



# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*



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*Because of the Brave*



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## A Message from the Esteemed Loyal Knight, Adelaide Wavra

Hello everyone. I hope you are all taking time to enjoy the May flowers. I know these are trying times for all of us, but please take time to look around and see the beauty and green around you. This is

I've been doing a lot of cooking as most of you have. I had an idea for all of us. Let's write down some of our favorite recipes. We can put them together as a TO Covid-19 Cook Book. Also, when we get back to our Friday night dinners, how about a Bake-Off? I know I can't wait for those Friday night get togethers. Heck, just to see all of you and share a cold one is something I am looking forward to.

I know you are there and I am here but we are still TOGETHER. If you need anything

or just want to talk, feel free to call, text or email me.

In justice,

Adelaide C. Wavra  
Esteemed Loyal Knight

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## Elks Ladies

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/06 Roberta Kopacz  
05/07 Barbara Metzgas  
05/14 Patti Figge

Elk Ladies Members:

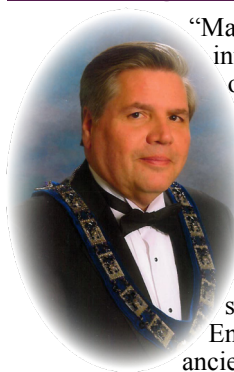
Hope all of you are well! I'm thinking of you and hope to see you all soon :) Stay safe.

With Love,

Karen N.



## A Message from Exalted Ruler, Dan Martyn, PER



"May you live in interesting times" is an old English expression. Right now, unfortunately, we are definitely living in interesting times, and it is ironic that the origin of the "interesting times" saying is reportedly an English translation of an ancient Chinese curse.

Our lodge remains closed as the Ventura Health Department stay-at-home order has been extended to May 15. Unfortunately, that will necessitate the postponement of our Youth Appreciation Dinner at which our lodge scholarships will be awarded. Our scholarship chair, Reem Agel, has done an outstanding job this year. Five of our lodge's six scholarship winners went on to compete at the district level, and one student, Nicki Golchini, has been selected to compete at the national level, where she will be awarded \$4,000.

Another special event, our Mother's Day Brunch, will also be cancelled unless there is a change in Ventura Health Department restrictions. Hopefully things will improve before our Flag Day celebration and Father's Day in June.

While our lodge is closed, our facility is inspected on a daily basis and maintained as necessary. We have had some lodge BBQ patrons stop by to see if we were open, and we are all looking forward to enjoying our BBQ ribs, chicken and tri-tip again.

We've heard from quite a few members about ways they're occupying their time including binge watching tv series, online shopping, making face masks, gardening, walking and experimenting with new recipes. I sometimes get a song trapped in my head, repeating over and over. Right now, it's the Statler Brothers 1965 hit containing the lyrics:

*Countin' flowers on the wall  
That don't bother me at all  
Playin' solitaire till dawn with a deck of fifty-one  
Smoking cigarettes and watchin' Captain Kangaroo  
Now don't tell me, there's nothin' to do*

Please stay safe and keep your spirits up. Reach out to a fellow Elk and stay in touch with family and friends. We will get through this. The world will turn.

Dan Martyn  
Exalted Ruler

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## **A Message from Esteemed Lecturing Knight, John Betancourt**

To My Fellow Elks:

Being at home has changed me on how I took things for granted, and I will do so no more. I still talk with my kids but now I am doing more Facetiming. They get a kick out of seeing this old

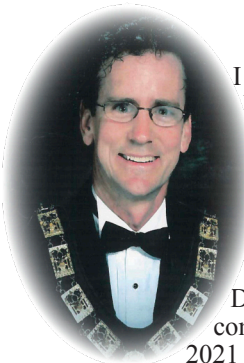
guy getting into this new way of communication that the younger generation takes

for granted. I also notice how more and more people who you might see as you take a walk, waving or saying hello to you from the other side of the street. One positive thing this crisis has done is to bring neighbors somewhat closer together, and we can only hope that once this is over, this will continue. Have you given a fellow Elk a call to see how they are doing? That one phone call or text will put a smile on that person's face knowing that you are thinking of them. Isn't that what we as Elks are all about?

