

# ANTLER ANTICS

*50 Years of Service to our Community*



**Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking -BPOE - BE PROUD OF ELKDOM**



*June 10th  
Father's Day  
Brunch and service  
Brunch starts at 10  
Service at 11*

*Brunch continues to 12 noon*



*let's have  
breakfast  
together*



**June 12th  
Veterans Breakfast 10-12  
Flag retirement service at 12:00**



**JUNE 24TH  
ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT HENRY SCHMITZ  
VISITATION TO OUR LODGE  
DINNER 6 PM**



# *From your Leading Knight*

Happy Father's Day, June is the month we celebrate Father's Day, start of summer, our children and Grandchildren graduate from school and start vacations.






The last 5 months have been great for our lodge as we are seeing more of our members return to the lodge. We had our members enjoy the various events held at the lodge. From our ENF dinner, Saint Patrick's Day dinner, New Orleans cuisine, the finals of the NCAA basketball championship, our 50th anniversary, the easter Egg hunt for the kids of our surrounding area and Mother's Day. We have been busy and enjoying it as we should be.

As your Leading Knight I oversee the following committees, The Major Project, ENF, Bar Operations and the El Konejo Kampers. As a lodge we did very well in Purple Pig (Major Project) The final tally will be announced at the State Convention next week.


We were able to receive various grants from grand lodge that helps us give back to the community. If we meet the goal set by the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler which was \$4.80 per member, then are we allowed to apply for grants and hopefully we will be able to do this again this new Elk year. I have faith that as Elks we will do so.

I am looking forward to having a great second half of the year and seeing new members come into our membership. Good health and happiness to all of our members and their families.

*John Betancourt*  
*Leading Knight*



**Elk of the year- Robert” Bobby” Williams**  
**Officer of the year- Daniel Hoffman PER, COB**  
**Citizen of the year- Thomas Ryder PDDGER**  
**Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Members-**  
**Jill Williams, John Betancourt**



# From the Secretary

My first time attending the Kentucky Derby at the lodge and boy what I have missed out on not attending the previous Derby events. Hats off (no pun intended) to *Catherine Koreritz* and *Bill Joseph* for putting on a great show. Huge thanks to *Reem Agel* and the “*Chuck Wagon Chicks*” for all the food and snacks. *Laurie Fredericks* came away the big winner in the Derby hat contest containing birds and all the trimmings. We had many great hat entries and I thank those for participating.



Kentucky Derby hat contest  
*Laurie Fredericks on the right.*  
*On the left is her Mom Carol Fredericks.*

We are down to 64 members delinquent in paying their dues for 2022-2023. Sponsors, if you know your candidate is late, please give them a call to get their dues in. Remember once a member never a guest. A member not in good standing cannot be signed in as a guest. To transfer to another lodge, you also must be paid up at your original lodge to be eligible to transfer. The Trustee’s when putting the budget together relies on that income.

Kudos to Gerry Gillies for repairing my electric lift on my vehicle that helps me get into the driver’s seat. Haven’t been able to drive myself. Nice to get my freedom back. *Thank you, Gerry.*

Our lodge kitchen went through a complete floor to ceiling cleaning. I want to thank the crew that emptied out the kitchen and then put it all back after the cleaning was done. Big thanks to COB Dan Hoffman for negotiating a price less than half what we paid last year.

*Real nice turn out for Mother’s Day; Chaplain Rita DaCorsi put it all together with help from Reem Agel, Casey Boggiano. Diane Letulier, Steve, and Cherri Kerman, Lonnie Hagen Jill Williams, John Betancourt, and Grace Vega.*

*David Naccarato Lodge Secretary*



## From the Exalted Ruler

### June-Summer - Longer Days-Warm and Sunny!



It is time to get out of the house and come down to YOUR lodge! With the covered patio available to enjoy our refreshments responsibly out -doors, we will be starting some out-door activities on *Friday, Saturday, and Sundays*. We have the perfect area for setting up a corn-hole game or 2. It is in the area between the new Memorial and the patio. If we get enough support, we might want to set up and have some local bands come play. We would like to hear some feedback and have you come support it. I look forward to hearing from you.

With this awesome new format for our Antlers, I forgot to add the Elk of the month for April and May along with adding June. I have that included in another article in this Antler. I am also going to add a section for Officer of the Month. Your Officers are working their tails off and they could use some recognition. Please, when you see them, let them know how proud you are for them. That's part of our motto for this year. **"Being Proud Of Elkdom !"**

We will be hosting our West Central Coast District Association Vice President, **Henry Schmitz from Paso Robles lodge #2364 on Friday, June 24th at 5pm**. He will be visiting with us, and we will have a dinner in his honor. Normally, that Friday would be our CYO ("cook your own") steak Night, but our normal CYO BBQ is too small for the crowd that evening. I have decided to go with a \$5 Gourmet All You Can Eat Italian Sausage Spaghetti dinner with a dessert. I feel that our new AVP is an amazing Elk, who I feel everyone should meet. Casey Boggiano crew will be putting this meal together. It is at least a \$12 dollar meal, so yes, I'm bribing you to come meet and hear what Henry has to say. His speech is 5-10 minutes long. There will also be Elks from other lodges here to meet our members. I encourage you to attend. You'll be glad you did.

