkins, Pamela Whiting*

### Don "Bugsy" Ansell

In July we memorialized PER Don Ansell. Don is one of the few who went through every Chair position in the Lodge before becoming Exalted Ruler. This was back in the days when the Lodge had "assistant" Lodge Chair positions. This meant that it took twice as long to go through the Chairs. Don and his wife, Dee, anchored our Easter Egg hunt every year. During his year as Exalted Ruler, the "Mystery Bus" trips were talked about for months. Don guaranteed a fun year and he delivered. Dee Ansell has relocated to the Kansas

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### *Exalted Ruler's message continued*

of children with disabilities throughout California and Hawaii to Walk, Talk, See and Play. We will be having a major Purple Pig dinner at our Lodge on September 27. I hope you can all attend. We will be having a Physical Therapist as our guest speaker and live entertainment. Also, please consider becoming a Purple Pig recurring donor. You can donate as little as \$5.00 a month. Simply sign into the [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org) and hit the donate button. I appreciate your consideration.

That's it for now. If I can be of assistance, please contact me at 818 822 2219 or [fivehofies@yahoo.com](mailto:fivehofies@yahoo.com). Remember, your charitable donations are good for the soul and allow us to do the great charitable activities we are all so proud of. See you at the Lodge.

### *Secretary's message continued*

City area to be near her family. Don and I shared the same wound care doctor. My doctor, Mark Suski, is well versed in the workings of the Elks. Huge thanks to PDDGER Tom Ryder and his team for the preparation of the food served at the Memorial and our Elk's Ladies for the desserts.

### The Early Years of Elkdom

The order was formed and received its first Charter on February 16, 1868 and went through some growing pains. All of the initial members were in the entertainment field and this made it difficult for Lodges to retain officers. It was not uncommon to have a Tiler or an Exalted Ruler about to spend the summer in San Francisco for an engagement or touring on the road. These entertainers started to sponsor their friends, who in turn, mitigated this early stage entertainment dominance. These newcomers, especially the doctors, lawyers and other professional people, remained established locally and attended Lodge meetings and were subsequently elected to the high offices in the Order. This theatrical element is what gives the Order its ritual flair and deep sense of conviction.

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary

## Sickness & Distress

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

### Condolences to:

None to report

### Keep in your prayers

**David Naccarato, PER**, who is home recovering from surgery with doctor's orders not to return to work for several weeks.

**Greg Metzgus'** daughter **Diana**, whose cancer has spread to her bones.

**Dee Ansell's** sister **Sherry**, who has clogged arteries.

**Tom Hartin**, who is still recovering from knee surgery.

**Kacee Radomski**, for relief from pain.

## September Birthdays

Birthdays for month of September

Edward Ayril-03

Julie Cook-03

Daniel Hoffman-03

John Mutolo-03

Geoffrey Garcia-04

Juan Garcia Lopez-04

Tom Ryder-04

Len Cardoni-05

Charles Hall-06

Edwin Jones-06

Dorothy Murray-07

Vernon Noell-07

Anna Garcia-08

Jean Miraglia-10

Larry Zarybnicky-11

Kathee Wilson-12

Dennis Anderson-13

James La Rue-15

Christine Rundle-15

Lisa Teevan-16

Bill Lloyd-17

Ed Rice-17

Christopher Campbell-18

Kirk Keeler-18

John Wendling-18

Steven Henderson-21

Robert Jacalone-21

Juanita Feamster-22

Jerry Serota -23

Stella Violano-23

Boyd Lindquist-24

Karen Martyn-25

Robert Wylie-25

Michael Dow-26

Marshall Knowlton-26

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## Lodge Member Presents Gift to Conejo Blue Moms



Pictured above is lodge member Kathleen Reichle. She hand-made the blankets, displayed in front of her, and presented them to the Conejo Blue Moms on Wednesday evening, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Blue Moms are a national organization of mothers of in service military personnel. This group meets once a month at our Lodge.