Once we are back at the lodge, we will be back to making our committee reports and it will give us the smiles that we so miss.

My best wishes to all for health and safety until we meet again at Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477.

Your Elk Brother,  
John Betancourt, Lecturing Knight.



## **A Message from Lodge Secretary, David Naccarato, PER**

I trust you are all hunkering down during this pandemic. Please follow the rules for avoiding this virus and stay safe.

Dues have been coming in and 2020-2021 cards and keys have

been sent out. Remember to keep your old key card after receiving your new card because the card readers may have not

been updated. It will be done as soon as we have someone available to handle this. Thanks to all who have sent in their dues for this Elk year. We still have 133 of the 458 members on the rolls that have not paid their dues. Please send them in as soon as you can.

Get ready for the lodge to reopen. We will have lots to catch up on such as Youth Appreciation Night, the announcement of our Elk of the Year for 2019-2020, Officer of the Year 2019-2020, our Citizen of the Year, and our two Grand Exalted Ruler

“Outstanding Members”. The Jr. Past Exalted Ruler Roast and the Cat/Dave Production of our “Come Back Tour” dinner will be rescheduled.

We remind you that the office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Antler Antics will be delivered by email with hard copies available in the office.

David Naccarato  
Lodge Secretary

## **Veterans Services**

The Sepulveda veterans facility has cancelled all visitors and activities, including our bingo, until further notice due to the Coronavirus. The Ventura County Veterans Stand Down, scheduled for July, has been cancelled due to current and projected health conditions. Claire Hope, chairperson of the event, advised that currently there are no plans to reschedule the event for any time this year.

Elks are still finding ways to be there for veterans, especially during this time of crisis. Please continue to uphold the Elks pledge not to forget our veterans, but do it from at least six feet away.

**As per last month and more importantly now, the following assistance is still available to Veterans and their families:**

**Veterans Crisis Line:** If you or a loved one are in crisis, call 1-800-273-8255, and press 1 for the Veterans Crisis Line, or text 838255. You'll receive confidential emotional support from caring, qualified responders.

If you know a veteran who is homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless, call or visit their local Medical Center or Community Resource and Referral Center where VA staff are ready to help. Ask to speak to a social worker to let them know

the veteran is falling behind on rent, mortgage, or utilities. If you are not sure of where to start, veterans and their families may call 1-877-424-3838 to access VA services. It's free, confidential and available 24/7.

For more veterans information, I can be contacted in the following ways: e-mail - [kr3tcr@verizon.net](mailto:kr3tcr@verizon.net), phone - 805-497-1853, or through the Lodge office mail box. Please help me do a good job for our veterans and our lodge.

*Veterans can count on the Elks to help.*

Fraternally,

Tom Ryder PER/PDDGER

## **El Konejo Kampers**

In March, the El Konejo Kampers ventured out to Pechanga RV Resort in Temecula, California. What a beautiful RV park! Our small but mighty group didn't let the bad weather get us down! Our group included Virginia Grindley, Jane Watson, John Puckett, Cheryl Templeton and her brother, the Moyes and the Gesslers. We spent most of the time inside our coaches, playing games and snacking on yummy food. We celebrated Jane's new, beautiful

coach – perfect for her and her dog, Jackson.

We had a lovely dinner at a restaurant in the casino. Some of us played the slots (with gloves on). Even though it rained practically the entire time we were there, we had a great time. The day after we left, Pechanga closed due to the Coronavirus. Fortunately, we were there before the closure.

Because we are concerned about the health and well being of our members and the community, we have postponed our next two camp-outs to Santa Maria Elks Lodge and Santa Barbara Elks Lodge. We do have an “unofficial” camp-out at Rincon in June and hopefully Rincon will have reopened by then. Check our website ([elkonjeokampers.oaksdata.com](http://elkonjeokampers.oaksdata.com)) for the latest updates.