**Here is some of the upcoming events we will be having in this month of June;**

**Lyssa Wright**, our Inner Guard, will be doing a pulled pork dinner on **Friday, the 3rd**. She surprised us with a sample of what it will be like, and it was GOOD, no it was GREAT! Please support her efforts.

**Leo & Lynn** will be having an **enchilada, rice, and bean dinner on the 10th**. They have done this a few times before and it always sells out. Don't be disappointed. Come down and enjoy.

**Jill's crew fish fry is the 17th**. Remember, we start earlier now.

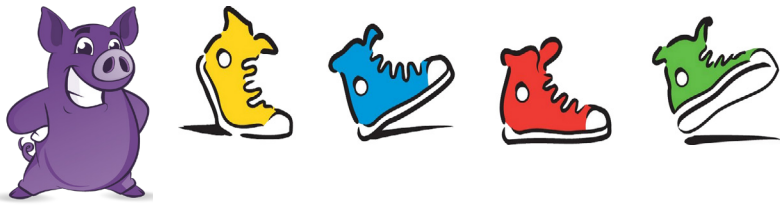
On the breakfast side, we have 3 of them this month. First is the **Veterans breakfast. It is \$10 or FREE to a Veteran**. My Son Bryan put's this meal on with some help from his dad and others. It's a good simple breakfast and the social atmosphere is what makes this breakfast so much fun! Don't miss out. Next is **Father's Day Brunch**. It comes with a beautiful ceremony honoring Fathers. Diane is putting on this Brunch and it will be a great time and meal. See the flyer. Last is the **Kamper's Breakfast on the 26th**. Our Kampers group has been putting on some of the BEST breakfasts for our lodge every last Sunday of the month and this month will be no exception. They have the best omelet cook, the best pancakes, the best service with a smile, just come down and you be the judge.

Finally, we will be hosting a Therapist from **CHEMPI** (that's California/Hawaii Elks Association Major Project Inc.) on **Wednesday, June 29th**. It will be a dinner and a presentation with a child from our therapy program. You DO NOT want to miss this. Your donations to the Purple Pig are what pay for this program to be successful as it is. I strongly suggest you put this date on your calendar! I, as your ER, will be walking across the stage in Fresno on May 21st proudly showing how much we donated to the Purple Pig and will give a full report next month. I can tell you we are over \$4 million in donations throughout California and Hawaii, I'm just not sure how much we will be over. The most we have done in the past is \$3.9 million, 3 years ago. It will be an exciting time for Elkdom.

OK, you can see we have a lot going on in June, and the summer is just getting started, so please pick more than one event to support. REMEMBER, this is YOUR lodge. It needs YOUR support to make it successful and I hope to see each and every one of you soon! And don't forget to show your card to the Bartenders. They are having a contest to see who can get the most members to show their card. Even the Officers must show their card! We are all having fun down here at the lodge and we want you to be a part of it! You paid for the privilege of having that card. Be proud to show it off!

Fraternally and 900 words later Terry "EIEIO" Gicking  
*42 year member of this lodge and darn proud of it!*





## Purple Pig Honor roll

Bill Joseph

Ben Rieger

Laurie Fredericks (52 Club)

Patty Montgomery

John Puckett (Century Club)

Virginia Grindley (Century Club)

David Guerro



Century Club donors  
John Puckett and Virginia Grindley flanked by  
Dan Hoffman PP Chairman and John Betancourt Leading Knight

## Recurring Donors

Reem Agel

David Anderson

John Betancourt

Rita DaCosi

Art Garcia

Daniel Hoffman

Terry Gicking

Gerry Gillies

Peter Gordon

Brenda Hagen

Inger Hogan

Sheryl Holloway

Diane Jones

Ed Lees

Greg Metzgus

David Naccarato

Richard Platt

Alexandra Rogers

Gregory Sweet

Lyssa Wright

Gerry Gillies



# 50th

*Don't be left out in the cold,  
get your 50th anniversary pin  
before they are gone forever.*