**Elks**  
National  
Foundation

### *September Birthdays continued*

Vanessa Romano-27  
Richard Russillo-27  
Stephen Buczynski-28  
Doug Carroll-28  
Brian Boals-29  
John Nau-28  
Reem Agel-30

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

### June

Paul Stein  
"Numero Uno" BBQ team  
CVD BBQ crew  
The "cut ups" BBQ team  
Jean, PER and Gregg Miraglia  
Bobby Williams  
Rick Herrera  
Bill Joseph  
Brenda Hagen (Century Club)  
Bill Sternberg, PER

### July

Gregg Miraglia  
Bill Joseph  
Bobby Williams  
John Beatencourt  
Dan and Karen Martyn, PERs  
Ed Lees  
Steve and Mary Woodlief  
Michael Becker (Century Club)  
Greg Metzgus, DL  
Adelaide Warva  
JV BBQ crew  
"Numero Uno" BBQ crew  
Lunch Tips  
PER BBQ

## Ventura County Elks Volunteer at Veterans Stand Down

### Ventura County Homeless Veterans Stand Down

The Ventura County Homeless Veterans Stand Down was held on July 28th. What a wonderful event! Approximately 200



homeless Veterans were bused into the Ventura National Guard Armory. The Sea Bees from Port Hueneme set up tents for them to sleep. They were not



only provided three meals a day, a place to sleep, and showers but also received haircuts, dental care, medical attention



and legal help was available. It was truly a remarkable weekend for the Veterans and all those who assisted in the event.

On the last day, all of the Veterans gathered in a circle, holding hands and arms stretched high with the flags of all the branches of service flying next to the greatest, most beautiful flag of all; the



American Flag. With its beautiful red, white and blue stars and stripes gently waving in the breeze above them; as if to bless each and every Veteran for fighting for our freedom and giving so much of



themselves. The Lee Greenwood song, *Proud To Be An American* played loudly for all to hear. These Veterans, and all Veterans have given so much and the little we have done here this weekend doesn't even compare to all they have given.

The Elks mission, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". The Elks Lodges of Ventura County; Simi Valley #2492, Thousand Oaks

#2477, Ventura #1430 and Oxnard #1443; purchased and prepared a box lunch for each Veteran to take home. The boxes were insulated to keep water, sodas,



sandwiches and fruit cold. They were also presented with backpacks, duffel bags, blankets and medical supplies.

And Elks don't stop there. We take pride in hosting events in their honor. All States have different Veteran programs.



We visit them in hospitals and remember them at the holidays. If you are interested in helping Veterans or being a part of



your community programs, please call your local Elks Lodge. If you are in the Thousand Oaks area, please call (805) 496-2477.



## More Pictures from the Ventura County Stand Down



(L-R) Terry Gicking, PDDGER, two volunteers, Tom Ryder, PDDGER and our Veterans Services Chair, Claire Hope (Daughter of Bob Hope director of the event) ER Dan Hoffman and Paul Stein



John Betancourt(L) with Brian Gicking, son of Terry Gicking, PDDGER

## Veterans Services

The 2019 Ventura County Veterans Stand Down was a great success. Although the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge was a small part of the event, it was an honor for our members that took part in the Stand Down to be a part of it.

Sepulveda Veterans Hospital – Marshall Knowlton – Steve Kammerer and the Elks bingo crew hosted veterans bingo at Sepulveda on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Crew included Steve Kammerer, Carol Fredericks, Rick Beal and Doug Morrison.

Marshall and Elks bingo crew again hosted the veterans at Sepulveda on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Crew members included Jim McHarg, Carol Fredricks, Rick Beal and Marshall.

Had a change in planning. Afghans

crocheted by Kathy Reichle and scheduled to go to the Sepulveda veterans were donated by the Exalted Ruler to the Blue Star Mothers who meet at our Lodge. Kathy agreed with the change.

The Blue Star Mothers are a nonpartisan, nonpolitical, nonsectarian organization. They do not support any political candidate nor do they endorse any religious organization. They are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves or children who are veterans. They not only provide support for active duty service personnel, they also promote patriotism, assist Veterans organizations and are available to assist in homeland volunteer efforts to help our country remain strong.

The Blue Star Mothers meet at our Lodge every second Wednesday and are open to new members who meet the requirements for membership.

Our Lodge donated \$254 to pay for a veteran's utility bill thru the Camarillo Veterans Social services.

As usual I am reaching out to you all for your help! Veterans, please let me know who you are. I can be contacted in the following ways, e-mail - kr3tr@verizon.net, phone - 805-497-1853, or through the Lodge office mail box. Please help me do a good job for our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Tom Ryder PER/PDDGER

## Past Exalted Rulers Corner

The Past Exalted Rulers (PERs) would like to thank those that came to the lodge for Don "Bugsy" Ansell's Celebration of Life service and helped say goodbye to his Lady Dee who has relocated to Kansas City. We will miss them both! The PERs performed the service and provided the food. A special thank you to the Elks Ladies who provided the many desserts for the service.

The PERs donated \$150 to Marines who performed Military Honors at Don Ansell's service.

At the PERs meeting in August, the Exalted Ruler, Dan Hoffman, briefed the PERs as to some of his ideas and works in

progress.

