

# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*



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JULY  
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## July Birthdays

Karen Abbitt-02  
 David Blackburn-02  
 Marshall Matz-02  
 Marc Donovan-03  
 Charles Lombard-03  
 Don Booker PER-05  
 Steve Santa-05  
 Steven Brodie-06  
 Danis Eglitis-06  
 Mathew Minton-07  
 Robert Peloquin-08  
 Greg Bolin-10  
 Mike Flannery PER-10  
 Steven Kammerer-10  
 Sherry O'Kelly-10  
 Chet Kozlowski PER, CM-12  
 Marian Anderson-12  
 Bill Smail-13  
 Bob Stevens-15  
 Larry Lowman-16  
 Ronald Maddox-16  
 Leroy Sapp-17  
 James Cordell-19  
 Corey Rose-19  
 Don Sabol-19  
 Daniel Hawkins-20  
 Gregory Lockwood-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:

**Terry Gicking, PDDGER**, on the passing of his brother Bill.

### Keep in your prayers:

**Greg Metzgus'** daughter **Diana**, appears to have stabilized and will start chemo again.

**Barbara Metzgus**, who is home on oxygen after being hospitalized.

**Kacee Radomski**, who has been hospitalized.

**Corey Rose**, who has been hospitalized.

**Max Maxwell**, who will be receiving radiation treatments.

**David Cundy**, who is recovering from bladder cancer.

### Good News to Report

**David Naccarato, PER**, will NOT have his toe removed.

Congratulations to **Paul Stein** on the birth of his eighth great grandchild.

## Candidates, Transfers & Reinstatements

### Candidate

Richard Jones

### Sponsor

Bryan Fleming, Simi Lodge #2492

### *July Birthdays continued*

Norman Rose-20  
 Gregory Sweet-20  
 Gary Harman-21  
 Debra Hawthorne-22  
 Alexandra Rogers-23  
 Ralph Sherwood-24  
 Diane Jones-25  
 Debbie Clingan-26  
 John Leadam-26  
 James Moye PER-26  
 Donny Long-27  
 Jeff Vargo-27  
 Walt Egan-28  
 David Grannis-28  
 Lynn Rodriguez-28  
 John Buxbaum-30  
 John Perry-30  
 Richard Case-31  
 Greg Sincock-31

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

David Gates  
 Gregg and PER Jean Miraglia  
 Michael Becker (Century Club X 5)  
 Anonymous Donors

### Recurring Donors

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

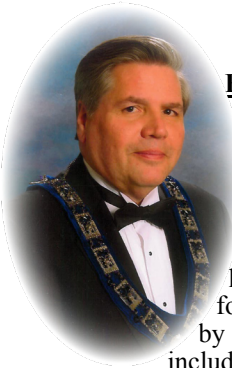
Thank you for your donations to our Major Project or Purple Pig. For tax purposes when writing checks make checks payable to CHEMPI. CHEMPI is a 501C (3) which is tax deductible. The lodge is a 501C (8).



**A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!**

## **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**

### **ELK OF THE YEAR**

The Elk of the Year award is truly one of the most important honors given by an Elks Lodge. In our lodge, the selection for the award is made by a group which includes the chair officers and previous Elks of the Year. Typically, there are a number of nominations made by this group, followed by discussion regarding the contributions made by each nominee. Participation in lodge activities and charitable efforts, citizenship, volunteering and community service are considered. After discussion, each member of the group gets one vote. The results of the secret ballot are known only by those chosen to count the votes, which include a chair officer, a previous Elk of the Year and the Lodge Secretary.

It is a privilege to announce that Kathy Moye has been chosen to be our Elk of the Year.

Kathy was born in Inglewood, California in 1949 as Kathleen Linda Barnes, and has lived her entire life in the SoCal area. She married Jim in 1967 and together they have two children, James, Jr. and Julie, and five



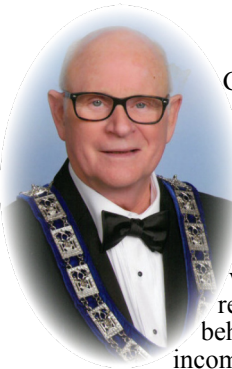
grandchildren. Kathy decided to be a stay-at-home mom until the kids were grown, and then she worked as a lab technician, receptionist and office manager for a podiatrist for 30 years.

Jim joined the Elks in 2008, and became active with Kathy in the El Konejo Kampers. Over the years, as Jim became more involved in the lodge, Kathy joined alongside, ultimately representing our lodge as First Lady when Jim was elected Exalted Ruler in 2015. As First Lady, Kathy represented us at local, district and national events.

It is hard to think of times at the lodge when Kathy would not be found volunteering to help whether at the BBQ, in the kitchen, at the Christmas tree lot, or supporting a charitable event. She is one of our most important volunteers. Kathy became an Elk in 2015 and in 2016 she received the "Outstanding Service Award" from Grand Lodge.

