

# ANTLER ANTICS



*Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking - 2477 50 Years of Service to our Community*



## Elk Of the year

Elk of the year for 2021-2022 is Robert (Bobby) Williams which will bring us to the question, "What took so long"  
Initiated 2/25/1981

Robert is a 43-year member of our lodge

He was sponsored by Jerry Tait (charter member)

Comes to every lodge meeting

Works the BBQ on and off site - Has worked since joining

A member of the CVD site crew

Prepares "Killer Chops" for Friday night or special events dinners

Sets up the lodge room for events

Helped run golf tournaments

Delivers food baskets during our Charity Basket food deliveries

Makes great chili for Potluck party's

Works the Christmas Tree lot

Helps office running errands when needed

Great supporter of the Lodge Events

Never says no

Worked in Tom Corrigan's Wild West Show



Elks Care - Elks Share



## *From your Exalted Ruler*

I want to thank everyone for your confidence in me to lead this lodge into it's 50th year. I will do my best because I have a great team. We are going to have a great year, and with your help, it will be one for the record books!

# 50<sup>th</sup>

I want to thank new PER **Richard Platt** for the great job he did in getting our lodge up and running again this past year. We went from closed for a year and a half to open last May, just in time for Mother's Day. Richard led us through those times of uncertainty. We survived the growing pains of a member owned volunteer organization with a paid bar staff that is slowly coming back to enjoy the benefits of membership. Thank you, Richard, and to all the members who have come back and helped us move forward.

Our **50th birthday** bash was fantastic! It was well attended by quite a few of you and we received some publicity from the Acorn Newspaper. **Rita DaCorsi** knocked it out of the park with her team of helpers to put this on. *Thank You Rita and Crew!*

We are hosting the Ritual competition for the **WCCD** on **April 22-23**. All 12 lodges in our district will be here to compete. Please come and show your support for not only our team, but the other 11 lodges for participating. We could use some help if you have time. The awards dinner will be held at the lodge, and we could use some help in the kitchen. Contact David in the office or myself. We would love to see you.

Our monthly bulletin, the Antler Antics, will be going through some changes in the coming months. We will be shortening the Antler a bit but will be adding bonus items to our lodge website. We are going into the modern era so hold on to your computers, laptops, iPad, or your phone. It's going to be exciting. Our calendar will be color coordinated so you can see when and what type of meals we will be having or when our meetings will be, or when we have special fun events. We will be sending e-blasts and Robo call reminders of events that will be happening thru-out the month.

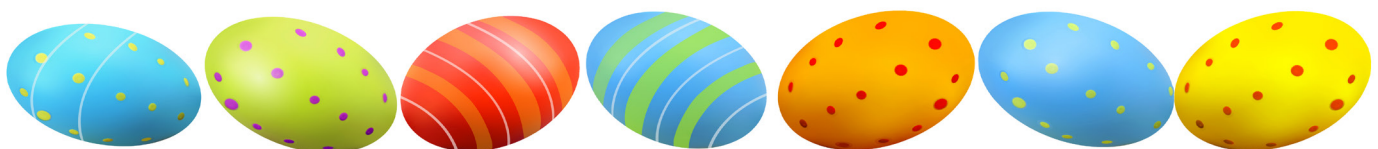
Finally, congratulations to **Bobby Williams** who is our Elk of the year 2021-2022! Well-deserved and about time. Bobby has done so much for this lodge for over 40 years and continues to this day. Thank you, Bobby! Also let me congratulate Dan Hoffman as "Officer of the year".

I want to hear from you. My info is below. Do not hesitate to call, text or email me. This article is late, causing the bulletin to be late. I apologize, but as you can see, we are also making some changes to getting our messages and info out to you each month,

Happy 50th everyone! "I wELKome" you back to the lodge.

Terry Gicking PER PDDGER and Currant ER again

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*From your Leading Knight*

# Happy Easter



The emblem of this station is the flag of our country, and its motto is Charity. These are the opening words that as the Leading Knight I get to say to our new members on the night of their initiation.

As the Leading Knight, I am responsible for making sure we as a lodge are doing our part in funding of all our Charities. As we came to the end of our 2021-2022 Elk year, I am very pleased to report that our lodge did the following: The Major Project is at \$16,879.28 with a per capita of \$39.90 and as for ENF (Elks National Foundation) \$16,663.11 with a per capita of \$39.39 per member. We can also add another feather in our Elks cap in that we are #1 in our district, 12 lodges, for meeting attendance. This is based on a percentage for meeting attendance, we average 30 members per meeting, and the number of members that each lodge has. Congrats to all our members in a job well done for our lodge, lets see if we can increase that lodge meeting number by one or two.