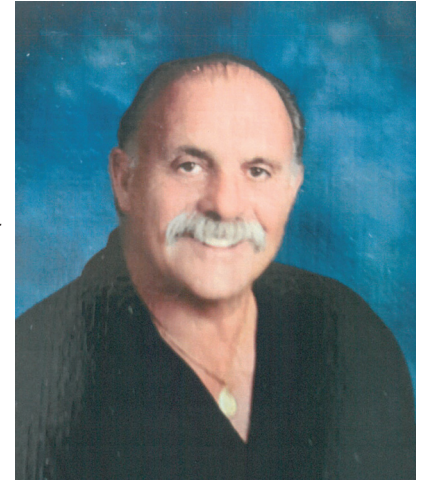
# Paul Stein interview

I hope you members saw the write up in the May Antler Antics that dealt with the Police and firefighters appreciation night. I'd like to take some time and introduce you, the lodge to the chairman Paul Stein.

After Scott Dool retired after 35 years as chairman of our Police and Firefighter Appreciation night he found a suitable replacement. Firefighting being Mr. Steins background it was a no brainer that Paul Stein stepped in.

Paul Stein has been a member of the Our Lodge for 14 years. He was proposed by Michael Idol. Paul is involved with other areas of our lodge such as the BBQ, investigation committee and Christmas tree lot.

Paul Stein retired from the Santa Monica Fire Department as Chief Officer in 1999. During his 31-year career he has served as a battalion Chief, Fire Marshal and Division Chief training coordinator. In addition to working for the Santa Monica Fire Department, he was the Fire Technology Coordinator at Santa Monica College.



After retirement he served as Fire Chief for lakeside Fire Department in San Diego County. For the past 25 years, he has worked as a leadership trainer and management consultant. He has performed services for over 200 different organizations throughout the United States. He has keynoted over 60 fire service conferences and conventions.

Paul has a BA degree in business management and is a master instructor for the state of California. Paul has received awards including:

The California Fire Service Instructor of the year

The National Distinguished Service Award

The California State Firefighters Association Firefighter of the year.

Paul has been married to Cheryl, his high school sweetheart for 56 years. Has 6 Grandchildren and 8 Great Grandchildren.

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## Sickness and distress

Alexandra Rogers committee chair

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Anita Gorino open heart surgery.

Jan Robles starting Chemo Therapy

Tyson Flynn surgery on his bicep (not that it's not big enough)

First Lady of Santa Barbara #613 Gail Plowman took a fall at their home; surgery this week

Abe Gamble, double bypass surgery

Larry Kraszewski, cancer

Leonard Benson, health issues

Kirk Keeler on dialysis

Brenda Hagen little under the weather

Adam Smith who brought back Covid from New Orleans, will be out awhile.

On the passing of Ed Ayril, Elks are never forgotten

On the passing of Irving Koeritz, never forsaken



# Elks History

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City on February 16th, 1868, by a group of 15 men with mutual interest who identified themselves as “members of the theatrical, minstrel, musical, equestrian and literary professions and others who sympathized with the support of the object in view.”



The central figure of the group was Charles Vivian, the son of an English Clergyman. Having scored his success in London music halls, Vivian came to America to try his fortune and a few months later initiated the movement that resulted in the formation of the B.P.O.E.

These men called themselves the Jolly Corks due to a trick done with a cork that Charles Vivian exposed to the group.

The declared purpose of the Elks was then and still is now, to practice the four cardinal principles of our order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. To promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; and to cultivate good fellowship.

The animal from which our order derives its name is noted for gentleness and timidity. It is strong of limb and fleet of foot, quick and keen of perception. The Beaver was considered but found to be too destructive. The Fox was too evasive and cunning. The Elk fit our purpose greatly.

## 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

## Crying Towel

**04/13 /2022**

**1st Capsule Drawing \$500 Drew Oliver, not present**  
**2nd capsule drawing \$100 Michael Callahan not present**  
**Lucky 13 \$90 Ed Lees no winner**

**04/27/2022**

**1st capsule drawing \$500 James Coon not present.**  
**2nd capsule drawing \$125 Jack Paulson not present**  
**Lucky 13 \$105 Bill O'Shea 2 spades no winner.**



# In Memoriam

“TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS”

AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN NEVER FORSAKEN

## Neal Schai

Born: 5/29/1946  
Initiated: 2/28/2022  
Died: 4/19/2022

## Ed Ayrat

Born: 11/3/1932  
Initiated 4/26/2000  
Died 2/26/2022

## Irving Koeritz

Born: 10/11/1930  
Initiated: 1/24/2004  
Died: 4/11/2022

## 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 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\*  
1999-20 Richard Goldner  
2000-21 Jacob Panczak

2001-02 John D. Ambrogio  
2002-03 Donald 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  
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



## **Elk of the Month, complete with parking and a free dinner!**

April- Bill Oshea. Mr “Let me ask you a question?” Every ER cringes when we hear it from him, but then it’s usually a good question followed by “what can I do to help”. \$100 dollar Lucky Bill is always there when you need him, maybe even for a loan... Thanks Bill

May- Bruno. Bruno is Jill Williams dog and the poor thing hardly sees his mom when she is working at the lodge, which is every day. Now Jill doesn’t do anything at the lodge except order the BBQ products, pick up the Friday meal items, organize the kitchen and pantry, clean the Bacardi bottles, fish fry, cashier the dinner window with what’s her name, clean up, move tables and chairs, set up and decorate, take it down and set up something else. Sheesh, see, poor Bruno!

