



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



Happy Father's Day

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June Birthdays

Michael Mathews-01
William Ratcliffe-01
Bob Adams-03
Ronald Barron-03
Tamara Runnalls-03
Abe Gamble-04
Mary Woodlief-04
Brian McBreen-05
Weyman "Lee" Dukehart-08
Jim McHarg-08
Elise Murray-09
William Figge-10
Cherri Peterson-11
Damian Villanueva-11
Dennis Albi-12
Steve Smith, PER-13
Corinne Richeson-14
Rod Reynolds-14
Corrine Richeson-14
Clarence Brown-15
Ken J. Krabel-15
Pat Jellander-16
Ronald Pizits-16
Misty Boykin-18
Chuck Costigan-18
Jerry Gilmore-18
Johnny Gin-18
Randall Hays-18
Frederick Kolbeck-18
Glenn Kenny-19
Charles Maslin-20

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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.

Sickness and Distress

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

Condolences to:

The family of **Peter Nolan**, born 1-27-1944, initiated 2-23-1993, died 4-7-2020

The family of **Leslie Donovan**, born 8-15-1963, initiated 5-25-2011, died 4-28-2020

The family of **Karen Martyn, PER** whose mother passed away April 23, 2020 at the age of 90 due to Covid-19.

The family of **Jan Robles** whose son passed away April 27, 2020.



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Keep in your prayers:

Greg Metzgus' daughter **Diana**, who is gaining strength and will start chemo again.

Barbara Metzgus, for pain relief after hip surgery.

David Naccarato, PER who will have the middle toe on his right foot removed.

Rick Herrera, who had a shoulder replacement.

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Laurie Fredericks (Century Club X 2)
Ed Rice (Millennium Club)
Ralph Sherwood (Century Club)

Recurring Donors

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

Candidates, Transfers & Reinstatements

Candidate

Joe Escobar

Sponsor

Lyssa Wright

Transfers

Christopher Wilkie requests transfer from San Fernando Lodge #1539

Sheryl Holloway requests transfer from Ventura Lodge #1430

June Birthdays continued

Walter Ogden-20
Steve Harrison-21
James Allen-22
Gregory Johnson-22
Steve McKee-22
Darren Wood-23
Scott F. Dool-24
Shirste Gessler-24
Anita Gorino-24
Virginia Lee Grindley-24
Howard Johnson-25
Martin Uskali-28
George Hees-29
Jim Horning-30

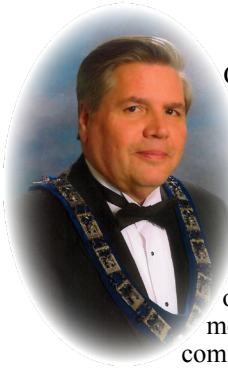
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New Member Today?

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

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A Message from Exalted Ruler, Dan Martyn, PER

Our lodge remains closed due to our “Stay at Home” orders and I am asked regularly when we plan to reopen. We will do so once the present orders are lifted or modified, and we are comfortable that we can comply with whatever restrictions remain in place. It may prove very difficult to operate without a loss if requirements for social distancing, masks, etc. remain in place. Many restaurants are trying to figure out how to operate profitably at significantly reduced capacity for patrons. We may face a dilemma. At this point we just have to wait and see what is issued by our state and local authorities as well as developments in containing the coronavirus. The health and safety of our members is and will always be our paramount concern.

I have also been asked regularly why we

have not continued with our weekly BBQ or otherwise provided for take-out. There are several lodges in our district which are doing so, but they are not located in Ventura County, which is more restrictive than the counties in which those lodges are located. Ventura County permits food service only from a “permanent food facility” which would not include our outdoor BBQ. It would also be difficult to comply with other requirements for social distancing among workers and customers. Hopefully current restrictions will be lifted or modified so that the lodge’s main source of income can operate again.

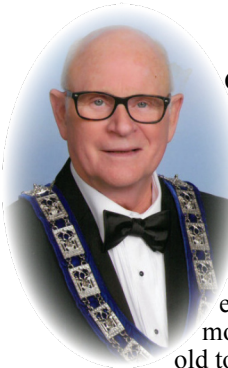
Speaking of finances, each year the trustees are responsible for submitting a budget for review and approval by the membership by the last regular meeting in April. We have prepared a budget, and it will be presented to the membership at our next regular meeting. Our budget was prepared based on the assumption that our lodge will have no income other than dues for the first quarter of this Elks year. It is extremely likely that our budget will have to be

revised and resubmitted several times as circumstances related to the coronavirus develop.

As mentioned above, our sole current source of income is membership dues and if you have not already paid, please do so as soon as possible. While we remain financially sound, we do rely on dues for our office expenses, office salaries, Grand Lodge and CHEA dues, taxes and other items. Often members forget to pay their dues until they cannot enter the lodge without a current membership card. We do not have the benefit of that reminder currently, so please pay your dues if you have not already done so.

Stay healthy and safe. We will keep you advised of developments affecting the lodge.