Shirste Gessler

## May Birthdays

Brian Thorkildsen-01  
Robert Hodgson-02  
Dean Curtis-03  
Peter Padilla-05  
David Anderson-06  
George Vivlamore-06  
Tom Baldrige-07  
Barbara Metzgas-07  
Earl Walthall-07  
Kathy Jo Johnson-08  
Mati Cohen-09  
Michael Spector-09  
Ben Morris-10  
Anthony Federico-12  
Steve Kerman-13  
Tori Rogers-13  
Bill Miller-14  
Richard Rogers-16  
Kathleen Moye-17  
Sandra Ragan-17  
Gary Abrams-18  
Michael Cagley-19  
Robert Koeritz-19  
Steven Komjathy-19  
Hazen Arnold-20  
Rik Gessler-20  
David Maddox-22  
April Bourquin-23  
David Stull-23  
Steve Woodleif-24  
Michael Munninger-25  
Candice Caudil-26  
Tyson Flynn-27  
Michael Murray-27  
Rick Naranjo-27  
Jeff Conyers-28

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Tim Lane  
Adam Smith  
Kenneth Kolde  
IB Jensen  
Steven Grindley  
John Moran  
Toni Hartin  
Thomas Walsh (Century Club)  
Grace Vega  
Steve Smith, PER (52 Club)  
Alan Van Cleave  
Laurie Fredericks  
Brian Boals (Century Club)  
Ken Krable  
Kathy Jo Johnson  
Arthur Garcia  
Anna Garcia  
Juan Garcia  
Geoffrey Garcia  
Kirk Keeler  
Tommy Claunch  
Erle Pittman  
George Vivlamore  
Ronald Barron  
Ben Rieger  
Anthony Federico  
Don Skinner (Century Club)  
John Nau, PER  
Kathy Jo Johnson

### Recurring Donors

Art Garcia  
Gerry Gillies  
Dan Hoffman, PER  
Inger Hogan  
Ed Lees  
Greg Metzgas, DL  
Alexandra Rogers  
Greg Sweet

## Sickness and Distress

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

### Condolences to:

The family of **John Nau, PER**, whose daughter, **Angie Welikala**, passed away March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Keep in your prayers:

**Max Maxwell**, who is recovering from successful surgery for lung cancer.

**Ed Rice**, who is doing well and recovering from recent brain surgery.

**Ben Rieger**, who is recovering from recent hip surgery.

**Barbara Metzgas**, who had a shot in her spine to relieve pain from her recent hip surgery.

The **Metzgas'** daughter, **Diana**, is doing better and scheduled for a round of chemotherapy in May.

**Leslie Donovan**, who is now under hospice care.

 Elks Care

 Elks Share

## The PERs Corner

**The PERs did not hold an April meeting due to the virus currently holding the world at ransom.**

**The PERs wish all to stay safe and well in this current virus dilemma.**

**Welcome to the newest PER to the Thousand Oaks PER Association, Dan Hoffman.**

## Past Exalted Rulers

1972-73 \*Marvin D. Smith  
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER  
1974-75 \*Richard Flake  
1975-76 \*Bill Wagner  
1976-77 \*John E. Henry  
1977-78 \*Robert McKee, PDDGER  
1978-79 \*Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER  
1979-80 \*Edward F. Stogsdell  
1980-81 \*Frank "Tex" Hastie  
1981-82 \*Robert Hardy  
1982-83 \*A. John Nichols  
1983-84 John Nau  
1984-85 \*Vern Ogden  
1985-86 Dan Snyder

1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, PDL, PSP  
1987-88 \*John E. Henry  
1988-89 \*Ted Lipka  
1989-90 Don Skinner  
1990-91 \*Don Ansell  
1991-92 \*Gary Sleigh  
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
1993-94 \*Jim Wallace  
1994-95 \*George Pekow  
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER  
1996-97 \*Jack Loughran  
1997-98 \*John Kelly  
1998-99 Chet Kozlowski  
1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER  
2000-01 Jacob Panczak  
2001-02 John D'Ambrogio  
2002-03 Don Booker  
2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER, DL  
2004-05 \*Jay Block  
2005-06 \*Sally Claunch  
2006-07 David Naccarato  
2007-08 Catherine Koeritz  
2008-09 \*George Meehan  
2009-10 Terry Gicking, PDDGER  
2010-11 \*Harry Brockwell  
2011-12 Steve Smith  
2012-13 Leo Rodriguez  
2013-14 Terry Baker  
2014-15 Dan Martyn  
2015-16 Jim Moye