On behalf of our lodge membership, I thank Kathy for her friendship and service to our lodge. She truly deserves this honor, and she exemplifies the very best of Elkdom.

Dan Martyn  
ER



## **A Message from Esteemed Leading Knight, Richard Platt**

Greetings everyone. Plans are moving forward concerning the opening of our lodge. When the Ventura County Health Department will allow us to reopen, we will be far behind our normal income level for this time of the Elk year. Needless to say, we will need your support as never before. Too

many unknowns make the steps upon which we are embarking difficult. What we do not know is what the new normal way of doing things will be. In any event, I am sure we are all looking forward to being together at our lodge again soon.

Grace Vega has accepted the chairmanship of the Elks Nation Foundation. She is a three-time Exalted Ruler at the Ventura Lodge, with much experience and Elks know how. Should you have any ideas

about supporting ENF, please share them with Grace.

See you at the BBQ Saturday! Thank you for your support and if I can be of help, please call me at home (805) 380-4101 or email me at [rplatt\\_1998@yahoo.com](mailto:rplatt_1998@yahoo.com).

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Platt  
Esteemed Leading Knight



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

Hi Everyone. Are you all feeling like me? When will 2020 be over? Is it a new year yet? I know we are making history, but at what expense? The Loyal Knight's chair has many committees reporting to it. Unfortunately, with the lodge being closed for three months, there is not much on which to report. I'm going to do the best that I can.

Our blood drive on May 23<sup>rd</sup> was a great success (*see photos on page 4*). Forty-nine pints of blood and one of plasma were donated. Thank you to all that contributed to this very worthy cause. The lodge has another blood drive scheduled for July 25. The May blood drive was promoted on Facebook and ABC 7 TV. The July blood drive will also be placed on Facebook.

With Covid-19 social distancing still in place, the usual Flag Day program could not be held. We did email the "13 Folds of the American Flag" to members. We've all seen it before, but it's nice to be reminded of history.

The Saturday BBQ is back with take-out only. If you haven't stopped in to pick up lunch or dinner to go, please do so. We need your support.

We wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

I am always available if anyone needs anything. Feel free to call or email me.

In Justice,  
Adelaide C. Wavra  
805-433-3081  
[Roamingcowgirl@aol.com](mailto:Roamingcowgirl@aol.com)



## A Message from Esteemed Lecturing Knight, John Betancourt

Greetings my fellow Elks,

Well here we are starting the second half of the year and all we can hope for is that there will be better times ahead.

There is not much to report from my chair as the lodge is still closed, but I do have good news to report to you. Due to the great efforts of our Scholarship Chairperson, Reem Agel, and lead committee member, Gayle Platt, we were able to proceed with the Scholarship Program for 2020. Five of

our six lodge scholarship recipients moved on to the state competition. Of those five, three received an additional \$800 state award. Our lodge's first place female award recipient moved on to the national competition, where she received an additional \$4,000 scholarship. Our winners will be attending UCLA, UC Irvine, Duke University and the University of Montana as a Presidential Leadership Scholar. We awarded our scholarship winners through virtual presentations at their respective high schools. Congratulations to all and we wish them the very best in life and success in their education.

The scholarship committee is currently preparing and setting plans for the 2021 scholarship applications. As this committee is under my station as the Lecturing Knight and on behalf of the lodge, I would like to personally give out a very big THANK YOU and WELL DONE to Reem and Gayle.

In closing, I wish all my fellow Elks good health and hope to see you all at the lodge one day soon.

John Betancourt  
Lecturing Knight



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

### Traveling Elks

Tim McCann, son of Dick McCann, stayed one weekend visiting with family and friends.

We also had visits from Bart Gicking of Moreno Valley, brother of Past DDGER

and Esquire Terry Gicking. Gregory Charles from Arizona, who stayed while visiting family, made the mistake of inquiring if we needed anything. The bearings on my front casters were rusted and would not spin, so with Gregory's background in mechanical engineering, he made quick work of it after having to go to a bearing house in

Oxnard because the bearings received from me were the wrong size. Thank you, Gregory Charles.

### Grants

The time for applying for grant money from ENF is upon us. With no way of knowing what will be available, it's hard to apply for ongoing events we do every year until we know the particular event will be held.

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary



Elks  
National  
Foundation

## Blood Drive Photos



Pictured clockwise starting at top left: Richard Platt and Ray Laraway, ER Dan Martyn, Adam Smith, Frank Williams and at bottom left is Dave Anderson.



