

Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

*Join us for our
St. Patrick's Day
Celebration and Dinner
Saturday, March 14th*

*PER Leprechaun Races to follow
Plus Drawings and Raffles*

See flier on page 12 for details



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Duty Officers

03-05 to 03-11 Richard Platt
 03-12 to 03-18 Dan Martyn, PER
 03-19 to 03-25 Ray Laraway
 03-26 to 04-01 Leo Rodriguez, 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.

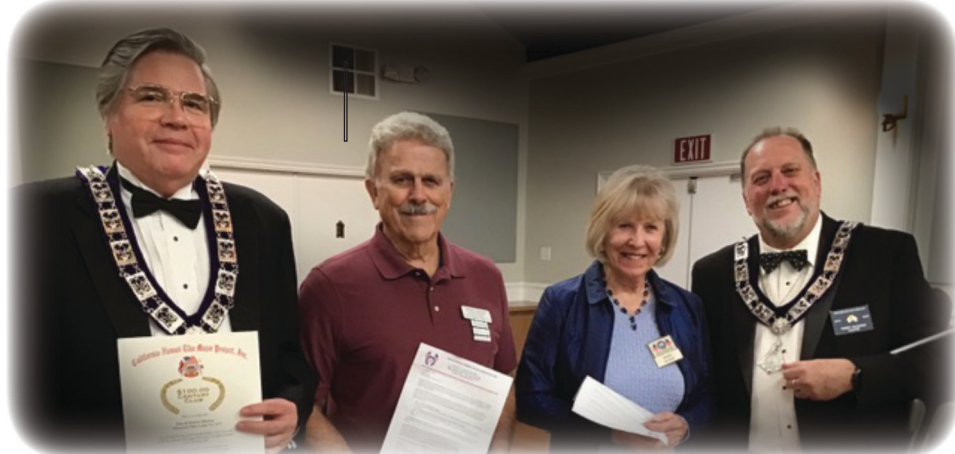
Elk of the Month

2 My Elk of the Month for March is Reem
 2 Agel. The effort she puts into being
 2 the Chairperson of Scholarships is
 2 admirable. She is the "face of our
 2 Lodge" with the local high
 2 schools and we reap the the
 2 benefits of her professionalism,
 3 approachability, dedication and
 3 commitment to the youth of our
 3 community. Additionally, Reem
 4 assists with Saturday BBQs and she
 4 not only supports our Lodge with her



physical labor, she is also extremely
 generous with donations to our
 various programs. In her "free
 time", she is now focused on
 improving our conference room
 with paint, flooring and window
 decorations. I have never seen
 Reem without a smile on her face
 and she always has a pleasant
 greeting when she sees you. Thanks
 Reem and enjoy your reserved
 parking spot and Friday night dinners.

More Award Recipients



The members pictured above received awards as follows:
 Dan Martyn, PER, Century Club, Gerry Gillies and Inger Hogan, Recurring Donors
 and Terry Gicking, PDDGER for sponsoring three new members this Elk Year.

Candidates, Transfers & Reinstatements

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Trina Williams	Lyssa Wright
Greg Thompson	Lee Sablick (Simi Valley Lodge #2492)
Michael Callahan	Dan Hoffman
Candice Caudill	Julie Cooke
Corinne Richeson	Karen Martyn, PER
Timi Vaughn	Jason Frazee

Requests for Transfer and Reinstatement
 Bruce Cawvey requests reinstatement
 Scott Cameron requests reinstatement and transfer from Simi Lodge #2492

Meeting Attendance

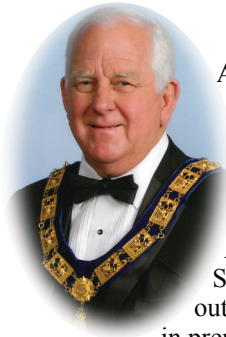
	01-08	01-22
General Members	12	28
Officers	12	13
PERs	5	6
Total	29	47

Membership Report

Membership as of April 1, 2018	445
Total Initiations, Reinstatements & Transfers as of 01-31-19	46
Total Members Lost as of 01-31-19	30
Delinquency as of 01-31-19	0
Total Membership as of 01-31-19	461

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

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A Message from Exalted Ruler, Dan Hoffman

As I sit here writing my final Exalted Ruler article, I realize that this represents the 36th article I have written for the Antler Antics. I want to thank Steve Smith for the outstanding job he does in preparing the Antler each month. His ability to incorporate all the things being done each month at our Lodge into a professional product is commendable.