2016-17 Mike Flannery  
2017-18 Jean Miraglia  
2018-19 Karen Martyn  
2019-20 Dan Hoffman

### By Affiliation:

1981-82 \*Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER  
2001-02 Bill Sternberg  
2009-10, 13-14, 18-19 Grace Vega  
1999-00 \*Ralph Vester  
1983-84, 02-03 Harold Constantine

\*Deceased

The PERs extend congratulations to our new 2020-2021 officers and we are looking forward to working with them during the new lodge year to continue the success of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge. The PERs' prime function is to be available to the officers and members as advisors when asked, and to assist wherever needed, again when asked.

Sorry for the wrong information last month. Due to the Coronavirus situation, the St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner and leprechaun races were cancelled, but the PERs will reschedule the

dinner and races when times return to normal. PER Mike Flannery did cook corned beef and cabbage for lunch at the lodge on St. Patrick's Day.

Roasting of the newest Past Exalted Ruler is still on the agenda when things return to normal. All will be invited.

The PER meetings are on hold until conditions get better.

Fraternally,  
Tom Ryder - PER/PDDGER



## Officers 2020-2021

<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	Dan Martyn, PER	<b>Tiler</b>	Lyssa Wright
<b>Leading Knight</b>	Richard Platt	<b>Inner Guard</b>	Gregg Miraglia
<b>Loyal Knight</b>	Adelaide Wavra	<b>Esquire</b>	Terry Gicking, PDDGER
<b>Lecturing Knight</b>	John Betancourt	<b>Chaplain</b>	Adam Smith
<b>Secretary</b>	David Naccarato, PER	<b>Officer at Large</b>	Jim Moye, PER
<b>Treasurer</b>	William Joseph		

### Trustees 2020 - 2021

<b>One Year</b>	Ray Laraway, COB
<b>Two Year</b>	Rich Lucariello
<b>Three Year</b>	Darryl Kopacz
<b>Four Year</b>	Ed Lees
<b>Five Year</b>	Steve Kerman

**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

### 2020 - 2021 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics  
Editor & Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER  
Proofreader: Karen Martyn, PER  
USPS Mailing: Juanita Feamster  
Website: Steve Smith, PER  
Auditing and Accounting Committee: Art Garcia  
Barbeque: Dan Martyn, PER  
Photography: Jill Williams  
Protocol: Karen Martyn, PER  
Presiding Justice: John Moran  
Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato, PER

Membership: David Naccarato, PER & Terry Gicking, PDDGER  
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

### 2020 - 2021 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

Bar Liaison: Dan Martyn, PER  
Major Project/Purple Pig: Dan Hoffman, PER  
Bequests & Living Trusts: Arthur Garcia  
Elks National Foundation: Needed  
Christmas Basket Program: Richard Platt

Community Activities: Richard Platt  
Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers  
Charity Matters: Richard Platt  
El Konejo Kampers: Virginia Grindley  
Christmas Tree Lot: Carlos Muzquiz

### 2020 - 2021 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations: Adelaide Wavra  
Lodge Activities: Adelaide Wavra  
Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Adelaide Wavra  
Government Relations: Richard Platt & John Betancourt  
Elks Memorial Service: Adam Smith  
Veteran Services: Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
Public Relations: Adelaide Wavra

Calendar: Adelaide Wavra  
Mediator: Rick Rodgers  
Mothers Day: Adam Smith  
Inaugural Ball: Adelaide Wavra  
Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein

### 2020 - 2021 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: John Betancourt  
Hoop Shoot: Anna Garcia  
Drug Awareness: Needed  
Scholarships: Reem Agel

Scouting: Steve Henderson  
Americanism: Rick Herrera  
Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief  
Youth Appreciation Night: John Betancourt