The Exalted Ruler also gave a briefing as to Lodge ENF donations at this time for this Lodge year. Our Lodge has not at this time met the goal of \$4.75 per capita as required by Grand Lodge. If a Lodge does not meet the Grand Lodge per capita, our Lodge will not be eligible for any grants next year. The ENF provided our lodge with a grant of \$2,500 for Veteran Services this year.

The PERs donated \$1,000 to lodge ENF fund.

During the ER's briefing it appears that our Lodge is in need of committee

chairpersons. It is not the intention that the Lodge officers are to be the committee chairman, as they have enough of their own work to do. Please contact the Exalted Ruler if you would like to become a chairman or become a member of a committee.

As of August 15th PER Dave Naccarato, our Lodge Secretary, is at home recovering, but still needs our prayers to continue getting well.

Fraternally,

Tom Ryder PER/PDDGER

## Legacy Scholarship Recipients

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 awarded a Legacy Scholarship to Ryan Smithers and an Honorary Legacy Scholarship to his twin sister Claire Smithers in July. Their dad and other family members were present along with

their Elk Family to share the moment. Ryan will be attending Yale and Claire will be attending Rose Hulman Institute of Technology. With the Legacy Scholarship comes the duty of donating time at the Elks volunteering at events once a year

during the four years the scholarship is awarded. For this years service requirements both Ryan and Claire choose to wrap tri-tip sandwiches at a recent Elks Lodge BBQ held every Saturday.



Above L-R: Gayle Platt, Claire Smithers, Ryan Smithers and Reem Agel; Platt and Agel serve on the Scholarship Committee.



Above: Claire and Ryan Smithers volunteer with Lodge members at our Saturday BBQ.

## Meet our New Members



Richard Cornelison (R), sponsored by Terry Gicking, PDDGER



Rose Barrington, sponsored by her father, Bill Joseph



Brook Taylor (L) pictured with ER Dan Hoffman and sponsored by Lyle Roberts of Hemet Lodge #1740.

### 2018 - 2019 Committee Chairpersons

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Alex Rogers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Karen Naccarato
Secretary	Rose Barrington

### Elks Ladies Alice Kennedy, President

Treasurer	Charlotte Gessler
Communications	Carol Fredericks
Secretary	Rose Barrington

### 2018 - 2019 Committee Chairpersons

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

#### September Birthdays

09/05 - Cornelia Meehan  
09/10 - Jean Miraglia  
09/12 - Annie Pearson  
09/22 - Becky Krabel  
09/26 - Evie Bystrom

Hello Ladies,

Short birthday list for September. If I have missed anyone's birthday now or in the past please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 304-5149.

Well it's time to mark your calendars for

Saturday, February 8, 2020. It's been a couple of years since the Elk Ladies have put on a Major Project Event for our handicapped children's program. Beth Kozlowski has volunteered to chair the event and we would love it to be a success! It's going to be a 70s Flash Back theme. Remember the 70s?? I was only eight years old in 1970 but I'm really looking forward to going back in time and dressing up to boot. We will have a flyer coming out in the antler soon so keep a look out for more information.

Would like to congratulate Rose

Barrington on becoming a real Elk member with the lodge. I know she will continue to step up and volunteer her services as she has already done on numerous occasions. We love you Rose!

So let me close with this;

"You see, in life, lots of people know what to do, but few people actually do what they know. Knowing is not enough!"  
"You must take action!"

Respectfully,  
Karen



## District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Jay Dupler



Jay was born in 1963 to Jay and Carol in Mt. Joy, PA. He was the oldest child and raised an only child to a blended family that eventually held 7 sisters and 3 brothers. After moving extensively throughout his childhood for his father's work he graduated from Elizabethtown Area High School in 1981 and 6 days later enlisted in the U.S. Army. After being honorably discharged from active service, he remained in California and while living in Paso Robles, he met his soon to be wife

of 32 years, Kristi. The new couple would be called back to PA however, as Jay's stepmother at the time was diagnosed with terminal cancer. While living in P A, Jay and Kristi became foster care parents to several children. They would stay in PA for the next 23 years till the time was right to come home to the central coast.

Jay would follow in the family business working in construction where he would always quickly rise through the ranks and into a management position. He worked in his father's business as a division manager and even owned a few businesses of his own. He currently works for a painting contractor as a lead estimator and commercial project manager.

