

ANTLER ANTICS

50 Years of Service to our Community



Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking -BPOE - BE PROUD OF ELKDOM

Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking's Going Away party

Heading to Atlanta Georgia
to Represent our lodge
At the grand Lodge Convention Friday July 1st

DINNER BY THE "CHUCK WAGON CHICKS"
PER NIGHT AT THE RACES
WAGER ON YOUR FAVORITE JOCKEY



July 4th pancake breakfast
9am to noon \$5

Blood Drive

July 9th, 9:AM to 1:pm



Cook your own steak is back
July 22nd



prices vary according to cut of meat



From the Exalted Ruler *Independence Day!*



Independence Day! The day we gained our freedom from our parents, I mean parent country of England. Despite the hatred we had for the Brits at that time, we learned to forgive them and now we are allies working for the greater good of the world. That just shows that we, as an American citizen, CAN write our faults in the sand and our Virtues upon the tablets of Love and Memory! As an Elk, it is a must! You swore to it at your initiation. You should practice it every day. If you have not come back to a meeting since you were initiated, please come back, and see how much fun the meetings are. If you come back on an initiation night, please feel free to repeat with me the obligation you swore to in the beginning of your Elk membership. You can do it from the privacy of your own seat.

With the beginning of July, We Exalted Rulers of all the Subordinate Lodges in Elldom go to Grand Lodge convention in a pre-determined city across the country. This year it is in Atlanta. Grace and I will be there to learn all we can from the 4 business sessions, in addition to the breakout sessions, memorial and awards ceremonies, dinners and hospitality rooms. It will be a whirlwind of education, and hopefully no hurricanes or twisters.

Speaking of conventions, your officer corps just got back from State Convention in Fresno, where we learned a lot and on the final day of convention, I got to walk across the stage and present a check for the Major Project, aka Purple Pig, for just under **\$29,000. That is a per capita of \$67.87!** OMG, that is the most this lodge has ever raised. YOU members really knocked it out of the park in doing fundraising, donating, pools, and whatever else we could to raise that money! Thank you for your generosity. I could not be prouder of 2477 and of CHEA for that matter, because **WE raised a total of \$4,497,106 for our kids so they can walk, talk, see and play!** That's \$4.5 million from 168 lodges in California and Hawaii. I can honestly say that the last \$40 raised came from me in buying tickets for the raffle drawing for about 15 baskets of assorted items and a 55" TV. I won the TV! I have donated it to the lodge so we have a tv for bingo, Orientation and Super Bowl.

We had our first **CYO (cook your own steak)** of the summer season and it was well attended. It was good to see a bunch of familiar and new smiling faces. Remember, CYO is the **4th Friday of the month until October**. We are starting to see more Veterans and members for breakfast on Sunday mornings. We are having, in addition to the Kampers breakfast, 2 more breakfasts a month. **Smitty is doing his N'Orleans style, and my son Bryan does the Vets breakfast.** These are held on the **second and third Sundays. Every third month, the Blue Star Moms of the Conejo Valley host one of Bryan's Vets Breakfast.** FYI-The Blue Star moms are a group of moms who have sons or daughters who serve or have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, and United States military personnel who serve or have served honorably and their families. Please come support them by having breakfast or donating to them directly. Our Veterans Fund helps sponsor the cost of the meal so that 100% of the proceeds of their breakfast goes to help them with their causes. Please support them.

Ok, since May we have had a **Mother's Day Brunch and service, a Flag Day Service and Retirement**, and we just had a **Father's Day Brunch and Service**. If you did not come to any one of them, you missed not only a great service that Grand lodge requires us to do, but for Mothers and Father's Day, you missed a great meal put on by 2 great ladies and their worker-bee helpers. **Rita DaCorsi**, my wonderful Chaplain and **Diane Letulier**, our lodge PR Chairperson, put on two of the most amazing meals this lodge has had in a long time! WHERE WERE YOU? Please, they are volunteers putting together these amazing meals for YOU, our members, and while we had some great families join us, we had a lot of room for more members and their families to contribute and enjoy. I can't thank them and their wonderful crew enough for taking their time to make a GREAT meal and more! Thank You! Thank You!