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to be your ER this last year and I appreciate all the support I have received this year. In anything you do, it's the people

you do it with that make it special. I have developed many rewarding relationships that will last forever. We had a lot of great moments and when some challenges presented themselves, we united to solve them and learn from them. I believe a good barometer of our victories this year is the fact that we increased our membership by 45+ new members. As GER Bob Duitsman stated, "If they know you and they like you, they will want to be part of you."

Much work was completed this year in Public Relations. I thank Adelaide for the focus she provided as the Chair of the Public Relations committee. The word went out via Facebook and our Lodge was frequently featured via articles published in the various Elk magazines and the local

Acorn with numerous photos as well. These efforts, coupled with our improved communication efforts, kept everyone in the loop on what we were doing this year.

Working with the Trustees this year was seamless and productive. Dan Martyn, PER, thanks for your leadership as Chairman of the Board. I thank all the Trustees for your dedication and sound counsel. The Lodge was able to realize the completion of a new parking lot based on your teamwork and the support of our members.

My Officer Corp this year was outstanding and "No" was not in their vocabulary. You functioned as team and your ability to

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A Message from Esteemed Leading Knight, Leo Rodriguez, PER

As I write this final article as your Leading Knight, it really makes me wonder where the last year went. Thanks go out to all of you, the members, who make our Lodge so very worthwhile. I look back and reflect on all the good work we have done this past year and my thoughts are to continue to do so this upcoming Elk year 2020-2021. This is why we are Elks and the reason that we joined as members, to help others in need, those less fortunate than us, and those in our community who need our assistance the most!

I have found through the past years that I have been a member of the Elks, and our Lodge, that there are some truly good

people in this world who give so much in so many different ways. I have especially learned, as an Elk, the true blessings that I have in life! Remember it takes volunteers working together with one another to bring to fruition the very thing that we strive for which is "Charity".

This coming year, I hope that we as a Lodge can continue to really make a difference in our own community. Whatever you can contribute toward our goals is never insignificant. So, take the time to look at our various activities and fundraisers. Volunteer wherever you can. Become an active part of a team working toward the same goals and outcomes together. We do work hard to be successful in our community work, but we also have a great time doing it with our fellow members!

I look forward to our coming year and am very confident that we can all promote a spirit of fellowship. Let us all try and get more involved with your Lodge.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you who have given so much of your time and efforts. Know that your hard work is never gone unnoticed and that the recognition for that will always continue. It is always very appreciated. Your ideas and input for Lodge activities, community activities and fundraising events are always welcomed. So, please let us know how we can broaden our endeavors, keeping in mind *Elks Care and Elks Share!*

Fraternally,
Leo Rodriguez, PER
Esteemed Leading Knight



A Message from Esteemed Loyal Knight, Richard Platt

Last month I shared some of the forthcoming happenings at or our Lodge will be involved in thru April. This month I am going to address more events of April and some of May. Each will be important. Following the installation of our 2020-2021 Officers Corps and the Inaugural Ball, as well as the Elk of the Year, comes Good Friday. Jill Williams will be cooking her Fish Fry on Good Friday April 10th. Your Officers will be going to Santa Ynez on April 11th for a mandatory clinic. Then in the last week of April is the Ritual Contest in Lompoc. Cinco de Mayo is Tuesday May 5th That

Sunday, April 10th, is Mother's Day. The Elks State Convention held in Palm Springs is May 13-16th. Lastly May 25th is Memorial Day.

Have you noticed the number of new members coming into our Lodge? This is your Lodge, so have you talked with someone who has asked what Elks are about? Invite that person to enjoy a good BBQ this next weekend. New members are the people we work with, enjoy a hobby with, go fishing with and your neighbors. WE do not have a warehouse full of people wishing to join. You are the best recruiter this Lodge has. You can only make it more enjoyable!

Paul Stein and his committee members, what an outstanding Firefighter/Police

celebration you put together. Each and every one who attended the dinner was humbled by the dedication and heroics that our first responders accomplished daily. Then the next night, our Lady Elks, hosted a great 70's Flashback dinner and party. THANK YOU one and all who worked so very hard, as well as those who supported both these beautiful affairs!

As we near the end of the Elk year, Gayle and I would like to thank you all who stepped up and helped me with this year. I am grateful and moved by your willingness to serve and friendship.