Jay's late father-in-law was a 57 year member of the Elks and a charter member of Ocean-Five Cities. Immediately upon his return to California in 2009, Jay was initiated into the Order, and 8 days later was Oceano-Five Cities' Esquire. Jay quickly worked his way up through the chairs and became Exalted Ruler for the 2012-2013 year. After his ER year he became just the second Exalted Ruler of the lodge to transition directly to Trustee in its 45 year history and served as Chairman of the Board for 3 years. He has served as chairman of numerous committees in the lodge,

including Auditing and Accounting, ENF chair, where he wrote the first successful grant application for the lodge, Investigation, Indoctrination-Orientation, Youth Activities, Ritual, Scholarship, Safety and Accident Prevention, Business Practices, Bingo, and was President of the PER's association several times. He also served on the Veteran's Committee, Major Project, he worked with the Minors in Need Committee, and was a pioneer of the 20/20 Club in the lodge which has increased donations to both Major Projects and ENF.

Jay has also been an active participant outside the lodge. He has served his district as its chairman for National Foundation from 2014-2016, one year as Business Practices, one year as Ritual Training, and currently Officer's Training. He was asked to be a fill-in Esquire to PDDGER Terry Gicking, helping him with the northern most lodges, and served PDDGER Robert Schrum as his Esquire for 2014-2015. In 2016-2017 he served President Lance Erickson and CHEA as its Chaplain and the district as its President's Achievement Award Chairman. He served as Association Vice President for the West Central Coast District in 2017-2018, and is the current District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the West Central Coast District for 2019-2020.

## Members Helping Keep the Lodge in Top Shape



**Pictured at left, with just a few tools, Gerry Gillies takes time out of his personal schedule to repair the enclosure for our recycle area.**

**Thank you Gerry**

**Pictured at right, are Richard Platt, "Max" Maxwell, John Beatencourt and Gerry Gillies. They moved our lodge room tables out onto the parking lot to power wash them. Something that's been long overdue.**

**Thanks you Richard, Max, John & Gerry**



## Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman



Robert "Bob" Duitsman was born in Inglewood, California and attended local schools, including Inglewood High School, the University of Southern California, and Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles, receiving a

since 1995 and served in a number of positions in the ritual community leading to CHEA Ritual Training Chair and finally CHEA Ritual Contest Chair in 2007-08. He also served on the CHEA Major Project Board of Trustees from 2013 to

City area, with emphases in the areas of estate planning and parole revocation defense.

He is a Past Chair of the Culver City Chamber of Commerce, a Past President of the Culver City Lions Club, and a Past President of the Inglewood District Bar Association. For over twenty years, he was a Temporary Judge of the Los Angeles Municipal and Superior Courts. For more than thirty years, he has been a volunteer at the Culver City Senior Center, helping its members with their legal problems on a volunteer basis. What little he knows about speaking before groups he owes in large part to the Toastmasters organization, of which he is a thirty year member with a designation of Distinguished Toastmaster. He also knows a little about parliamentary procedure, having attained the designation of Professional Registered Parliamentarian through the National Association of Parliamentarians. He is an ordained elder at Knox Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles.

Bob met the love of his life, Beth, in 1982, and they married in 1987. They do not have any children, unless you count their dog, Winston. Together they live in the Ladera Heights area of Los Angeles County.

Bob enjoys gardening, puttering around

## *Honoring the Past*

## *Embracing the Future*

Juris Doctor degree in 1981.

Bob joined the Culver City Elks Lodge in 1989. Moving through the chairs, he was elected Exalted Ruler for 1993-94 and again in 1995-96. He was Association Vice-President in 2001-2002 during the presidency of John Carvalho and his wife Sandy, and was then District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2005-2006 during the national presidency of the Honorable Louis J. "Jim" Grillo and his wife Lucia. Bob served on several district committees, but developed a particular interest in the ritual program. He has been a ritual judge

2016, the last year as its Chair. He served as President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association in 2018-2019.

On the Grand Lodge level, Bob served on the Committee on Judiciary for six years, 2009 to 2015, the last two as Chair, and is currently in his fourth year as a Justice of the Grand Forum, in effect the Supreme Court of the Order. For two years he served on the Grand Lodge Pardon Commission.

For over thirty-five years, Bob has been an attorney in private practice in the Culver

the house, spending time with his dog, and is one of only 131 people on earth who have finished all 34 editions of the Los Angeles Marathon, with a best time of 3:52.

Bob and Beth are proud and excited to have the opportunity to serve as National President and First Lady of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America; meeting and making friends during their travels, and talking about their slogan "*Honoring the Past - Embracing the Future.*"

## 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	Jean Miraglia, 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

<b>Elk of the Year</b>	David Anderson
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<b>Citizen of the Year</b>	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 &amp; 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: Adam Smith</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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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 Sleight	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

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