

# ANTLER ANTICS



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

## *Mother's Day and the Elks*

On February 8th, 1908, Elk member Frank E. Herring, an affiliate of the South Bend, Indiana Lodge proposed a national Mother's Day. The reason behind this Observance is self-explanatory and existed long before the order began. Our desire to add our sincere endorsement to tributes to the women who shape our own individual destinies, moved us to create a special Elks Mother's Day Ritual in 1918. This annual ceremony continues today in every lodge, usually with accompanying musical or choral presentations. The ceremony sometimes is preceded by brunch and followed by a social gathering.



**Mothers Day  
Brunch and service  
Brunch starts at 10  
Service at 11  
Brunch continues  
to 12 noon**



## *From your Exalted Ruler*

*“I welcome you to this station for final instruction”*

I love this line as Exalted Ruler during the final charge of the Ritual. The real part of the statement is “I welcome you”. We as Elks have been welcoming new members for 154 years.

To me when a new member joins, I feel as if I have a new “friend”. An Elk Brother or Sister who through their obligation joined a fraternity of great people! The B.P.O.E., Best People On Earth!

So why do I bring this up you ask? When you joined this organization, you thanked the members present for voting you in, and you said you were looking forward to helping this volunteer organization and your community. Then POOF, crickets.....nothing..... nada, mostly silence from new members. Sure, a couple of you stray in now and then, but we have over 426 members and it's the same ole faces, the same 10% that are doing all the volunteering. It's May 2022, our lodges 50th year! YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOU! We are Celebrating all year long. You have been stuck in your homes long enough, it's time you return to your lodge and celebrate with us! By celebrating, I also mean helping, and by helping, try coming down for at least one meal. Maybe even ask to help in the kitchen or on a BBQ team. That is one way to meet other members of this great lodge. Ask your sponsor to join you. They might need that boost to get involved again.

Another thing your lodge needs from you are ideas, but along with those ideas is having a game plan. Ways to raise money for our charity's, for our lodge, or something special. The members coming together to help others is always a rewarding experience. We have many committees in this lodge that could use some help. You don't have to be the chairperson, but we could use some help. Get involved in one program. OK, enough on the soapbox.

My Motto this year is BPOE. BE PROUD OF ELKDOM! In my 42 years in this great organization, I have had the opportunity to meet some great and knowledgeable members. I would not be where I am today if I didn't surround myself with these friends. We as Elks have the power to do even greater things than what we have already accomplished in the last 50 years. With every one of you taking pride in Elkdom and in your lodge, we can show this community that we are the beacon of hope for those in need and those who want to do great things in our next 50 years and beyond.

In closing, **Be Proud Of Elkdom** and check out the calendar and pick a function or 2 to come down and enjoy your lodge. You will be glad you did!

Fraternally, Terry Gicking

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*On Easter we held the lodge annual Easter Egg hunt. Many of the grandchildren and local children joined in the festivities. Members came down to hide the eggs that were prepared by members, so we had many participate in this one event.*

*More to come, be sure to check out*



## 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: Art Garcia  
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: Lyssa Wright  
law Enforcement/ Fire Fighters: Paul Stein

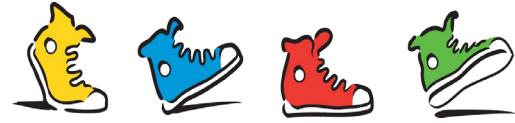
Scouting: Greg Metzgas  
Dictionary Program: Steve & Mary Woodleif  
Youth Appreciation: Reem Agel  
Americanism: John Puckett



# May Birthdays

Brian Thorkildsen-01  
 Robert Hodgson-02  
 Dean Curtis-03  
 Sheryl Holloway-04  
 Brock Green-05  
 Roger Markel-05  
 Pete Padilla-05  
 Dave Anderson-06  
 George Vivlamore-06  
 Tom Baldrige-07  
 Barbara Metzgas-07  
 Kathy Jo Johnson-08  
 Mati Cohen-09  
 Ben Morris-10  
 William Upston-11  
 Anthony Federico-12  
 Steven Kerman-13  
 Paul Wishner-13

Carl Alaniz-15  
 Robert Bemis-15  
 Richard Rodgers-16  
 Kathy Moye-17  
 Sandra Ragan-17  
 Gary Abrams-18  
 Michael Cagley-18  
 Robert Koeritz-19  
 Steven Komjathy-19  
 Rik Gessler-20  
 David Maddox-22  
 David Stull-23  
 Steve Woodlief-24  
 Ron Watkins-26  
 Tyson Flynn-27  
 Michael Murray-27  
 Rick Naranjo-27  
 Neal Schai-29  
 Brendan Devlin-30



## Purple Pig Honor roll

Roger Markel	George Thompson
Jean Miraglia	Bruce Cameron
Bill Joseph	Jay Schmidt
Bobby Williams	Ben Rieger
Forrest Godfrey	Christine Harrison
Don Skinner	Dee Ansell
Jim Horning	

## Recurring Donors

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



## Applications for membership

Scott Peterson sponsored by John Betancourt  
 Transfer demit for James Abbit from Oakhurst Lodge  
 Transfer demit for Michael Badner from  
 San Luis Obispo lodge

## *From the Leading Knight*

I just wanted to thank those who made my life so easy as the Loyal Knight.