Respectful Submitted,
Richard Platt
Loyal Knight



A Message from Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Adam Smith

Spring!! Time for renewal, indeed. March marks the end of the year in Elkdom and ushers in new perspectives from Elks that heed the call for Lodge leadership. I've enjoyed (almost) every moment of this last year as Esteemed Lecturing Knight.

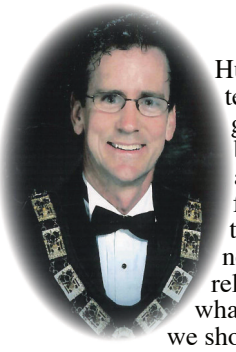
Our Lodge has a lot going on this next year and I implore every Elk to step in and be part of the action. We're a formidable group with tons of talent. The incoming Lecturing Knight will need chairpersons for Youth Activities and Drug Awareness. It could be YOU!

As this Antlers Antics goes to print, March Madness will be upon us. It's going to be a great couple weeks of food and college

basketball at your Lodge. Shrimp or Roast Beef Poboy's, anyone?

It's not like me to ramble on (in print) so I'll sign off for now. See you at the Lodge!!

Brotherly yours,
Adam "Smitty" Smith



A Message from Lodge Secretary, David Naccarato, PER

Human nature has a tendency to take for granted what is bestowed upon us and too often we forget that. It is not to say that we should not kick back and relax a little and enjoy what God has gifted us, we should. A Friday night

dinner at the Lodge is a prime example of the brotherhood that is shared and prevails. On the other side, we must get involved. The reason you became an Elk is demonstrated when you see the family's we help at Christmas; or the Veteran who just moved off the streets into an apartment but still sleeps on the floor and our Lodge provided him with a bed, furniture and kitchen supplies.

Go out on a Sunday and help score kids at the free throw contest. Help us host a Halloween party for disabled children. The

parents appreciate that we can help give their kids somewhat of a normal childhood. We have "Love on a leash" where we bring their therapy dogs to the Lodge to interact with the children. I look at these events and say, "That's why I joined."

When you go to convention and they tell the story of that year's theme child who needed help beyond by the medical community and our Major Project therapist (which we raise money for all year long) worked with that child. A video is shown describing the child's limitations at the beginning and then, on stage, we see how the child has progressed. That's why I joined. In 2010 the theme child was Alexis Booth. From 6 months to 18 months she was on a ventilator so she could breathe. She needed constant care and intense therapy. The parents did not have insurance. CHEMPI stepped in and took over the therapy. She had such high spirits. At 18

years old the therapy program ends, but the Elks of California gave her a college scholarship and she became a therapist herself. Alexis has since joined the San Diego Lodge #168... That's why I joined.

When I joined, I was a closet Elvis Impersonator. The Lodge was looking for talent and they let me gyrate in my jump suit and everyone had a good time. After my tethered spinal syndrome, brought on by Valley fever, I was let go from my job of 38 years. The Lodge still had use for me. No more Elvis, but Catherine Koeritz suggested I be Secretary and it kept me active. As they say, it is what it is.

If your Initiation was a blur come back an experience one and take it all in. You may hear something that will hit home as to why you became an Elk.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

Exalted Ruler's Message continued

work together in a harmonious fashion led to stellar accomplishments in everything you were required to complete this past Elk year. Frankly, you all made my job manageable and I am forever grateful. I will miss working with each of you and you taught me many things this past year. Each of you are my FRIEND and the Lodge is blessed to have you continue on in leadership roles.

To the Chairs of the various committees, thank you for making your responsibilities a priority in your lives. To the folks that prepared all the Friday night dinners, thank you for your timeless efforts in preparing "home cooked meals" for all to enjoy. A tip of the hat to those that work the BBQ every Saturday. The BBQ is the "life blood" of our Lodge a "Thank You" seems insufficient in recognizing your dedication and physical efforts to pull this off week after week.

To the PERs, Elks Ladies and Kampers- THANK YOU!!! Gosh, your efforts and ability to raise funds and then to donate these funds to the various projects and programs we embark on is exceptional and very appreciated. Everything I asked you to do this year, you did with a smile and I always knew I could depend on each of you.

I have had strong mentors assisting me ever since I joined the Lodge. I am going to attempt to name them individually and personally thank them for taking a "chance" on me. Thank you Jean and Gregg Miraglia, Dan and Karen Martyn, Greg Metzgas, Tom Ryder, Max Maxwell, Terry Gicking, Tom Hardin, Bill Sternberg, Gerry Gillies, Ed Rice, Steve Smith, David Anderson and last, but not least, our Secretary David Naccarato. David, thanks for sticking with me and getting me to the finish line.