This year I'm very grateful to have Grace Vega as my ENF Chairperson and Dan Hoffman as our Major Project/ Purple Pig Chairman, thank you both.

*John Betancourt Leading Knight*

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2022-23 LODGE YEAR

### Reporting to Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics  
Mailing: David Naccarato  
Website: Kira Wagner PER  
Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato PER  
BBQ: Jill Williams  
Photography: Jill Williams  
Christmas Tree Lot: Carlos Musquiz  
Presiding Justice: John Moran

Investigation: John Betancourt, Alex Rogers  
Orientation: Terry Gicking  
Audit and accounting: Art Garcia  
Grounds: Jose Arellano  
Facilities: Dean Reichle, jeff Conyers  
PER Association: Jim Moye  
Membership: David Naccarato

### Reporting to Leading Knight

Bar Liaison: Dan Hoffman  
Major Project: Dan Hoffman  
Elks National Foundation; Grace Vega  
El Konejo Kampers; Shirste Gessler

Community Activities: John Betancourt  
Charity Baskets: John Betancourt  
Sickness and distress: Alex Rogers  
Bequests and Living Trusts: **Needed**

### Reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations: Ron Watkins  
Flag Day/Retirement; Ron Watkins  
Elks Memorial: Rita DaCorsi  
Veterans Services; Tom Ryder PDDGER  
Government Relations: Ron Watkins

Lodge Activities: **Needed**  
Mediator: Rick Rogers  
Mother's Day: Rita DaCorsi  
Public Relations: Lyssa Wright  
law Enforcement/ Fire Fighters: Paul Stein

### Reporting to Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: John Puckett  
Hoop Shoot: Craig Acerboni, Darryl Kopacz  
Scholarship: Reem Agel  
Drug Awareness: **Needed**

Scouting: Greg Metzgus  
Dictionary Program: Steve & Mary Woodleif  
Youth Appreciation: Reem Agel  
Americanism: John Puckett



# April Birthdays



Greg Metzgus-02  
Dennis Shepard-02  
Leo Rodrigues-03  
Brenda Hagen-05  
Rita DaCorsi-06  
Henry Vega-06  
William Kaszycki-07  
Allan Gottlieb-08  
Richard Ibarra-09  
Joseph Nemtusak-10  
Joe Clancy-12  
James Hamilton-13  
Richard Cornelison-14  
Matt McGee-14

Angela Porter-24  
Lisa Cassarotti-27  
Daniel Martyn-27  
Adelaide Wavra-27  
Jerry Case-28  
Lynette Micheli-29  
Michael Wharton-15  
Carol Stewart-16  
Ted Meyer-17  
Zhipi McDougald-18  
Rose Barrington-19  
Brook Taylor-21  
Marvin Gregory-23  
Steve Chiszar-24



## Crying Towel

02/09/2022

1st Capsule Drawing \$500 Mike Markey, not present

2nd capsule drawing \$175 Grace Vega present and a winner!!!

Lucky 13 Dan Hoffman no winner

02/23/2022

1st capsule drawing \$500 reem Agel not present.

2nd capsule drawing \$25 Greg Metzgus present and a winner! Donated to the Purple Pig

Lucky 13 also Greg Metzgus, pulled the 6 of spades no winner.

4/1 Fish Taco's by Ron Watkins \$10  
4/2 Police and Fire Appreciation 5 PM \$20  
4/8 Carlos's chicken & cheese enchiladas \$10  
4/15 Fish Fry by Jill and Crew \$10  
4/22 Donna's Crispy Chicken 5:30 \$10  
4/22 Casey's Meatloaf \$10  
Chili dogs every Thursday  
Darts Every Monday  
4/17 Easter Egg Hunt 12-2  
BBQ every Saturday 10AM -2PM

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## Organ Donors



David Stull  
Bobby Williams  
Rick Herrera  
Jean Miraglia  
David Naccarato  
Jim McHarg  
Mike Flannery  
Lou Mages

Leo Rodriguez  
Robert Koeritz  
Terry Gicking  
Gerry Gillies  
Richard Platt  
John Leadam  
June Leadam  
Gary Abrams