Enough for this month. See you when I get back from HOTlanta!

Fraternally, EIEIO

From the Secretary

Having been Chartered by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, we must follow some rules to be part of the B.P.O.E. We are required to attend conventions that are put forth by Grand Lodge and the State Associations. In May the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Chairman of the Board and Secretary were required to attend the State convention in Fresno this year. This is when we turn in all the money collected for the "Major Project" or its nickname "The Purple Pig"

We as a lodge hit a record. We gave a record \$28,910.96 which is \$67.86 per member. Donating to the Major Project is a 501c3 tax deductible donation. Make out the check to C.H.E.M.P.I. and give it to one of the officers and I will forward it to the California Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc. I do have envelopes already addressed, stamped and ready to go if you would like to mail it on your own, just ask at the office.

Exalted Ruler, Terry Gicking will be attending the Grand Lodge convention in Atlanta Georgia July 3rd thru 5th. He will meet the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler and vote on amendments to our Statutes. We will be holding a going away party Friday night at the lodge complete with horse races where you can bet and play the odds on your favorite Jockey. The 3rd convention is called "Mid-Term". It is mid- way through the Elk year and a time to review if we need to make changes to the budget or correct some house-keeping chores.

One other thing when we have an event on a Friday night such as the Youth Appreciation awards that does not mean you are not invited to have dinner with us. We share with others what the Elks do for our community, and we need the support of the membership to show that this is what Elks do. So, no more playing hooky. These kids are so smart it makes me self-conscious. It's nice to hear their plans for their future.

David Naccarato Lodge Secretary



Flag Retirement



From your Leading Knight

The station of the Leading Knight is Charity. According to Webster Dictionary the word Charity is defined as the quality of sympathetic understanding, an organization devoted to the relief of the unfortunate.

No truer words have been spoken because this is what Elkdom is all about. We are an organization that shows we care about our families, our friends, and our community. We can do this through ENF and the Purple Pig. We always find ways to raise the funds so when it comes time to purchase gift cards for families that need a hand up, not a handout at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. Times are somewhat tough but as Elks we always find a way to help others, after all we are the "Best People on Earth" Do have a great summer and a safe and sane fourth of July. We will be having a pancake breakfast on July 4th 9 till noon \$5.00. Great way to start the day.

John Betancourt
Leading Knight



Youth Appreciation awards



Scholarship Winners



50th

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





Purple Pig Honor roll

Bill Joseph
Ben Rieger
Gregg and Jean Miraglia
Lyssa Wright and her Purple jeep (Century Club) + 40



Penelope
The 2022 Chempi Theme child

Recurring Donors

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



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

Saying Goodbye

Veterans

John and June Leadam who have been a staple at this lodge since 1997 will be moving to Florida by the end of the month.

John is a Marine (Once a Marine, always a Marine), he enlisted in July 1947 and was discharged July 1955 as a Tech/Sgt.

John served during the Korean war where he was a Marine Occupational specialist. John was In charge of fire direction, for 4.5 rockets and 4.2 mortars.

John participated in the assault and secured Inchon, Korea. Captured and secured Seoul Korea September 1950 to October 1950

Participated in Wonsan, Hungnam, chosen Reservoir campaign, North Korea November, and December 1950.

Let me tell you nighttime temperatures approached 40 F below 0.

Participated in operation against forces in South and Central Korea, 1951

Rotated back to the United States in 1951. Returned to Korea late 1954 stationed on the DMZ with a 4.2 motor company as fire direction chief.

June Leadam served as the Ladies President. June also became an Elk member. She is always telling me what her age is, but I call her bluff every time.

Crying Towel

05/11 /2022

1st Capsule Drawing

\$500 Jane Watson, not present

2nd Capsule Drawing

\$150 Rich Lucariello not present

Lucky 13 \$120 Rick Herrera no winner

05/25/2022

1st Capsule Drawing

\$500 Don Booker not present.

2nd Capsule Drawing

\$175 Steven Dodge not present

Lucky 13 \$135 John Puckett no winner

Sickness and distress

Alexandra Rogers committee chair

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Barbara Metzgus in the hospital

Robert Koeritz quadruple bypass surgery

Richard Beal broke hip in rehab at East Campus

Richard Platt, cancer issues

Harold Constantine had surgery on his wrist and skin Graf

Ruth Gillies going in for a spinal fusion.