I am sure I am forgetting to personally recognize others as I close out my term. For each of you that took the time to extend your hand in friendship to myself and Sandy, I thank you. I thank Sandy for allowing me to have my Elk responsibilities in my top three priorities. Personally, when Sandy could join me at the Lodge, I felt it was a brighter, happier place with her presence. In closing, I must recognize Brooke and her team. Thank you for your service and Brooke, thank you for your expertise and dedication to Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477.

As always, if I can assist you in any fashion, please contact me at fivehofies@yahoo.com or 818 822 2219. I am not going anywhere and I will see you at the Lodge. Thanks to each of you for making my decision to become an Elk a stellar choice on my part.

Sickness and Distress

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

Condolences to:

The family of **Ray Laraway**, whose mother passed away.

The family of **Sue Maddox**, whose son, **Junior**, passed away.

The family of **Carol Harter, PER**, Atascadero Lodge, who passed away February 8th.

The family of **Sal Aparicio, PER**, a member of Santa Barbara Lodge, who passed away during surgery.

The family of **Robert "Bob" Felts**, Canoga Park Lodge, who passed away

2-11-20. He was the father of our Absent Member, Patricia Harrod.

Keep in your prayers:

Brooke Oakrey, whose sister, **Madison**, has a brain tumor.

Ruth Gillies, who had an epidural to ease her pain.

John Nau, PER, whose daughter has been diagnosed with advanced cancer and other medical problems.

Rick Herrera, who is recovering from hip surgery nicely and up and about.

Barbara Metzgun, who is in rehab following hip replacement surgery.

Greg Metzgun's daughter **Diana**, who is undergoing more treatment.

Dick Johnson, whose daughter seems to be doing well after brain surgery.

Ed Rice, who is recovering at home after brain tumor surgery.

Carol Stewart, who is recovering after surgery.

Leslie Donovan, who is now under hospice care.

Jerry Serota, who is now under hospice care. He will accept visitors, but call Lisa first.

Good News to Report:

Ed Lees has a new grandchild.

March Birthdays

Harvey Flam-01
Leslie Smith-01
Alan Van Cleave-03
Lyssa Wright-03
Scott Armstrone-05
James Coon-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
Leonard Benson-12
Tony Lerner-12
Carmine Prizzi-12
Kim Vu-12
Don Yates-12
Semih Sinik-14
Kevin Metzgun-16
Carlos Musquiz-16
Casey Boggiano-17
Edward Lees-17
Phillip Johnson-19
Richard Platt-19
Jill Williams-20
Douglas Bevan-21
Jay Schmidt-21
Gary Erland-22
Douglas Ryan-22
Richard Goldner-24
Sally Johnson-24
Alan Ito-25
Donald Shewmon-27
Victoria Novak-28
Paul Walker-31

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Dan & Karen Martyn, PERs
Gerry Gillies
Rose Barrington
"Anonymous" John
Bobby Williams
Brian McBreen
Ray Laraway
Bill Joseph
Brenda Hagen
Paul Stein
Steve Henderson
Lyssa Wright

Millennium Club

Harold Wankle
Brenda Hagen

Century Club

David Naccarato, PER
Max Maxwell
Mike Becker

Recurring Donors

Ed Lees
Alex Rogers
Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Gerry Gillies
Joseph Garcia
Dan Hoffman
Inger Hogan
Greg Metzgun, DL
Gerry Sweet



Brenda Hagen, pictured with Esquire Terry Gicking, PDDGER, received a certificate in recognition of her **2x Millennium** contribution to the Purple Pig

Crying Towel

01-08-20

Capsule Drawing - \$500.00

Gregory Charles, not present

Lucky 13 - \$105.00

Greg Metzgun, DL, no winner

01-22-20

Capsule Drawing #1 - 500.00

Steven Ford, not present

Capsule Drawing #2 - \$25.00

Robert Hodgson, not present

Lucky 13 - \$120.00

William Ford, no winner

Pull Tab Collections

Thank you everyone for your continuing support in 2019 of the Ronald McDonald



House Charities pull tab collection program.

Please remember to keep collecting those pull tabs, every tab counts. Just drop them off at the bar or office and I will pick them up.

Elks Care – Elks Share

Gerry Gillies

New Leaders Stress Communication, Education by GER Robert Duitsman

March is an exciting month in the life of every Lodge. The installation of officers must be held after March 15 and no later than April 15. This is the time for new leadership to assume responsibility for the governance of the Lodge.

