



# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*

# Merry

# Christmas

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## Sickness and Distress

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

### Condolences to:

None reported for this month.

### Keep in your prayers:

Karan Naccarato who is recovering from the Coronavirus.



**Elks  
National  
Foundation, Inc.**

## December Birthdays

Richard Shaw-01  
John Betancourt-02  
Jasmine Silvestre-02  
Harold Wankel-02  
Bruce Cameron-03  
Chuck Kudra-03  
Paul Stein-04  
Richard Johnson-05  
Eugene Letourneau-06  
David Mueller-07  
Donna Leary-11  
Craig Lopez-12  
Catherine McBride-12  
Scott Wanamaker-12  
Mark Hardie-13  
Richard Harms-13  
Catherine Koeritz, PER-14  
I.B. Jensen-16  
Donald Rue-16

## Candidates, Transfers & Reinstatements

### Candidate

No new candidates reported this month

### Sponsor

Scott D. Dool-17  
Richard Quance-17  
Omar Khalid-21  
Jeffrey Weiherer-21  
Nelson Cabello-22  
William Sternberg-22  
Joseph Loy-26  
Don Doxsee-27  
Adam Hendershot-27  
Jeff Gambino-28  
Steve Finnerty-29  
Susie Ross-29  
Lawrence Kraszewski-30

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

### Recurring Donor

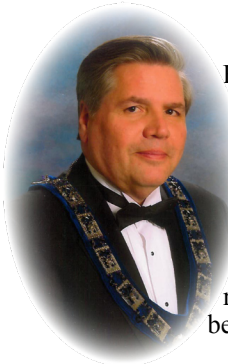
Art Garcia  
Terry Gicking, PDDGER  
Dan Hoffman, PER  
Gerry Gillies  
Inger Hogan  
Ed Lees  
Greg Metzgs, DL  
Alexandra Rogers  
Gregory Sweet  
Lyssa Wright  
Peter Gordon



**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***

Hello and Merry Christmas to all! It is hard to believe that it's that time of year already, but given the past year which we have endured, the sooner 2020 is in the rearview mirror, the better.

December is usually a busy and fun-filled time at the lodge, but this year will be very different. Absent a change in Ventura County Covid-19 restrictions, we will postpone the annual Memorial Service, holiday parties and dinners, and our traditional Hair of the Dog party on January 1, 2021. We are continuing our Saturday bbqs and grab and go dinners. The Christmas tree lot will be operating starting December 3 until sold out. The tree lot volunteers put in long hours and if you can't volunteer, consider a contribution of food or beverages for the crew. To volunteer contact Carlos Muzquiz at 805-208-4968.

Our traditional Charity Basket program

will be different this year. Ventura County will not allow the delivery of food baskets, so Leading Knight Richard Platt is working on delivery of gift cards to Senior Concerns residents and to veterans. More details will be forthcoming.

Speaking of grab and go dinners, our take-out dinners have been successful, but we need your support to continue this effort. On Friday, December 4, Casey Boggiano will be doing her famous meatloaf and mashed potatoes for take-out. The price will be \$10 and we encourage you to patronize this take-out dinner. Absent your support, we will not be able to continue these dinners.

We had a very special grab and go ENF fundraiser dinner prepared by Jean and Gregg Miraglia. The Miraglia's donated the food, we sold 78 dinners and with generous contributions from our members, we raised \$1,050 for ENF. Our thanks to the Miraglia's and crew, diners and donors.

Our Saturday bbq's have been very successful and I thank Crew Chiefs Jill Williams and Carlos Muzquiz and their

volunteer crew members for all of their hard work. Despite our loss of bar, kitchen and lodge rental income, we are managing to keep the lights on with the bbq income.

As ER, this year so far has been both a disappointment and a huge challenge. Most of the activities, meetings, conventions and clinics have been cancelled or postponed. We have not been able to enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow Elks or have our usual dinners and events. We have lost several sources of income and been forced to lay off employees. The positive side for me is that so many of you stepped up and volunteered to keep us going and continue our charitable and community service activities. With hard work, we've managed to stay afloat. I thank those of you who helped, and on behalf of Karen and myself, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

Dan Martyn, ER



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

Last month I was acting Crew Chief for the BBQ. I have worked the BBQ before but never as a Crew Chief. We have established a list of items needed each week, such as bags, sodas, jugs of BBQ sauce, chips, etc.

Volunteers must pick up the bread, season the meat, clean the cooking gear, load firewood as well as handle other tasks that go with operating the BBQ. Each week we

need two members to cook, four members to slice the tri-tips, make and wrap sandwiches, four volunteers to take and deliver orders, as well as two members to cut and wrap the ribs. Each and every one of our volunteers works hard each BBQ. When I needed help, many volunteers stepped up and we were able to get through the BBQ. Thank you one and all.

I wanted to let all of you know that on November 30 I am having my right knee replaced. I will need about three to four weeks before being back. I hope your Thanksgiving, as well as the upcoming

holidays are filled with joyfulness and peace.