Dan Martyn
Exalted Ruler



A Message from Esteemed Leading Knight, Richard Platt

Our nine-year-old grandson had a cold. His mom said it was probably just something he picked up at school. Then our older grandson came down with pink-eye. When the boys’ mom took the nine-year-old to the doctor’s office, bells went off. Pink-eye can be a symptom of Covid-19. Our daughter called my wife Gayle, fearing that her sons may have sickened me. In the mean time I called my family physician, who called my

oncologists, who called my grandson’s physician, who then called my daughter, who called me, to say all was well. My oncologists determined that I did not have signs of the virus. Needless to say, all of this made for an anxiety-filled week. Thank you to the members who reached out to Gayle and I to check on our well-being.

Our Antler Antics cost three hundred dollars or more per month to mail. So, adjustments have to be made. It will be helpful if you do not have an email address on file in our office to update your information. Currently the Antlers are

being sent via email as we do not have staffing to package and mail them. Antlers will be available now in the office for pick up. We are adding email address information for new members during installment.

If I can be of help please call me at home – (805) 380-4101 or email me at rplatt_1998@yahoo.com. Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Platt



A Message from Esteemed Loyal Knight, Adelaide Wavra

Hi Everyone,

I find myself writing this with only one Lodge activity to report. A Blood Drive is scheduled to be held at our lodge on May 23rd. If all goes as planned, this will have occurred after this article goes to print. Hopefully I will be

able to report to you next month that we had a great turnout.

I would like to thank those who contacted me and acknowledged the TO Elks articles in the May Elks magazines. It was so nice hearing from everyone.

I know how difficult this quarantine has been on all of us. I also know that we all feel that Enough is Enough! I believe things will be very different for all of us in the future. Just remember that we are all in

this together. It is going to take a village to bring our Lodge back, but I believe we have that village in all of you. Working together we can do it. TO Elks #2477 is the best because of all of you.

In Justice,

Adelaide C. Wavra
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Roamingcowgirl@aol.com



A Message from Esteemed Lecturing Knight, John Betancourt

Greetings my fellow Elks. I hope you all are in the best of health and staying safe at home or while you are out and about.

Due to the current health crisis, I do not have any May committee reports to share with you. Our Youth Appreciation Night was cancelled and will be rescheduled once the lodge is up and running.

The month of June is traditionally one to which we all look forward - be it a wedding of a family member or friend, a planned family vacation, or that big event that as parents and grandparents we look forward to: high school and college graduations.

We reflect on the very first day we took our child to school. Now we are looking at them in their caps and gowns, all grown up and ready to face a whole new venture in life. Due to our current circumstances, we can only imagine what it would have been to actually see and cherish the moment.

Let's not be saddened by this but be proud that as a parent that you have done one heck of a job in your child or grandchild reaching this day. I have seen signs on the front lawns of homes showing that a son or daughter is part of the graduation class of 2020. In spite of the current restrictions, the parents are sharing their joy with their neighbors.

In closing I wish you all, love and peace.

John Betancourt
Lecturing Knight



A Message from Lodge Secretary, David Naccarato, PER

Doors of the lodge may be closed but the workings of the lodge are still going strong. Ben Rieger is taking care of the grounds. Ben has undergone back and knee surgery but is still at it. Rick Herrera (who had a shoulder replacement) and his crew are handling California redemption on a weekly basis. Please continue to bring down your recyclables.

Membership dues for 2020-2021 continue to come in. We currently have 97 members still outstanding. Second notices are going out daily. If you have not sent

in your dues please do so at your earliest convenience. I'm sorry the "early bird" sticker is no longer available. There was a time when that sticker was a must have.

Tom Ryder and Rick Herrera and their crew are making quick work of the Memorial to our Absent Members.

Our timeline

Dates are constant. Dates are punched into our coinage every year. This year our money will have the date 2020. Last time it happened was 1919. We are living in a time of history. The silver dollar which has looked the same since 1986 will change in 2021. Now is the time to pick up a silver dollar; not a silver clad Kennedy dollar but a Walking Liberty silver dollar. Look in the Elks magazine.

In 1867 our founder Charles Vivian boarded a steamship and worked his way across the Atlantic arriving in New York City to hone his craft as an entertainer. He started meeting with 15 other entertainers and formed a group called the Jolly Corks.

By a vote of eight to seven, the committee recommended that the Jolly Corks become the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. This was on February 16, 1868. The total of "yes" votes is short because Charles was on the road and was unable to vote.

The Elks started in 1868, and 100 years later in 1968 Los Robles Hospital was opened. This fun fact I learned while spending a lot of time in the hospital.

Fly-over Captured in Photo

To honor medical and first responder personnel, fly-overs by Bombers and Thunderbirds were announced to take place on March 14th and 15th.

At right is a photo captured by our Loyal Knight, Adelaide Wavra, as she watched the fly-overs from her front yard in Simi Valley.



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 Sleight
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

Officers 2020-2021

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

Trustees 2020 - 2021

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

Elk of the Year TBA
Officer of the Year TBA
Citizen of the Year TBA

Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Member Award Recipients
TBA

2020 - 2021 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

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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: Richard Platt
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