A challenge that may exist is the failure to properly train new officers for their duties. Many Lodges have their practices and traditions in some respects, but there are fundamental responsibilities provided in our statutes that all officers should be familiar with. Are you holding an officer training program within the Lodge or district that gives new officers the knowledge and tools to help them do their

jobs? Knowing what to do must be learned, and new officers may not know where to look to get the best information.

And please, don't forget to get your committees appointed and provide committee members with the information they will need to do their jobs. I've often thought how helpful it would be for every committee chair to be asked to attend a Lodge meeting every month or at least every quarter to give a report on the activities of the committee. It will provide meeting attendees with updates of committee activities, and it will instill in committee chairs an understanding that the activities of their committees have value

and their reports are appreciated.

All eyes are also on Lodge finances. Budget preparation should be underway, with serious thought being given to rightsizing Lodge spending plans to keep them within anticipated receipts. Too often budgets are prepared just because they have to be without serious consideration of what will be needed to maintain long term Lodge viability.

Please take your budgeting responsibilities seriously to make sure your Lodge will remain a welcoming home for your Members for many years to come.

Americanism

The votes have been tallied and we have a winner. The Elks have an essay contest every year and this year the topic is "What does freedom of speech mean to me?" The Americanism Essay Contest stirs youth pride in America. Grand Lodge once again is pleased to offer this national contest to 5th and 6th graders for division 1 and 7th and 8th graders for division 2. This important patriotic contest gives school kids the chance to express their pride in America. Fostering our youth's appreciation and respect for patriotism is central to understanding our country's heritage. They come to understand the symbols that represent what this country stands for and

gain a deep appreciation for the individuals who sacrifice everything for our freedom.

Unlike Hoop Shoot Students, Americanism applicants win a cash prize for their essay and if they move up to National judging and win at the Grand Lodge level, they are awarded a United States Savings bond to the winners of each group.

The reason the Hoop-Shoot students do not receive a cash prize is it will take them out of amateur status if they play ball in college. We have a local shoot, district shoot, state shoot, area shoot and then national shoot. The shooter and their

family go to all events as a guest of the Grand Lodge. No cost to the family and the top winner, both boy and girl, in 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 age groups will have their name on a plaque at the Grand Lodge. Looks good on a résumé.

If you would be interested in helping out on Americanism or Hoop Shoot contact Rick Herrera, Americanism chairman and Anna Garcia, Hoop shoot chairperson.

Rick Herrera
Americanism Chairman

Scholarships

The Elks are only 2nd to the United States government on the amount of scholarships we give away. High School Seniors can apply in December and be graded on financial need, community involvement and grade point average. Locally our Lodge gives \$1,000, \$750.00, \$500.00 to both boy and girl applicants. The Past Exalted Rulers association, who started the Frank Rindone scholarship fund, augments the prizes with \$500.00, \$300.00 and \$200.00. These checks are sent directly to the college when the student is registered.

money. The applicants then compete against other students in State and National judging, where winners are awarded additional college funding. At the National level, the student goes for an interview and can receive up to \$60,000 for college. Our Lodge has had a couple who have gone all the way. Many \$20,000 winners have come from our Lodge. Currently, 5 of our top 6 winners are going on to State. We'll see what happens. The Elks award 2.96 million in college scholarships. More information visit www.elks/enf/scholars

with an essay and receive \$1,000, renewable for 4 years. Gerry Gillies' grandson is our latest recipient. Also, there are scholarships available if you are disabled and you're forced to change your profession and need to go back to school. (Hey, I should look into that.)

Our Scholarship Chairperson is Reem Agel. If this is your passion and want to help out Reem in judging scholarship applications, contact the office we will put you two together.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

The top 6 applicants go up against the other Lodges in our district and receive more

Grand Lodge also has a Legacy Scholarship where grandchildren can apply

Letters to the Lodge

Marilyn Cissell, who moved to Montrose, CO, was a huge part of our Conejo Valley Days. Her husband was a Past Lounge Manager.

She writes: *Love and many thanks for continuing to send me the Antler Antics. I like to know what the Lodge is doing.*

PS: If my Bob was not already in heaven, I know he'd be stopping by daily to have a Coke with his old friends.

Dues Notice

The dues for 2020-2021 have gone out. We dropped 19 this last year for nonpayment. Half were members less than a year.