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***

Greetings. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and to the extent possible given the Covid-19 limitations enjoyed being with family and friends. As we enter into December, we start bringing out the ornaments,

getting the Christmas lights out and finding gifts to bring Christmas cheer into our lives. We stop to think about the year that

we have all had, and we wish that the new year will be better for all of us. Putting that aside, let us all be thankful for what we have and remember all of our family and friends that will not be with us but remain in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

The Dictionary Program falls under my station, and although we have not been able to do our regular dictionary distributions due to Covid-19, we were able to deliver 40 dictionaries to Flory Academy of Sciences and Technology in Moorpark. Steve Woodlief, Richard Platt and I

presented the dictionaries to the principal of the school.

I wish every one of our Elk members and their families the very best for this holiday season and we pray that the new year will bring good health and peace to all.

Merry Christmas.

John Betancourt  
Lecturing Knight

## A Message from GER Paul Ryan - December: A time of remembrance for us all



As a person who loves good eats and treats, this has to be one of my favorite times of the year. Holiday parties and events. Dinners with family and friends. College and NFL

football—Go Gophers and Skol Vikings. And ice fishing! This is when we all get to enjoy our time with so many things.

The beginning of this month is an occasion to reflect on those who have left us. Those Members who have passed during this last year and those who have gone in the years before. Lodges hold the sacred Elks Memorial Day on the first Sunday in

December. This is a statute of the Order, so please make sure to honor those Elks who have gone to be with God.

This is a fabulous month to give to those in need of assistance. These can be people of your own community, or even veterans in your hospitals. Reach out to some of the groups for help on finding them and helping them. Grab a family and shop with them or go into a store and grab the cart and pay for it. No matter what you do, you will be fulfilled by any charity that you can do.

With all that Elks and families have going on in the month of December, do not let it get so out of hand that you forget to prepare for January. It is time to get ready for the All-American Lodge Contest. The certification form for this can be found online at [elks.org](http://elks.org) under the Fraternal

Committee section. A revised form was sent back in September.

This is also the time to start pulling together the officers, ensuring they are all willing and able to move forward and to have a leader among them to continue the efforts you have made in your year. Also, it is the time to recruit new Members to become a part of the routine of becoming an officer. I suggest that you find a few younger Members to get involved. This will “Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom.”

From my family—Stacey, Jordan and Alex, Cassandra, and Jackson—we all wish you a very Merry Christmas and happy new year with good health and safe travels for you and all your families during this blessed holiday season.

## El Konejo Kampers

Hi Everyone. I am glad to report that October’s campout at Flying Flags was a great success.

On Thursday, we set up the rigs and then relaxed. Friday was a day of playing cards, visiting local shops and some even went to the casino. Saturday was a big day. We started off the day with a big breakfast. Jim and Jan Ryland made omelets for all. THEY WERE GREAT. Of course, we had champagne, potatoes, sausage and bacon.



After that the Sheriff (Jimmy Miller) stopped by and fined all of us. Following that we had our Free Campout drawing and our 50/50 drawing. The Free Campout was won by Jimmy Miller and Kathy Moye. The 50/50 was won by Lyssa Wright. Congrats to all three of you.

Corn Hole came next. We had eight teams, with three sets of boards. It was lots of fun but way too long. I think it lasted five hours. A BIG THANKS goes out to Ann Digman who kept score for all the teams



with all three games going at one time. What a woman!!!!

The winners were:

- 1st place-Virginia Grindley and John Puckett
- 2nd place-Kathy and Jim Moye
- 3rd place-Tammy Maddox and Rik Gessler

John Puckett, you are going to have to lower the score, OR SOMETHING.

I also heard Cheryl Templeton won over \$19,000.00 at the Casino. You go, girl.

Special Note: The Annual Kamper’s Brunch is postponed this year until sometime early next year after Covid-19 is

over. We will keep you posted.



New Officers for 2021: President-Shirste Gessler, Vice President-Lyssa Wright, Treasurer-Jan Ryland and Secretary-Sue Osgood.

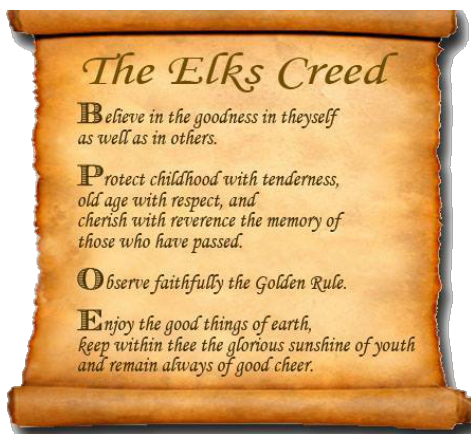


Final Note: There will be no Kamper’s meeting in November or December.

Thank you all and God Bless.

Virginia Grindley  
President

## Pull Tabs Report



Thank you everyone for your continuing support to the Pull Tab Program for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and our Veterans.

A special thank you goes out to fellow Elk, Paul Stein. Paul has his motor home group and also the Marines collecting pull tabs. The Marines just sent Paul 15.5 pounds



(that's 19,654 pull tabs) from Mississippi. WOW, thanks Paul!

Gerry Gillies

**Elks Care — Elks Share**

## Halloween BBQ Team



## 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 Moyer

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>	<b>Needed</b>	<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>	Reem Agel
<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

Editor & Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER

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Barbeque: Dan Martyn, PER

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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: 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