



*Honoring Those
Who Served*



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



and Giving Thanks

Table of Contents

Sickness and Distress	2
November Birthdays	2
Candidates, Transfers & Reinstates	2
Purple Pig Honor Roll	2
Other Member Donations	2
Membership Report	2
Message from the Exalted Ruler	3
Message from the Leading Knight	3
Message from the Lecturing Knight	3
Message from the Secretary	4
El Konejo Kampers	4
Dictionary Project Continues	5
Wood Cutting Pictures	5
Past Exalted Rulers	5
Officers, Trustees & Chairpersons	6

November Birthdays

John Duhig-01
 Cathie Capolino-02
 Roger Martin-03
 Brad Knup-04
 Steven Grindley-05
 Kelly Jo Reed-07
 Tim Lane-09
 Jack Carter-10
 Simone Dorrough-10
 John D' Ambrogio-11
 Louis Carlentine-12
 Thomas Johnson-12
 Joanne Brimbaum-13
 Jacob Panczak-13
 John Kohlbrand-15
 Scott Pickles-15
 George Thompson-15
 Russell Miller-17
 Roy Ratcliffe-18
 Robert Williams-18
 Shannon Cunningham-19
 Larry Levine-19
 Gerry Gillies-21
 Betty McFarlin-22
 Beverly Reis-26
 Wendell Oxford-27
 Bruce Froude-30

Membership Report

Membership as of April 1, 2020	458
Total Initiations, Reinstatements & Transfers as of 9-30-2020	0
Total Members Lost as of 9-30-2020	8
Delinquency as of 9-30-2020	42
Total Membership as of 9-30-2020	450

Sickness and Distress

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

Condolences to:

The family of **Chet Kozlowski, PER**, who passed away September 25th.
 The family of **Dan Martyn, PER**, whose mother, **Esther Martyn**, passed away on October 19th.

Keep in your prayers:

Bill Sternberg, PER who fell and broke his back. He will be in a brace for about a month.

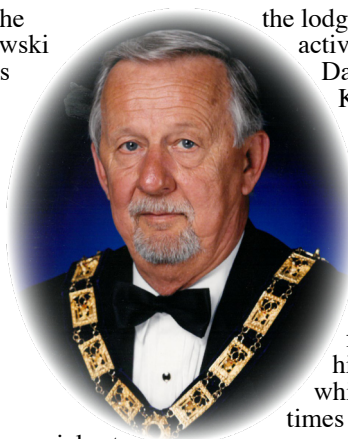
Greg Metzgs, DL whose daughter **Diana** is still struggling with chemotherapy.

Barbara Metzgs who is suffering from chronic pain.

Tommy Claunch, whose son **Duane** and his wife, **Mary Jo**, were in a traffic accident with a drunk driver. Mary Jo passed away and Duane is recuperation from serious injuries.

Charter Member Chet Kozlowski, PER

We are saddened to report the passing of PER Chet Kozlowski on September 25th. Chet was the 133rd member of our lodge, among the 250 charter members. Chet was born July 12, 1930 and was initiated on March 25, 1972. He started out as a trustee then moved into the chairs, eventually becoming Exalted Ruler during the 1998-1999 Elk year.



the lodge. Chet's son Daniel is an active member of our lodge. Daughter-in-law Beth Kozlowski has been a past Ladies President.

Chet was nominated to life membership in 2009. Chet Kozlowski worked as an accountant and participated in Pop Warner basketball. Chet was known for his famous salmon and his family's Polish dinner which were prepared a few times a year at the lodge.