## Exalted Ruler Awards for 2019-2020

### OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Officer of the Year for 2019/2020 is the former Loyal Knight, Richard Platt. I must say, all of my officers did a great job during my tenure as ER. I thank each of them for their commitment and dedication. Richard did an excellent job in performing the duties of Loyal Knight. This position has the challenge of managing the kitchen and requires a consistent focus and the ability to treat this valued position as a priority in their life. The kitchen operations for the year reflected Rich's work ethic. Additionally, Rich took it upon himself to research the Gas Company rebate program for the replacement of a fryer at the Lodge. This required a full-day trip to the Gas Company headquarters in Downey, CA by Rich, and his effort resulted in the purchase of a high-quality fryer at a very economical price. In his "free" time, Rich also researched and developed written policies and procedures for the utilization of RV spaces at the Lodge. This was sorely needed and positively impacted some of the challenging issues regarding reservations/utilization, etc. Rich, thanks for your

friendship and loyalty to the Elks and our Lodge.

### GER OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD RECIPIENTS

This year I am awarding this prestigious recognition to Jill Williams and Carlos Muzquiz. You will be hard pressed to find individuals who are more dedicated and committed to our Lodge. They truly are the "face" of our Lodge. Each of them manages one of our Saturday BBQ teams. They are both instrumental in the success of our Christmas tree lot. They participate in all of our off-site community events. They assist with all the special events at the Lodge. On top of all this, this year they volunteered Monday through Thursday to serve lunches at the Lodge for members and the quilters group which rents the lodge room four days a week. The success of our lunches significantly helped our kitchen results. Their efforts reflect all of our Elk ideals and their presence makes our Lodge a better place. Jill and Carlos, I am so glad to have you as friends and I thank you for everything.

### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

My Citizen of the Year is Rick Bucaria of Eastwind Screenprint. Rick is the owner of this business and I became aware of Rick and his operation when he stood tall and developed the TO STRONG apparel to memorialize the Borderline victims and loved ones. Rick donated the proceeds from this compassionate act to the families of the Borderline victims. He placed all of his regular business on the back burner and had his team focus 100% on designing and developing the hats, tee-shirts and sweatshirts. The community response was stunning and there was a strong demand to get this merchandise. Based on this, I selected Rick to design and make our Lodge hats, shirts, etc. Rick always has a smile on his face and he is a joy to deal with. He is clearly dedicated to our community and I have been blessed to have crossed paths with him. Thank you, Rick for everything.

Dan Hoffman  
Exalted Ruler 2019-2020

## Our BBQ Reopens!

On Saturday, June 13, our lodge had its first BBQ since March 6. The usual process had to be modified significantly due to Ventura County Health Department Orders. The crew worked extremely well together and we served over 225 customers, many of whom thanked us for being back.

My thanks to our crew: Jill Williams, Paul Radomski, PDDGER Terry Gicking, Steve McKee, Ray Laraway, Esto Jeffers, Faye Stevens, John Betancourt, Christine Harrison, Reem Agel, Richard Platt, Mark Hardie and Lou Reis. This crew did a great job and had great results. Special thanks to

PER Karen Martyn for producing the order forms and filling over 300 containers of BBQ sauce and taping each one shut.

Dan Martyn  
ER & BBQ Chairman

*BBQ Pictures continue on page 6*



## More Pictures from BBQ Reopening



## A Little Elks History

### Elk history

Los Angeles Elks lodge #99 was located at 6<sup>th</sup> and Parkview, near McArthur Park. It was designed by renowned architect Claude Beelman in the Neo-Gothic style built in the early 1920's. The building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a designated city of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument. When the Elks sold the building, it was turned into a luxury hotel and now stands as a location for films, television and special events. It is now considered one of

the most elegant buildings in Los Angeles.

### Controversy ensued

The early location for Elks Lodge #99 was on Bunker Hill, now known as Hill Street, and when word was announced that the Grand Lodge convention of 1909 would be hosted by L.A. #99, the city leaders were very excited. They had visions of 2,000 Elks and their families pouring out of train depots to wander the streets of our fair city. The occupancy of downtown hotels and restaurants along with souvenir hunters made the city leaders feel like they had

died and gone to heaven.

The many who wanted to reach Lodge #99 from the commercial district had to take the *Angel Flight Funicular Railway* up to Lodge #99. Passage was 1 penny each way. City officials were so grateful for this windfall that they had B.P.O.E. inscribed into the cast iron arch at the upper train entrance which sat just next to the lodge. The lower arch had already been erected but it was a simple task to have workers carve into its austere surface the bold letters B.P.O.E. for Best People On Earth.

## 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

<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** Kathy Moye  
**Officer of the Year** Richard Platt  
**Citizen of the Year** Rick Bucaria

**Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Member Award Recipients**  
Carlos Muzquiz and Jill Williams

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

Antler Antics

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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

Lodge Room Setup: Bill Joseph

### 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: Grace Vega, PER

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