Elks History

Speaking about the **Grand Lodge Convention happening July 3rd through the 6th**, all Terry needs to do is hop aboard a Boeing 757 and he's there in Atlanta GA. in a few hours. In 1912 four Brookfield Mo. lodge #824 members who also worked together for the Burlington railroad walked 2,223 miles to get to the Grand Lodge convention held in Portland Oregon that year. C.B. Johnson, C.D. Stone, Herman Clark, and Fred Lyons were escorted to the edge of town by townsfolk of Brookfield Mo. On their way west they visited 18 lodges where they were treated like royalty. They started at 7 am walked till 10 pm with only a canteen and averaged 25 miles a day. The railroad would drop off cards, letters, and food as they made their journey to the convention. Word spread of their journey and when they arrived in Portland, they were greeted by 2000 people all shouting as they stopped at the corner of 7th and Elm Street to enter the Elks Temple. They were to be carried the rest of the way, but the boys refused, "we're walking all the way to the registration desk".



The Grand Lodge convention was held in Los Angeles in 1909 and Los Angeles Lodge #99 was playing host to the convention that year. Now Lodge #99 sat atop Bunker Hill just outside the upper terminal head for the Angles Flight funicular railroad. The railroad took patrons from the Commercial district (literally downtown) up to Bunker hill for a penny. When the city leaders heard about the convention coming in a year the city leaders saw dollar signs. They knew for one tumultuous week, upwards of 2000 Elks and families would pour out of train depots to wander the streets of L.A, fill its hotels, restaurants and take-home countless souvenir plates, postcards, and pillows. (Pillows?) To show their gratitude for this windfall the city had its craftsmen cement in the letters B.P.O.E on the lower arch way to the Angles Flight funicular railway knowing each member wanting a ride up to lodge #99 will have to pay the toll. The letters BPOE are still inscribed on that arch, even though Lodge #99 was sold to the Moose lodge in 1927 and in 1968 was torn down all together. L.A. 99 merged with Santa Monica #906.

Make it a weekend adventure and ride the **Angles Flight Railway**. The shortest rail route on the west coast the other funicular railroads are in Cincinnati Ohio. It had been hit with neglect and disrepair and was dismantled and stored by the city and 27 years, later it was reborn, and it is all fixed now. One of our members came to me and asked why it had BPOE on the archway. I had no idea but research with Grand Lodge Archives gave up the story.

*In
Loving
Memory*



In Memoriam
“TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS”
AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN NEVER FORSAKEN



Mark Hardie
Born 12/13/ 1959
Initiated June 27th, 2018
Passed 5/17/2022

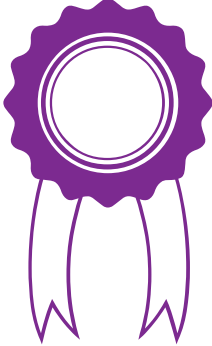
Past Exalted Rulers

1972-73 Marvin D. Smith *	2001-02 John D. Ambrogio
1973-74 Erle Pittman PDDGER	2002-03 Donald Booker
1974-75 Richard Flake *	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER, DL
1975-76 Bill Wagner*	2004-05 Jay Block*
1976-77 John Henry*	2005-06 Sally Claunch*
1977-78 Robert McKee, PDDGER *	2006-07 David Naccarato
1978-79 Frank Rindone PDDGER *	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1979-80 Edward Stogsdell*	2008-09 George Meehan*
1980-81 Frank Hastie*	2009-10 Terry Gicking, PDDGER
1981-82 Robert Hardy *	2010-11 Harry Brockwell*
1982-83 John Nichols *	2011-12 Steve Smith
1983-84 John Nau	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
1984-85 Vern Ogden *	2013-14 Terry Baker
1985-86 Dan Snyder*	2014-15 Dan Martyn
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDL	2015-16 Jim Moye
1987-88 Jack Henry*	2016-17 Mike Flannery
1988-89 Ted Lipka*	2017-18 Jean Miraglia
1989-90 Donald Skinner	2018-19 Karen Martyn
1990-91 Don Ansell*	2019-20 Dan Hoffman
1991-92 Gary Sleigh*	2020-21 Dan Martyn
1992-93 Tom Ryder PDDGER	2021-22 Richard Platt
1993-94 Jim Wallace*	By Affiliation
1994-95 George Pekow *	1981-82 Robert Thorton*, PDDGER
1995-96 Gil Riding* PDDGER *	2001-03 Bill Sternberg
1996-97 Jack Loughran*	2009-10 13-14 18-19 Grace Vega
1997-98 John Kelly*	1999-00 Ralph Vester*
1998-99 Chet Kozlowski*	1983-04, 02-03 Harold Constantine
1999-20 Richard Goldner	*Deceased
2000-21 Jacob Panczak	

