



# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*

**Nobody told us the beaches were closed!**





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## Sickness and Distress

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

### Condolences to:

None to report.

### Keep in your prayers:

**Suzanne Malvitz**, who has stage four cancer.

**Jeanne Sandt**, diagnosed with lung cancer.

**Paul and Kacee Radomski**, whose son was involved in a serious car accident.

## Candidates, Transfers & Reinstatements

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Neil and Leanne Schai	Ron and Iris Schwartz

## August Birthdays

Vince Cabello-01  
Darryl Kopacz-01  
Michael Koslow-01  
Erle Pittman, PER-01  
Janine Van Poppelen-01  
William Maxwell-02  
Harold Constantine-04  
Stephen Hearst-04  
Suzanne Malvitz-04  
Joe Medrano-04  
Shawn Kerhoff-06  
John Lombardi-06  
Louis Reis-06  
Gregory Ryder-11  
Jason Frase-12  
Judy Seeger-12  
Mike Violono-13  
Jan T King-14  
Brian Williams-14  
Arthur Garcia-17  
Adelaide Knupp-17  
Don Skinner, PER-17  
Jane Watson-20  
Jerry Humphries-21  
Luz Herrera-22  
Richard Lucariello-22

### *August Birthdays continued*

Jesse Garcia-23  
Susan Williams-23  
Myrna Block-26  
William Burmester-26  
Barry Leafman-26  
Gary Berg-28  
John Gentzvein-28  
Gilbert Riding PER-28  
Jon Michael Dovidio-30  
Daniel Kozlowski-31

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Mark Hardie  
Sandro Cano  
David Gates  
Douglas Ryan

### Recurring Members

Arthur Garcia  
Gerry Gillies  
Dan Hoffman, PER  
Inger Hogan  
Ed Lees  
Greg Metzgas, DL, PDDGER  
Alexandra Rogers  
Gregory Sweet  
Lyssa Wright

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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.



The District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for 2020-2021 is Ed Martin, a past Exalted Ruler of Santa Barbara Lodge #613. Ed was born January 4, 1948 in Summerville, West Virginia. His father was a career officer in the Army. Ed graduated from La Quinta H.S. in 1966, joined the Army and went to Vietnam in 1967-1968 receiving the Army Commendation Medal. He received an AA degree from Orange Coast College in 1971

and a BS degree from Fullerton State University in 1973. Ed became a contractor in 1978 and married his wife Barbara in Santa Barbara in 1996. Ed has coached each of his three children in sports and was St. Bonaventure's varsity softball coach for four years.

Ed Martin joined the Elks in 1994 and in 2011 started going through the chairs. He was Officer of the Year in 2011, served as Exalted Ruler twice in 2014-2015 and 2016-2017, and Esquire to DDGER Jim Smitley in 2015. Ed was the Association Vice President in 2018-2019 and served as Secretary for the lodge year 2019-2020.

## **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***

As many of you know, Ed Rice has acted as our barbeque chairman for many years and was responsible for the growth of our barbeque business into the success it has become. Ed recently underwent surgery and is recovering, but he has decided to hang up his barbeque hooker (the long pole with the hook at the end) and retire from his position. Working on Ed's crew for 12 years was a lot of hard work and a lot of fun for me with some great crew members. It was always hard to say "no" to Ed when he asked for a volunteer. Thank you for your service Ed.

groundskeeper for 15 years, clipping, clearing, planting, pruning and basically keeping our lodge property in top shape and appearance. Ben's two granddaughters recently located to the area and Ben and his wife Elaine are planning to help out and spend more time with their granddaughters and great-granddaughters. Ben usually worked around the lodge very early on Thursday mornings, so many of you may not have seen him working. Ben also worked regularly on the barbeque and at the Christmas tree lot. Thank you, Ben.

Ed and Ben were two pillars of our lodge in many ways, and truly personified the "Elk Volunteer". We will miss their contributions, but we hope to enjoy their company at the lodge for many years to come. Thanks again guys.

interested please contact the office or send me an email ([danmartyn2477@aol.com](mailto:danmartyn2477@aol.com)).

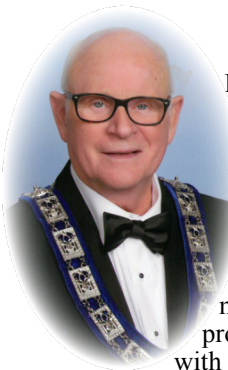
Although the lodge bar and dining room remain closed, our barbeque has been operating on a take-out basis only and the results have been very good. Our thanks to the crew chiefs and volunteers for working with new required procedures and getting excellent results.

We continue to wait for the opportunity to move towards regular operations at the lodge. Venture County Health Department orders are monitored daily, and we have met with the Health Department to make sure we can do so when restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, stay safe and don't forget to reach out to your Elks friends. Continue the fellowship.

Dan Martyn, PER  
Exalted Ruler

Another long-time volunteer, Ben Rieger, is also "retiring". Ben has been the lodge's

We will be needing volunteers to replace Ben on outdoor maintenance. If you are



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

Each month when we have meetings, David will read aloud "*bills against the lodge*" as well as gross income for that month. Fortunately, last year most of the months we were profitable. This year, with our lodge being closed, we have been relying on funds from last year to cover expenses. That being said, your Trustees will be working on this year's budget on an ongoing basis. Our cost of goods sold has gone up, so we have adjusted our BBQ pricing. That price

adjustment has improved the profitability of the BBQ, which is currently our only source of revenue for our normal lodge expenses, such as utilities, taxes and maintenance. We will continue to review our numbers regularly, and make adjustments when needed.