Pictured are Reem Agel, Dan Hoffman, Jean Miraglia, Steve Kerman, Myself, Kathy Moyer, Brenda Hagen, Jill Williams and Diane. Not in the picture Lonnie and Sherry Kerman



## 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
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## Sickness and distress

Alexandra Rogers committee chair  
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Gregg Miraglia one more eye surgery  
Terry's brother to undergo brain surgery  
Barbara Booker home from rehab.

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## *From the Secretary*

What a January thru March we had. I know we have been busy before, but I guess now that I'm older it just seems to take much more out of you, and we are not done yet. We've been closed due to Covid-19 and now all the events we missed are being played out now. What we need now is you. We are a nonprofit organization which means all monies that we raise for our Charities comes from the members. So to avoid "Elk Elbow" (always reaching for your wallet when you walk through the door), come on down for a Friday Night dinner (got to eat anyway) Come to a fundraising event and have a good time raising money for our charities.

I was reminded of an event that happened to me when a fellow Elk came in to pay his dues. When I was still walking, I would trailer the train up to Santa Maria to participate in their Santa Maria Rodeo and Parade. Incoming Exalted Rulers looked forward to the parade for it was a high light of their year and also a time to meet other new officers from the lodges in our district. Anyway, I had returned back to the lodge and in backing off the train from the trailer it got hung up on something, so I had to get out and free it. Well, whatever was stuck came unstuck and of course now I'm underneath the trailer, it drops down and I am stuck can't move an inch. Who happens along, Steve Chiszar, came rolling up and asked if I needed any help? I said sure get this thing off me. Steve happened to have a floor jack in his truck and as you can see, I'm still here. Thanks Steve.

## *The Major Project*

One way to help our charity, The Major Project, nick named the "Purple Pig" is to become a recurring donor. When you joined the lodge, you received a Purple Piggy Bank. This is to remind you to support the Major Project program. Let me explain, every State Association has a major Project that all the lodges in their state raise money to support. The lodges in that State have selected one significant area of need in their state. They conduct events and fund drives throughout the year to support this commitment, whether it be an annual donation toward cancer or cerebral Palsy research, or operating expenses for an Elks hospital or clinic. Their chosen Major Project can be anything that helps the community. We do this to show the Government we are doing what we were chartered to do. The California Hawaii Elks Major Project started out to help children with cerebral palsy. In 1950 the Major Project Committee added to the State Constitution to cover more complex issues. Our therapist evaluates and treat children with birth defects, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, post-polio, trauma, and sports injuries. To give you an idea what a typical case load entails. 362 clients=30 per therapist, 9,794 visits= 816 per therapist 85,013 miles driven=7,804 per therapist. We provide their car, maintenance, gas and insurance plus pay their salary and any further training they may need to do their job. We do house calls and teach the parents how to treat the children in between visits. We also have an eye screening bus that travels the school curcuit to detect early childhood eye diseases. Their stats are 536 screenings=134 per screener, Children screened 9,365=2,341 per screener. Children referred to an eye specialist 686, children referred to ophthalmologist-12. You can see those Purple Piggy banks help a lot. Any donations to the Major Project can be sent to the office and the check made out to CHEMPI and your name will appear in the Purple Pig honor roll the following month. All are tax deductible 501©3  
*David Naccarato, Secretary*

### **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



# 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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## Crying Towel

**03/09/2022**

1st Capsule Drawing \$500 Ed Montoya, not present  
2nd capsule drawing \$25 Carmine Prizzi not present  
Lucky 13 \$75 Ron Watkins no winner

**03/23/2022**

1st capsule drawing \$500 David Grannis not present.  
2nd capsule drawing \$75 no winner.  
Lucky 13 \$90 Reem Agel just missed it no winner.

**50<sup>th</sup>**

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



## From Paul Stein Police and Fire Chairman

On April 2nd our lodge conducted our 44th Law Enforcement and Firefighter recognition event. After two years of Covid 19 delays, approximately 100 members and guests attended the event.

Our Law enforcement recipients from Ventura County were  
**2020 Deputy Sheriff Daniel Tao**  
**2021 Deputy Sheriff Amanda Salas**

Our Fire recipients from Ventura County were  
**2020 Fire Engineer Kyle Morrell**  
**2021 Fire Engineer Kevin Lundgren**

Along with being honored by our Lodge the recipient's received recognition from the City, County, State and Federal government representatives. Also, a special Sargent Ron Helus memorial award was presented to our Sheriff's deputies. The award was presented by the **Karen** the widow of **Deputy Ron Helius**. That was a very touching moment during the event. **Mrs. Helus** and the Deputies received a long-standing ovation.

The meal as usual was delicious. The entre' included ribs, chicken, Tri-Tip, beans and garlic bread, followed by cupcakes for dessert.

If I were to try and name all the Elks that helped to plan, organize, work and clean up after the event it would take several pages. However, I would like to thank all the Elks involved in the Saturday morning BBQ and then stick around to cook for the evenings event. Jill Williams, as usual with her partner in crime Kathy Moye were a integral component with the success of the event.

*Paul Stein, Event Chairman*