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

Elk of the Month is none other than **Diane Letulier**. She has helped add that extra touch of wonderfulness to the Sunday breakfasts, including a great Father's Day brunch which she took breakfast to a whole new level. Thank You Diane. The parking space is yours for the whole month of July, along with 1 free meal during the month!

Officer of the Month is **David Karen Naccarato**. David Karen has kept this lodge running smoothly during the transition of officers and our new and improved bulletin. DavidKaren has earned his parking spot and 1 free meal for the month of July! Thank You.



Officer of the month

July- David Karen Naccarato

Elk of the month

Complete with meals and parking

July- Diane Letulier

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

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

Help us serve our community better

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

Received a sympathy card from Nancy Greenhaig with a donation in the name of Mark Hardie.

Received a letter from the major Project that our Wednesday Bunco players donated \$80 to the Major Project.

Received a donation made in the name of Mark Hardie from Ken and Suzanne Hardie

Received an envelope of can tabs from Gwen Harrod daughter of Patty Harrod past Treasurer in her memory. Tabs go to the Ronald McDonald House Charity.

July Birthdays



1 FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK



Karen Abbitt-02	Gary Harman-21
David Blackburn-02	Debbie Hawthorne-22
Joe Escobar-02	Alexandra Rogers-23
Don Booker-05	Ralph Sherwood-24
Steve Santa-05	Diane Jones-25
Steven Brodie-06	John Leadam-26
Michael Steger-07	James Moye-26
Robert Peloquin-08	Donny Long-27
Mike Flannery-10	Jeff Vargo-27
Steven Kammerer-10	Walter Egan-28
Marion Anderson-12	David Grannis-28
Bob Stevens-15	Lynn Rodriguez-28
Larry Lowman-16	John Buxbaum-30
Ronald Maddox-16	Richard Newkirk-30
Daniel Hawkins-20	John Perry-30
Norman Rose-20	Richard Case-31
Gregory Sweet-20	Greg Sincock-31

We get letters

"No Problem?"

To Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge,

Thank you for the great Job of holding a memorial service for Mark Hardie. Mrs. Hardie asked me if it would be possible to have a memorial and I told her I'd check with the Secretary. He said "no problem" just check with Grace if the date is available. Grace said "no problem" check with Terry about the officers. Terry said "no problem" I'll arrange for the officers, just check with Jill on the food. Jill said "no problem" just check about flowers. Casey Boggiano said, "no problem".

I found that I had "no problem".

And the memorial turned out well and was well received. The service was very professional, and the food was perfect. I thank those who helped and those who attended.

Fraternally
David Anderson



American Essay Contest

The theme for this year's essay contest is

"What is your American Dream?"

Contest is open to 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Essay's must be 300 words or less. Must be typed or written by the entrant. Entries must be turned into the lodge by **December 15th, 2022. Cash awards of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each grade level.**

Official entry forms are in the office or can be downloaded at elks.org. Members, get your grandkids or kids in the neighborhood involved.

Applications for Membership

Scott Patterson- Actor- sponsored by John Betancourt

Tom Bolger business- owner- sponsored by Rick Herrera

Jacquelyn Atkinson- Health Technician- sponsored by Jeff Conyers

Rita Gideon sponsored by Lyssa Wright

Anthony Angelini-Field Rep. sponsored by John Elliott from Santa Clarita Lodge #2379