We must ask ourselves what made me an Elk and why did I join. At your Initiation, if you remember the exchange between the Esquire and the Exalted Ruler, you are an Elk because of your solemn and binding obligation, and you have a card to prove it.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

Meet our New Members



Judy Seeger
sponsored by Darryl Kopacz



At left and center, Brian McBreen sponsored by ER Dan Hoffman.
At right is Sam Siegel, sponsored by Dan Martyn, PER



Candace Suterko
sponsored by Rik Gessler



Thompson Johnson (L)
sponsored by Tom Baldrige



John Berg
sponsored by Mike Arkelin



(L-R) Miguel Perez, Leo Rodriguez, PER, Sandro Cano and Michael Wharton



Dennis Albi (R)
sponsored by Terry Gicking, PDDGER

The PERs Corner

The PERs met February 6th, 2020 in the conference room at the Lodge. The following announcements and discussions took place:

- PER Sal Aparicio, Santa Barbara Elks lodge, passed away. Services to be held sometime in March.
- PER Greg Metzger's lady, Barbara, is hospitalized recovering after a hip replacement operation.
- Thousand Oaks PER Vern Ogden's widow, Fay Ogden, is doing well and thanks all Thousand Oaks Elks for the

- cards and contact in reference to Vern's passing.
- John and Mitzi Nau's grandson is on a special baseball team, representing Thousand Oaks, playing in a Kids 13 and over World Series tournament in North Carolina. The PERs donated \$400 to help him cover costs of going to tournament. Thousand Oaks has the only public school from California in the tournament.
- The PERs are doing a corned beef and cabbage dinner and Leprechaun Races at the lodge, Saturday March 14th, 2020. PER Mike Flannery is heading up the dinner and needs help.

- The PERs continued discussions of the proposed Outside Absent Members Memorial. The giant eucalyptus tree in the designated area has been removed via PERs donation.
- The PERs will be doing the new members initiation on February 26th.
- The PERs are doing the BBQ on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Volunteers needed.

The next PER meeting is scheduled for March 3rd at the lodge.

Fraternally,

Tom Ryder, PER/PDDGER

Antler Antics March 2020

Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Night

On February 7th the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge held their 43rd Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Night. Law enforcement officers and firefighters were honored from both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

They are:

- **Engineer Chris Sharp, VCFD**
- **Deputy Mackenzie Spears, VCSD**
- **Captain Jay Fernandez, LACo.FD**
- **Deputy Francisco Espinoza, LASD**

Our honorees serve communities within our lodge jurisdiction in both counties including Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Malibu,

Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Thousand Oaks, and Newbury Park.

They have been selected by their respective departments for their outstanding performance as individuals dedicated to serving the public for a number of years. Over 125 people attended the event.

The recipients received plaques and proclamations from the lodge and various government agencies as follows:

- Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477
- Thousand Oaks City Council
- County Supervisor Linda Parks
- State Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin

- State Senator Henry Stern
- United States Congresswoman Julia Brownley

The Elks also presented Deputy Mackenzie Spears with the perpetual Sgt. Ron Helus award.

Honorees Chris Sharp and Francisco Espinoza were unable to attend the event due to family emergencies. Included in photographs are: Mayor Al Adam, Jenny Ho (for Linda Parks), Nancy Frawley (for California State Government Jacqui Irwin) and Capt. Rene Ferguson (presented the Sgt. Ron Helus Perpetual Memorial Award)



(L-R) Paul Stein, Police-Fire Appreciation Chairman, Capt. Jay Fernandez and Battalion Chief Drue Smith, LACo.FD



(L-R) Thousand Oaks City Councilwoman Claudia de-la Pena, Capt. Jay Fernandez, Paul Stein and Thousand Oaks Mayor Al Adam



(L-R) Paul Stein, Deputy Mackenzie Spears, VCSD, Councilwoman Claudia de-la Pena and Mayor Al Adam



(L-R) Paul Stein, Capt. Jay Fernandez and Thousand Oaks Councilman Ed Jones



(L-R) Deputy Mackenzie Spears, Capt. Jay Fernandez, Nancy Frawley (representing Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin) and Paul Stein



(L-R) Karen Helus, wife of LKODD Sgt. Helus VCSD, Paul Stein, Deputy Mackenzie Spears and Capt. Renee Ferguson VCSD

More Pictures from the Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Night



Police-Fire Night Kitchen Crew

Way in the Back
Jeff Conyers

Kathy Moye

Ed Lees

Jim Moye, PER

Ben Knox
2015 Teenager
of the Year

Sammy
Ben's brother



START YOUR ENGINES

Thousand Oaks Elks will be having your car show on the 13th of September. We are looking for Sponsors. It can be You or your business or a friend or their business. We will be selling banners that will be displayed for all to see.