John Nau  
Catherine Koeritz  
David Anderson  
Carol Anderson  
Roy Ratcliffe  
Greg Metzgus  
Jim Moye



# Purple Pig Honor roll

Bobby Williams  
 Bill Joseph  
 Jean and Gregg Miraglia  
 Mason Nauenberg (Century Club)  
 Richard Rodgers  
 William Figge  
 Adelaide Wavra  
 Jack Paulson  
 Steve Finnerty  
 Richard Ibarra  
 Peter Gordon (Century Club)  
 Richard Shaw  
 Terry Baker  
 Leslie Smith  
 Jeannetta Grasso (Century Club) .  
 David Anderson  
 Kenneth Kolde  
 Allan Gottlieb

Thomas Lucas  
 Steven Grindley (Century Club)  
 Eugene Letourneau (Century Club)  
 Dennis Shankle  
 Johnny Gin  
 Steven Brodie  
 Brenden Devlin (Century Club)  
 Stephen Buczynski  
 George Vivlamore  
 Anthony Federico  
 Tommy Tyler  
 George Thompson  
 James Horning  
 Mason Nuenburg Century Club)  
 Paul Wishner and Granddaughter  
 Dart tournament group  
 Tom Lucas  
 Tom Baldrige

## Recurring Donors

Reem Agel  
 David Anderson  
 John Betancourt  
 Rita DaCosi  
 Ed DaCorsi  
 Art Garcia  
 Terry Gicking  
 Gerry Gillies  
 Peter Gordon  
 Brenda Hagen  
 Inger Hogan  
 Sheryl Holloway  
 Diane Jones  
 Ed Lees  
 Greg Metzgas  
 David Naccarato  
 Richard Platt  
 Alexandra Rogers  
 Gregory Sweet  
 Lyssa Wright

## Lodge Hours

Monday-Friday	2PM-8PM
Saturday-Sunday	12PM to 6PM
SUNDAY BREAKFAST	10AM-12PM
Office Hours Mon-Thurs	10AM – 3PM
Lounge Phone	805-496-4550
Office Phone	805-496-2477
Email	toelks2477@gmail.com
Web address	//2477elks.com/

## Sickness and distress

Alexandra Rogers committee chair  
 805-492-3280 • cell 805-427-301



Lynn Rodriguez had a spot remove from her ear; no cancer found.

The wife of Nephew of Terry Gicking's undergoing surgery.

Joe Buckout in physical Therapy and is doing as well as expected.

## *From the Secretary*

Dues have been coming in and I sure appreciate it. You all got very clever on ordering the 50th Anniversary pin. I have your name on them so you will be sure to receive one.)

## *From your Lecturing Knight*

As I come into my position as Lecturing Knight, I wanted to welcome you all to a great year ahead and tell you how excited I am to take on this new position. I am honored to be your Lecturing Knight for 2022-2023 Elk year. Thank you to Ron Watkins for forcing me, I mean putting me up, for the position! I am looking forward to the challenge! Thank you all for your support and for the support you will continue to provide in the coming year.

John Puckett Lecturing Knight.



Jean and Gregg Miraglia pick up their Century Club Certificate Standing to the left is Darryl Kopacz received 3 Century Club Certificate's



Ron D. Watkins present Ron W. Watkins with Flying flag properly citation

## **Our Veterans will never be forgotten**

If you can look back at my December article about the bombing of Pear Harbor, moral was running low here in the United States and the people wanted to see some action. There was so much interest in the Hawaiian Island chain. Midway was so important because it sat mid-way between the US and Japan and both needed it to mount an offensive. Enter Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle who was given the task to mount an attack from aircraft carriers onto the homeland of Japan.

April 18th was set. It was not a suicide mission; problem was they were discovered 600 miles beyond where they wanted to take off. The idea was to take off, make your bombing run and land in China or crash land as close to China as they could. Russia was considered but Stalin did not want to provoke Japan, so he said no. The damage inflicted on Japan was very small

But the moral of our citizens was enormous. We did have 15 planes that crashed in Occupied China and the Japanese inflicted reprisals against those who tended to our wounded. One made it to Russia but was quickly interned along with its crew.

History repeats itself. On 9/11 we all wanted revenge, and the people bound together. Flags flying, it was a different time. We got Osama bin Laden in 2010 and we all watched on CNN.