Please remember that our dues only cover the cost of the Grand Lodge and State Association assessments, Lodge Secretary, office staff and supplies, but it does not cover operating expenses. At such time as state and local health agency guidelines are revised to allow us to resume normal or "new normal" operations, we will need you to participate and support your lodge. The

upcoming events, dinners, and bar activity are going to be incredibly important this year, and we will keep you advised of all developments with regard to resuming operations.

In the meantime, I hope to see you at the BBQ Saturday! Thank you 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). Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Platt  
Leading Knight



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

Hi Everyone. I hope this article finds all the TO Elks Members in good health. We haven't been able to get together at the lodge in four months and it appears it could be a lot longer.

pick up a tri-tip sandwich or ribs. It's not the same as a Friday night dinner but it is supporting the lodge and helping us to survive. I miss the dinners and all the events and that drink with friends. I'm sure we all do. Please hang in there. All good things are worth waiting for.

We had COVID antibody testing at the lodge and our second Blood Drive. We are still extending a helping hand to our community. The Antler that is being sent out each month is meant to keep you informed and to reach out and keep in

touch. If you need any of the officers we are here. Please feel free to contact us.

Please stay well and positive. This too shall pass and be just a horrible nightmare that we all shared.

In Justice,

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

The BBQ's on Saturdays are doing well. We would like to see you and have your support. Please stop by on Saturday and



## A Message from Esteemed Lecturing Knight, John Betancourt

From the desk of your Lecturing Knight, I hope all is well and that you are all enjoying the great weather that we have been having in July and hopefully it will continue into August, but please be SAFE.

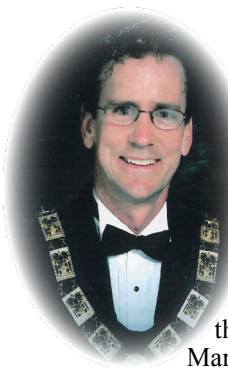
going strong. One thing that we all can do at this time is to save our plastic bottles and aluminum cans for recycling. The recycling area at the lodge is waiting for you to come by and drop your items off. Rick Herrera and his volunteers get them sorted and separated and taken over to the recycling center. The pull tabs can be taken to the lodge office and given to David, open from 10am to 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. He will have Gerry Gillies pick them up for donation. Both these gentlemen do a great job.

Recycled bottles and cans go to help the scholarship program and the pull tabs support the Ronald McDonald House.

In closing, I wish the very best to you and your families and safe travel to wherever you may go. Keep the faith and peace to all.

John Betancourt  
Lecturing Knight.

There is not much to report to you from my station but our recycling program is



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

The California-Hawaii Major Project is nicknamed the "Purple Pig". All lodges in California and Hawaii donate to this project. For the 2019-2020 year, the Exalted Rulers

per capita of **\$45.60** per member, the highest in our district. Total from all lodges was **\$3,774,973.44**.

Elkdom has survived for over 150 years. It has survived because of its members, giving of themselves, their time, effort and dedication, to make our world a better place.

Ohio Lodge #32, Franklin D. Roosevelt was the 32<sup>nd</sup> President and member of Poughkeepsie, New York Lodge #275, Harry Truman was the 33<sup>rd</sup> President and a member of Kansas City, Missouri Lodge #26, John F. Kennedy was the 35<sup>th</sup> President and member of Boston, Massachusetts Lodge #10, and Gerald R. Ford was the 38<sup>th</sup> President and member of Grand Rapids, Michigan Lodge #48.

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary

March at the State Convention was canceled due to the **shelter in place** policy. Our donation from Thousand Oaks was **\$20,292.37**, giving a

### Elk History

We've had five U.S. Presidents that were Elk members. Warren Harding was the 29<sup>th</sup> President and member of Marion,

## A Note from Your Lodge Elks National Foundation (ENF) Chairperson

Grace Vega, PER  
GraceVegaElks@gmail.com

Hello, my 2477 Elk brothers and sisters! With the COVID-19 pandemic, lodges are not open which means that planned charity events are cancelled. I'm currently not able to put on functions, meals, or activities to support ENF. We need your donations to achieve the per capita needed to apply for the various Grants that promote community awareness of the great deeds performed by the #2477 Elks lodge. Please log-on to [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org). Create a



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username and password and donate (read below for additional information). Or if you prefer to make your donation in person, please call the lodge office (805) 496-2477 and make an appointment with the Lodge Secretary, David Naccarato,

PER. Our donations are very low, please donate. Stay tuned for creative ways I'm thinking about sponsoring an ENF charity event. Thank you for reading my article. Be well my Elk brothers and sisters.

club for members who donate monthly or quarterly called the Fidelity Club? The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes giving via automatic, regularly scheduled payments. Eligible donors have a monthly (minimum

### Ways to Give

Help Elks build stronger communities with a donation to the Elks National Foundation.

Donations are payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express.

Please note: The ENF is a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1959. **Donations to the Elks National Foundation, Inc. are deductible for federal income and estate tax purposes.**

\$5) or quarterly (minimum \$15) payment can automatically be debited from a donor's bank account or charged to a credit card on a recurring basis. It's safe, reliable, and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Not

<https://www.elks.org/ENF/GivingMethods.cfm>

### Join the Fidelity Club

Do you donate to the Elks National Foundation often? Did you know there's a

to mention, members receive Fidelity Club stickers, pins, and pin attachments depending on their level of giving. Visit [enf.elks.org/recurring](http://enf.elks.org/recurring) to enroll today.



## Pictured Highlights from Covid19 Testing at the Lodge



### 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 Metzgus, 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>	Vacant
<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

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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: Needed

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