The banners will be*****2 by 3
Your Name. Example. (ADELAIDE WAVRA)
(Public Relations.)

Your Business. (Adelaide Wavra.)
(Catering.)
(805-433-3081.)

We are starting sales NOW for the banners while we design our tee's. Please think about Sponsoring your lodge for this upcoming event. Order your banner NOW. The price will be \$45.

Your name:
Your phone #:
What you want on your banner:

You may turn in your order, with payment (in an envelope) to the Bartender. Address it to Bill Joseph.

Thank you for your support. I know it seems early but the more PR exposure we have the more participants we will have.

Thank You
Adelaide
Car Show Chairman
805-433-3081
roamingcowgirl@aol.com

Take the Elks Trivia Quiz

What year was the Elks founded? _____

What was the original name of the Order?

The original founders were what profession? _____

Name a President of the United States who was also a member of the Elks?

Where is founder Charles Vivian buried?

When was the Elks veteran memorial dedicated? _____

Which national holiday originated with the Elks? _____

How much was the initial grant to establish ENF? _____

**2019 - 2020
Committee Chairpersons**

1st Vice President Alex Rogers
2nd Vice President Karen Naccarato
Secretary Rose Barrington

**Elks Ladies
Alice Kennedy, President**

Treasurer Charlotte Gessler
Communications Carol Fredericks
Auditor Shirste Gessler

**2019 - 2020
Committee Chairpersons**

Parliamentarian Beth Kozlowski
Major Project Karen Naccarato
Sunshine June Leadam

March Birthdays

01 - Angela Prizzi
 03 - Rosa Conde
 06 - Dee Ansell
 11 - Crystal Dool
 18 - Beverly Cabello
 20 - Jill Williams
 25 - Jessica Stull

Hello Ladies!

March 3rd is our Installation of Officers for 2020/2021. This is an open meeting and will begin at 6:30 pm. A wonderful buffet prepared by Tom Ryder will be served.

Please RSVP to Myrna Block. The Officers for 2020/2021 will be President Alice Kennedy, 1st Vice President Alex Rogers, 2nd Vice President Karen Naccarato, Treasurer Charlotte Gessler and Secretary Kathy Reichle. Hope to see you there!

February 8th was the Elk Ladies Major Project Event chaired by Beth Kozlowski. If you were unable to attend you missed a wonderful night of food, music, raffles and a hilarious performance by the Village People (Dan Hoffman, Paul Stein, Leo Rodriguez, Brenda Hagen and Richard Platt). What a blast to the past!! A lot of people dressed up for the night including

our Lynn Rodriguez, who won best costume in the ladies category and my David as Elvis, who won best costume in the men's category. I want to give a big thank you to Beth for coming forward and making this a very eventful evening for the Major Project Children's Charity. Also everyone else who had a hand in making this night a night to remember - Thank you!

Fraternally yours,

Karen Naccarato

Pictured Highlights from Elks Ladies 70s Party



More Pictured Highlights from Elks Ladies 70s Party



Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Presents...

***P.E.R. LEPRECHAUN
NIGHT AT THE RACES....***

with a St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Corned Beef Dinner with all the Fixings & Dessert

Prepared by PER Mike Flannery & Crew

Saturday  **March 14th 2020**  \$18.00

Social Hour 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Races to follow

Opportunity drawing (50-25-25) and Basket Raffles

Net proceeds to benefit the Lodge Memorial Fund.

Tickets are available at the Lodge bar.

No tickets available after March 10th

Please pay by cash or check (Payable to BPOE #2477) only – No credit cards

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Donations of Liquor for Raffles will be appreciated.



Friday
March 6th, 2020

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*Aruba, Jamaica, oh I want to take ya
Bermuda, Bahama, come on pretty mama
Key Largo, Montego, baby why don't we go, Jamaica*



Charlotte

Francisco

Our Lounge
Manager
Brooke



Brooke

Crissie

Krista



*Off the busy street, there's a place called Elks Lodge
That's where you want to go to get away from it all...*



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PROJECTS IN PLANING, UNDERWAY OR THINKING STAGE

An Outside Memorial To Our Absent Members

Our absent members are very important to us. In the past as active members they have contributed much to our organization so there is much we owe their memories. What a better place than a memorial area to remember them.

Location - Upper half of the dirt area previously proposed as horseshoe pits.