Chet and his wife, Shirley, handled many buffets for memorials at

Candidates, Transfers & Reinstatements

No new candidates this month

Transfers

Joseph Cardona of San Mateo Lodge #1112 wishes to affiliate with our lodge

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Richard Platt
 Craig Acerboni
 Leslie Smith
 Ed Rice (Millennium Club)
 Bill Joseph
 Ed Lees
 Steve Finnerty
 Dave Anderson
 John Betancourt
 Claudia Frappier
 Adelaide Wavra
 Greg Sweet

Recurring Donors

Art Garcia
 Terry Gicking, PDDGER
 Dan Hoffman, PER
 Gerry Gillies
 Inger Hogan
 Ed Lees
 Greg Metzgs, DL
 Alexandra Rogers
 Greg Sweet
 Lyssa Wright
 Peter Gordon

Other Member Donations

Veterans

Don Sabol
 Darryl Kopacz

Scholarships

Myrna Block
 Pat Jellander
 Dean Curtis
 John Betancourt
 Alex Rogers

ENF

Martin Uskali
 Jasmine Sylvestry
 Adam Smith
 Leslie Smith

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

The *Antler Antics* is published monthly in Thousand Oaks, California as the official bulletin of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, 2330 Los Feliz Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. Publication of the *Antler Antics* is an activity of the Lodge and contributions of interesting pertinent reading material and photographs are welcome. **Photographs MUST be identified and captioned or they will not be published.**



A Message from Exalted Ruler, Dan Martyn, PER

“When are we going to open up?” I believe I have heard that question a thousand times since March 18, and the answer is “as soon as we can.” Although Ventura County recently qualified to move into the “red zone” under the California plan to reopen, the hurdles to operating are significant, ranging from operating at 25% capacity, maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, requiring member screening and sign-in, constant sanitizing, and serving a beverage only on the same ticket as food. The Health Department has advised us that we may not serve from the kitchen window

in the hallway between the bar and the anteroom, so we will have to provide food service from the bar. These are just a few of the issues and we will require paid staff and volunteers to cover the service, cleaning, setup and monitoring. And while Ventura County hopefully may be moving up to the “orange zone” shortly, there will still be similar restrictions in place with an increase in permitted patrons to 50% of capacity, up from the present 25%. Given our facility size and layout, this increase will not significantly improve our situation. Nevertheless, we expect to review plans to expand present service levels in the very near future and we are continuing our Grab & Go meals and Saturday BBQ.

A different answer to the question “when are we opening up” is that the lodge is

open. I say this because our charity and community service activities continue thanks to the efforts of your officers, committee chairs and volunteers. We are planning our Christmas tree lot project, flag retirement, Christmas basket program, on-site Covid-19 testing and blood drive. All of these lodge activities require volunteers, so please help us continue the good works we do. Remember: WE ARE A LODGE WITH A BAR, NOT A BAR WITH A LODGE. So please help us continue to keep the lodge open by volunteering to help with these activities.

Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Dan Martyn, ER

Elks Care — Elks Share



A Message from Esteemed Leading Knight, Richard Platt

We have ordered the trees for our Christmas tree lot this year. Carlos Muzquiz will chair our committee. This year, David Anderson, Steve Kerman and Greg Sweet will co-chair the committee. Kathy Moye and Jill Williams will be helping to sell trees and cashier. Carlson’s Building Supply has agreed again to let us use

their lot this year. We will need a lot of help to do the buildout, unload trees, store trees, arrange and water our displayed trees, deliver some trees, etc. Please help us if you can as this is a sizable part of our budget. Let’s all try to purchase a tree this year from our lot.

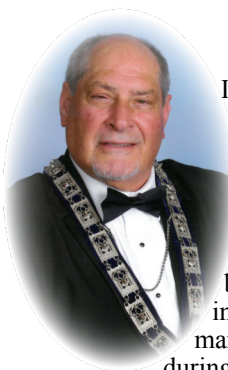
I want to thank all who have been so supportive of our lodge by working the BBQ and Friday dinners. Although we were closed down by Covid in March, some expense items still had to be paid. Slowly, we have been able to

pay off that debt. Our Trustees did an outstanding job of paying those costs. Thank you!

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Platt
Leading Knight



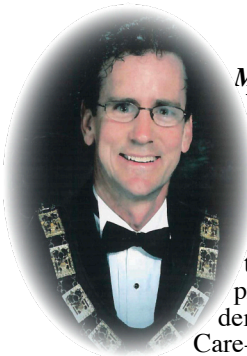
A Message from Esteemed Lecturing Knight, John Betancourt

I’d like to start by saying I hope all of our Elks members are doing well and are in good health and great spirits. The lodge is doing as well as can be and with the BBQ in full operation we are managing to stay afloat during this trying time.