## **Kudos**

Kudos to Douglas Lee brown for refurbishing the picnic tables for our BBQ patrons to enjoy our wonderful BBQ. No more splinters in the buttock.

Kudos to Steve Kerman and his ladies who served at our Saint Patrick 's day diners, 50th anniversary and the Police and Fire Fighters Appreciation night. Huge THANKYOU to the BBQ team who worked bell to bell to pull off a great meal for the event. All the dinners were great and it took a team of dedicated members like Rita DaCorsi with her baked ZITI. She didn't do it alone but if I start naming names and leave one out, my name will be mud.

## **Applications for membership**

**Michael Haniker, Retired, sponsored by Carol Fredricks**

**James Nuciforo, construction sponsored by David Cundy**

**Paul Radomski for reinstatement**

**Holly Healy requests affiliation with Burbank 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 Henry\*  
1977-78 Robert McKee, PDDGER \*  
1978-79 Frank Rindone PDDGER \*  
1979-80 Edward Stogsdell\*  
1980-81 Frank Hastie\*  
1981-82 Robert Hardy \*  
1982-83 John Nichols \*  
1983-84 John Nau  
1984-85 Vern Ogden \*  
1985-86 Dan Snyder\*  
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDL  
1987-88 Jack Henry\*  
1988-89 Ted Lipka\*  
1989-90 Donald 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\*  
1999-20 Richard Goldner  
2000-21 Jacob Panczak

2001-02 John D. Ambrogio  
2002-03 Donald 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  
2020-21 Dan Martyn  
2021-22 Richard Platt

## By Affiliation

1981-82 Robert Thorton\*, PDDGER  
2001-03 Bill Sternberg  
2009-10 13-14 18-19 Grace Vega  
1999-00 Ralph Vester\*  
1983-04, 02-03 Harold Constantine  
\*Deceased

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## *In Memoriam*

**TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS • An Elk is never forgotten never forsaken**

### **John Otte**

Born March 21st 1940  
Initiated June 27th 2012  
Died March 18th 2022

### **Gil Riding**

Born August 28th, 1936  
Initiated August 22nd 1990  
Died February 27th 2022

### **James Bodenhamer**

Born January 11th 1942  
Initiated January 23rd 2002  
Died March 1st 2022





## **OFFICERS 2022-2023**

Exalted Ruler; **Terry Gicking** PDDGER  
Leading Knight: **John Betancourt**  
Loyal Knight: **Ron Watkins**  
Lecturing Knight: **John Pucket**  
Secretary: **David Naccarato**  
Treasurer: **Bill Joseph**  
Esquire: **Adam Smith**  
Chaplain: **Rita DaCorsi**

## **TRUSTEES**

One year; Dan Hoffman\*  
Two- year; Reem Agel  
Three-year; Steve Kerman  
Four- Year; Ed Lees  
Five year; Kathy Moye  
Chairman of the Board\*  
Tiler Virginia Grindley  
Inner Guard: Lyssa Wright

### **My Membership card by *Robert Barrett***

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper, two by three inches in size. It is of no use intrinsic worth, not a bond, check, or receipt for values, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in the benevolent and Protective order of Elks of the United States of America.



It tells me that I am an American citizen- the proudest title in all the world that can be conferred upon a man. It tells me that I am the peer of emperors and kings, the ruler of my own destiny, the maker of my own fortune. It tells me that I am a citizen of a land where democracy rules, where brotherhood prevails, where tolerance holds away, where justice is enthroned

It tells me I've I have joined with 800,000 other Americans in the pledging of allegiance to our country and it's laws; in placing the American flag first in our hearts as loyal Americans and first upon our alters as loyal Elks.

It tells me I have entered into a spiritual kindship with my fellow elks, to practice charity in thought, word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my fellow Elks, to hush the tongue of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick; and to be just to all mankind.

It tells me that in 1500 cities under good fellowship prevails- a home among brothers and sisters and friends; a borne dedication not only to the high principles for which the order of Elks Stand, but to the need of play, which is inherent in the heart of every man.

It tells me my loved ones, my home, my fireside, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great order, who has sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect his.

It tells me that should I ever be overcome by adversity and misfortune, the hand of every Elk on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

It tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered in my lodge room friends and fellow Elk members who, when the Eleventh hour has struck, will recall my virtues, though they may be few, and will write my faults, though they be many, upon sands.