June- Casey Bogianno. Another behind the scenes helper that takes care of everyone including her mother and has that laugh that makes you start laughing. She is everywhere that what’s her name and Jill aren’t. Who needs eggs? JK.

Now the fun begins, because 2 of the three of them will be fighting over the parking space during the month of June. Remember, first come first served ladies! Bill doesn’t drive.

*I can’t wait to hear who July will be.*

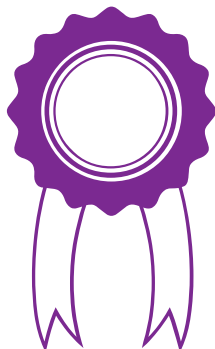
Officer of the Month. It’s not a Thankless job, and it comes with rewards. I think it’s a free dinner on the 5th Monday of their month of honor and a parking spot by the office. See me for details!

April- Rita DaCorsi. With Ed in tow, she helped organize and cooked the meal for our 50th anniversary party, then she just took a breath and dived into Mother’s Day and put on one great event. Thanks Rita and Ed

May- Bill Joseph. Oh, the madness of March and the Derby party to beat all derby parties. Hat’s off to you Bill for a job well done for our charities. Thank You

June - Reem Agel. She has jumped into the kitchen, the books, the bar, anywhere she is needed, she does not hesitate to volunteer to help or organize. Thanks, Reem.

*I know we can’t wait to hear who July will be... Terry*



### **Officer of the month**

April Rita DaCorsi

May- Bill Joseph

June- Reem Agel

### **Elk of the month**

### **Complete with meals and parking**

April-Bill O’Shea

May- Bruno

June- Casey Boggiano

# 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

## Reporting to Leading Knight

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

## 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

## Reporting to Lecturing Knight

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

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

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

Lodge Activities: Ron Watkins  
Mediator: Rick Rogers  
Mother's Day: Rita DaCorsi  
Public Relations: Diane Letulier  
law Enforcement/ Fire Fighters: Paul Stein

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

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*Help us serve our community better*

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## Lodge Hours

Monday-Friday	3PM-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/

## *We get cards*

*To the members of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, thank you for everything, we couldn't have done it without all the support and prayers. 2477 is #1 in our book forever. Love and respect, Joe, and Monica Buckout. Joe was having medical issues and they had parked their motor home on our lot. To be repaired and while Monica took lessons in driving the motorhome in case she had to drive. Included with the card was a check for \$1,000.*



# June Birthdays

1 FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK



Michael Mathews-01  
 William Ratcliffe-01  
 Jason Hardy-02  
 Bob Adams-03  
 Ronald T. Barron-03  
 Henry Germain -03  
 Tamara Runnalls-03  
 Abe Gamble-04  
 Mary Woodlief-04  
 Lee Dukehart-08  
 Elise Murray-09  
 William Figge-10  
 Mason Nauenburg-10  
 Cherri Peterson-11  
 Damian Villanueva-11  
 Dennis Albi-12  
 Steve Smith-13  
 Rod Reynolds-14  
 Corrine Richeson-14  
 Clarence Brown-15  
 Ken krabel-15  
 Pat Jellander-16

Ronald Pizitz-16  
 Thomas Lucas-17  
 Chuck Costigan-18  
 Jerry Gilmore-18  
 Johnny Gin-18  
 Randal Hays-18  
 Richard Jones-20  
 Charles Maslin-20  
 James Allen-22  
 Gregory Johnson-22  
 Steve McKee-22  
 Darren Wood-23  
 Scott F. Dool-24  
 Shirste Gessler-24  
 Anita Gorino-24  
 Virginia Grindley-24  
 Howard Johnson-25  
 Marie Pettibone-27  
 Martin Uskali-28  
 George Hees-29  
 Jim Horning-30



## Applications for Membership

Michael Steger- Crossing Guard- sponsored by Joseph Loy

John laubender- Stage hand- sponsored by Tyson Flynn

Scott Patterson- Actor- sponsored by John Betancourt

PER Steve Smith wishes to transfer to Prescott AZ lodge #330

Inger Hogan wishes to transfer to Bonita Springs-Estero Fl. lodge #2753