November is the start of the holidays and we begin with Thanksgiving. This is when we gather to be with our family and friends and enjoy the day and forget all of our problems until the next day asking ourselves, should I have eaten that last piece of pie? As members of the Elks, let’s not forget the ones that will not be having a Thanksgiving Dinner; let us keep those people in our thoughts and prayers.

In closing, I like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

John Betancourt
Lecturing Knight



A Message from Lodge Secretary, David Naccarato, PER

My Lodge is closed. Why should I pay my dues?

1. Elks serve the people and communities through benevolent programs demonstrating that Elk Care-Elks Share.
2. Elks are rich in tradition and maintains a mission to promote Charity, Justice, Fidelity and Brotherly love.
3. Elks support our youth and Veterans.
4. Your dues cover the subscription to the Elks and CHEA magazines.
5. The lodge has already paid your Grand Lodge and State Association

Assessment (\$25).

6. While lodges are closed, there are still day to day activities that need funding.

7. When the lodge reopens, you will be ready to participate.

As a member you are entitled to benefits (Check out elksbenefits.com)

A huge thanks goes out to Ben Reiger, who came out of retirement (one time only) and grabbed some fellow members to clean up the grounds around the lodge. Ben had help from David Anderson, Greg Sweet, Jeff Conyers and Max Maxwell.

Tom Hartin, who has been a fixture around the lodge, has moved his family to Coeur d'Alene, ID. Tom leaves behind a legacy

of accomplishments in this lodge serving and winning Grand Marshal as "Tumble Weed Tom" sponsored by the Lodge at Conejo valley Days. Tom knew all the ins and outs of the lodge, where the timers are, the duct work in the attic and how the awning is set up for our offsite BBQ's.

Hopefully he shared that information before he left. In the past, he would visit Coeur d'Alene and do a lot of fishing, and now he'll come here to visit.

Tom served as Inner Guard in 99-00 and as a Trustee. He is also a past Elk of the Year. Working for the Thousand Oaks Water Department, we had an in with the city. He knew everyone.

El Konejo Kampers

The El Konejo Kampers had eight rigs turn out for our Santa Maria campout. Campers included Jim and Kathy (Wagon Masters), Carol and Ann, Jimmy and Patty, Rik and Shirste, Jane, Lyssa and April in her new RV, Mike and Mary and Johnny and Teresa. Because of our Covid-19 limitations we were forced to entertain ourselves. Faye Stevens showed up on Friday to show off

her new Cadillac and stayed to play dice games. Some went to the lodge for chicken dinner and the rest of us had pizza delivered to the camp site. On Saturday morning we all had breakfast at the camp site. Eggs were cooked by Mike, sausage by Jimmy, hash browns by Rik, bacon by Jim, gravy with hockey puck biscuits by Kathy and thanks to Jane the biscuits were

replaced with rolls. Our Sheriff Lyssa did a great job and also won the free campout. The 50/50 drawing was won by Kathy. We ended the afternoon with a corn hole tournament won by Mike and Carol. Jimmy and Patty came in a close second place. Though it was smoky, the weather was great and we all had a good time.



Dictionary Project Continues



Steve Woodlief
Dictionary Chairman

Richard Platt
Leading Knight

Rosalinda Silva
Principal

John Betancourt
Lecturing Knight

Pictures of Members Cutting and Splitting Wood for Our BBQ



Richard Platt

Mark Hardie

Lou Reis

Ben Reiger

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

Exalted Ruler	Dan Martyn, PER	Tiler	Lyssa Wright
Leading Knight	Richard Platt	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Loyal Knight	Vacant	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	Reem Agel
Five Year	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

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: 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: **Vacant**

Lodge Activities: **Vacant**

Flag Day, Flag Retirement: **Vacant**

Government Relations: Richard Platt & John Betancourt

Elks Memorial Service: Adam Smith

Veteran Services: Tom Ryder, PDDGER

Public Relations: **Vacant**

Calendar: **Vacant**

Mediator: Rick Rodgers

Mothers Day: Adam Smith

Inaugural Ball: **Vacant**

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