Funding - No lodge funds are to be used. Some donated funds have been pledged.

Ideas being considered

- A plaque with memorial ode "WE SHALL MEET BUT WE SHALL MISS THEM" inscribed on the plaque.
- An oversized Vacant Chair
- A rock waterfall and pond
- A Display with the names of our departed members. To be updated when current members become Absent Members.

Game Area (Newly Designated)

As an area for relaxation and fun, what is better than a place for some friendly competition? Some current ideas are to establish two bean bag/corn hole game sets and a shuffleboard court. This area is adjacent to the picnic tables and is great for those who might want to have an afternoon place to meet with friends for a little relaxation. It's great for kids' and adults' birthday parties. The Trustees and Officers are planning construction of a more permanent wall between the picnic tables and the parking lot. This will make that area more private and open for toddlers while relaxing and picnicking outdoors.

Location - Lower half of dirt area previously proposed for horseshoe pits

Funding - No lodge funds are to be used. Some donated funds have been pledged.

Flag Retirement Pit Area

This area is to be cleaned up and made more presentable to users.

Location - Already established

Funding - No lodge funds are to be used. Some donated funds have been pledged.

Picnic Area/Parking Lot Fence

The cedar fence has been discolored by sprinklers and rain. The object is to power wash and stain the fence prior to working other projects in area. Terry Gicking has started power washing the fence.

In The Thinking Stage

Cementing in the area under the picnic tables and covering the open area between the picnic tables and the building. This would make the picnic area larger and provide an outside area very suitable for large activities.

Funding - Right now these are considered donation projects but there is a possibility the committee could squeeze some funding out of the Lodge assets.

NOTE

The big eucalyptus tree in the planned memorial area has been removed thanks to a donation by the PERs. As these projects are for the good of the Lodge and its members, we need your ideas, suggestions and help. Please contact me 805-497-1853 to be updated on the progress to date or E-mail me at kr3tr@verizon.net

Current Committee Members

Gary Berg, Rick Herrera, Terry Gicking, Bobby Williams, Dan Hoffman, Pat Jellander, Mike Flannery, Steve Kerman, Tom Ryder.

Thanks for taking the time to review and consider our activities. Please help us!

Tom Ryder, PER/PDDGER

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	Officer at Large	Jean Miraglia, PER
Treasurer	William Joseph		

Trustees 2019 - 2020

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

2019 - 2020 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics Editor & Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER USPS Mailing: Juanita Feamster Website: Steve Smith, PER Auditing and Accounting Committee: Art Garcia Barbeque: Dan Hoffman Photography: Adelaide Wavra and Andy Knupp Protocol: Karen Martyn, PER Presiding Justice: John Moran Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato, PER	Membership: David Naccarato, PER Investigation: John Betancourt, Richard Platt and Alex Rogers Orientation: David Naccarato, PER, Chair Officers and Terry Gicking, PER/PDDGER Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER Maintenance: "Max" Maxwell Grounds: Ben Rieger Facilities: Tom Hartin, Dean Reichle and Jeff Conyers Greeters: Dorothy Murray and Kathy Moye PER Association President: Jean Miraglia, PER
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2019 - 2020 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

Bar Liaison: Dan Martyn, PER Major Project/Purple Pig: Arthur Garcia Bequests & Living Trusts: Arthur Garcia Elks National Foundation: Leo Rodriguez, PER Christmas Basket Program: Leo Rodriguez, PER	Community Activities: Leo Rodriguez, PER Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers Charity Matters: Leo Rodriguez, PER El Konejo Kampers: Jim Porter Christmas Tree Lot: Carlos Muzquiz
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2019 - 2020 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Liaison: Richard Platt Lodge Activities: Richard Platt Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Richard Platt Government Relations: Richard Platt Elks Memorial Service: Adam Smith Veteran Services: Tom Ryder, PDDGER Public Relations: Adelaide Wavra	Calendar: Richard Platt Conejo Valley Days: Tom Hartin Mediator: Rick Rodgers Mothers Day: Adam Smith Inaugural Ball: Richard Platt Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein
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2019 - 2020 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: Adam Smith Hoop Shoot: Anna Garcia Drug Awareness: Adam Smith Scholarships: Reem Agel	Scouting: Steve Henderson Americanism: Rick Herrera Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief Youth Appreciation Night: Adam Smith
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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, PDL, PSP	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 Moyer
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	
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	

*Deceased

By Affiliation:

1981-82 *Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1999-00 *Ralph Vester
'83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine