

# ANTLER ANTICS

*50 Years of Service to our Community*



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

## *Exalted Ruler's going away party and Horse Races*



# *From the Exalted Ruler*

**Wholly Toledo! It's August already!** Where has the summer gone? Next thing you know, it's the holidays! But, as we all know, it's summertime in Southern California year-round.

So, having said that, my question is **WHERE ARE YOU?** Your lodge has had some great events and attendance were a little short of normal, but we made the most of it, and the ones who were here had a great time. It seems most members of the lodge are having a tough time making a trip to the lodge to have some fun. It's not as high on their list anymore. It's not only happening in OUR lodge, but also in lodges everywhere. People just don't want to be out in crowds anymore. Be it the fear of Covid, or of socializing with strangers, it has all of society scratching their heads to find ways of getting the public to come back. I was in Atlanta at the beginning of July for National Convention, and they had workshops for the Exalted Rulers to attend to share ideas of what works and what doesn't work in your lodge. We did round table discussions with 9 other ERs for 10 minutes, then shifted to a new table of 9 ERs to discuss their ideas and failures, and so on. Pretty much what I came away with was every lodge in America has a problem getting members to come back, even if you have new ideas or if you have one of your old tried and true events, attendance is down.

Now, on the positive side, the Elks are growing again in new members. We, (Grand Lodge), just stopped the trend of losing 3% of our membership each year to finally gain in membership for the first time in 42 years. That's a great accomplishment, but we need to see all our members at our lodges. With this trend of not coming down to your lodge, the financial side of management is recommending we close on certain nights, to offset the cost of utilities and staff to accommodate very few patrons. On a personal thought about this idea, if we do close on some of these days/nights, it will be very hard to get anyone to come down to the lodge. As an example, when the lodge went from 4 meetings a month down to 2, we went from 50-60 members attending the meetings to 15-20 attending. The Lodge members did this meeting change to attract members to become officers, but all it did was stymied communication from the lodge management to the members, which is what meetings are for. No one could remember if we met on the first and third Wednesday, or was it the 2nd and 4th ?

Meetings are for running the business of the lodge, communicating what we do for our community, committees, and our membership, paying our bills, raise money for our charities and to socialize. It is all volunteers. The Officers are trusted to run the affairs of the lodge, but it is the members who control what is spent, and how we do it. And that is done at the meetings.

OK, enough about this. The lodge has had a lot of fun this month, and it's not because the ER was away at convention. We had a very successful "**PER Nite at the Races**" and "**ER going away party**". Raised some good money for the "**Pig**".

We had a very successful **4th of July pancake breakfast**. **Dodger night** was a lot of fun and we raised some serious cash for our kids!

Thank You for all of your support to your lodge and its programs. Our next big fundraising dinner will be on the **31st of August**. It is the 5th Wednesday of the month and that is when we do a special dinner to help raise money for our charities. This dinner is for **ENF** and it is being hosted by **Grace Vega**. It is **Chicken Fried Steak for \$10**. There will be raffle baskets available, so bring some cash!!

Finally, Grace and I had a great time in Hotlanta and we learned a lot. We also met some old friends and made some new ones. The Southern Hospitality sure lived up to its reputation everywhere we went. We even took a moment to go see Sheryl Holloway, a 2477 member in Anderson SC. Thanks fer the hep, Sheryl.

***The 3 amigos aren't the same without you!***

***Till next month***

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Fraternally, Terry Gicking (805) 231-9788

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# *From the Secretary*

August 6th, 1945, the United States was at war on two fronts. The European front was pretty much done. We marched the Germans back to their own land and received an unconditional surrender. Now we had to deal with the Japanese. The Japanese culture was to fight to the last citizen. Dying for the emperor was a privilege. Let's back up for a moment, Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945) was the only President to serve more than 2 terms. Three and a third to be exact. Now FDR was an Elk as a member of Poughkeepsie New York lodge #275 and Vice President Harry S. Truman was a member of the Kansas City lodge #26. You would think these guys had a lot to talk about. I hear it from new incoming Exalted Rulers, ("nobody told me that") OK back to my story, FDR died 82 days into his fourth term as President. Harry Truman was sworn in the same day. President Truman met with the Joint Chiefs to talk about how to handle Japan. The idea they came up with would extend the war for years and loss of life would be staggering. That's no good.

So, President Truman finally had a moment to himself and was messing around the desk in the oval office. He finds this folder in one of the drawers. He pulls it out and it reads "Manhattan Project-Top Secret". He reads it and asks why FDR didn't mention it? (Sound familiar) Henry Stimson briefed the President and after weighing their options, the Manhattan Project should shorten the war. Truman did not want more American soldiers or Japanese civilians to die in this war. President Truman immediately called Emperor Hirohito and told him about the weapon that we have and the devastating power it possessed. President Truman asked for an immediate surrender. Hirohito told Truman to pound sand, and Truman had no other choice. August 6th the Enola Gay dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima Japan, again Truman called Hirohito but again he would not budge. A 2nd bomb was dropped August 9th on Nagasaki. That one did the trick. Those two bombs had such devastating power the Japanese surrendered aboard the USS Missouri on September 2nd, 1945. The moral of the story lets help our incoming Exalted Rulers, so they have all the information they need to succeed. Oh, by the way Congress ratified two terms maximum for the President on February 27th, 1951

*David Naccarato Lodge Secretary*



July 4th Pancake feast crew



Kathy Moye and Paul Stein



## CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BRADFORD "BRAD" SMITH



Brad was raised on the family farms in Modesto and graduated from Modesto Junior College, serving as Student Body President, then graduated from the University of San Francisco, majoring in psychology and business. He has received certifications in risk management related programs from U.C. Davis, the Insurance Education Association, and the California Department of Self-Insurance Plans.

He has been married to Agnes for forty-eight years, with son Justin, and granddaughter, Delyla. Brad and Agnes are 35-year members of the Modesto Gourmet Group, and 17-year members with Modesto Elks RV Club and have enjoyed travel across the Americas, Europe, and Asia.

Brad spent 29 years in food industry human resources, safety and risk management, completing his career with 10 years as Merced County Risk Management Director. Brad has served as President and Board Chair of the non-profit Sylvan Improvement Club, President of the Stanislaus County Safety Council, Stanislaus County Personnel Management Council, American Society of Safety Engineers – Stockton Chapter, and the Disability Managers Employer's Coalition. He served on committees for the California Manufacturers' Association, California Self-Insurers' Association, California of League Food Processors (Risk Management Committee Chair), and was a Board Member of the Lincoln Estates Homeowners' Association. He was a member of the California Public Agency Risk Management Association, and on the Board of Directors and

the Underwriting Committee of the California State Association of Counties – Excess Insurance Authority.

Brad has served the Modesto Elks Lodge #1282 in multiple chairs and committees, and was Exalted Ruler for 06-07, 07-08, and 08-09. He has Chaired numerous District Committees, was Central District PER Association President, Auditor to PDDGER, Walt Getz, and is a Ritual Word Judge. He was CHEA Central District AVP in 2010 and DDGER in 2013. He has been appointed Grand Lodge Special Rep twice, and appointed as Lodge Advisor. Brad served as CHEA Mid-Term Conference Chair in 2013 and 2018, CHEA Government Relations Committee Vice Chair 2016. He has been a CHEMPI Trustee, served as Continuing Education Committee Chair, Treasurer, Special Project Chair – Pearl Harbor Improvement Fundraising in 2019, and Trustee Chairman in 2020.

He has participated in all CHEA Conferences and Conventions for the last 15 years, has attended 10 Grand Lodge Conventions since 2005 and served as CHEA First Vice President in 2021-2022.

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## LOUIS "HENRY" SCHMITZ WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT CHEA VICE PRESIDENT



Louis "Henry" Schmitz was born on April 14, 1981 in Templeton to Louis "Earl" and Kathy Schmitz and has sister Jennifer living in Modesto. Henry was active with community service organizations taking leadership roles from the age of 9 in 4-H and continuing into High School with the Future Farmers of America (FFA) as well as being active in sports as part of a State Championship football team.

After graduating with Honors from Paso Robles High School in 1999, he attended Cal Poly SLO on Scholarships. Before graduating from Cal Poly Henry was recruited by a local ozone water purification company as a mechanical engineer. Over the next 8 years this career took him to many corners of the world, such as China, the Middle East, Europe, and the Caribbean, just to name a few. He is the inventor and co-inventor of many patents. In 2007, in addition to remaining a consultant to his previous company, he decided to start his own plumbing business. Over the last 15 years he has plumbed thousands of new houses, wineries, and businesses throughout California as well as being active in many business-related organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Peoples Self Help Housing.

Brad was initiated into the Paso Robles Elks Lodge #2364 in January of 2015 and became Tiler for 2015-2016. He was awarded Officer of the Year in 2017 as Leading Knight and served as the youngest Exalted Ruler to-date of the Paso Robles Lodge in 2018-

2019. Immediately following his term of Exalted Ruler, he was elected to the Board of Trustees and has served as Chairman. In addition to holding many committee positions and Past Exalted Ruler Association President of the Paso Robles Lodge he has also been very active at the District Level: Vice Chairman of Lodge Activities in 2017-2018, Lodge Activities Chairman 2018-2020, Special Assistant to DDGER Jay Dupler in 2019-2020, Secretary to DDGER Norman "Ed" Martin in 2020-2021, Grants Chairman and Elks National Foundation Vice Chairman in 2020-2022, District Past Exalted Rulers Association Trustee 2021-2023, Esquire to DDGER David Martin in 2021-2022, Ritual contest vice chairman in 2019, 2020 and Ritual Contest Chairman in 2021 during a worldwide pandemic (and having 12 out of 12 Lodges in the District participate safely). Currently he serves proudly as California Hawaii Elks Association Vice President of the West Central Coast District.

# New Members



Tom Bolger with sponsor Rick Herrera



Exalted Ruler Terry presenting Carol Fredericks her 15 year pin



Michael Hanika with sponsor Carol Frederick



# *From your Leading Knight*

Hoping all is well and you are enjoying your summer and being safe.

Our July 4th pancake breakfast was a HUGE success with 130 breakfasts being served. A world of thanks goes out to **Jill Williams and her crew, Jim and Kathy Moye, Charlotte Gessler, Jane Watson, Alyssa Cabrera, (niece of Rik Gessler) and the pancake king himself Rik Gessler.**

It was a great turnout from the community and lodge members. Remember to check your August calendar to keep up with lodge activities.

In closing, remember we are always looking for new candidates to join our lodge. If you have someone in mind that you think would make a good Elk, invite them to a Friday night dinner and introduce them to the lodge members. When their name does come up for balloting, those voting will know who it is that applied for membership.

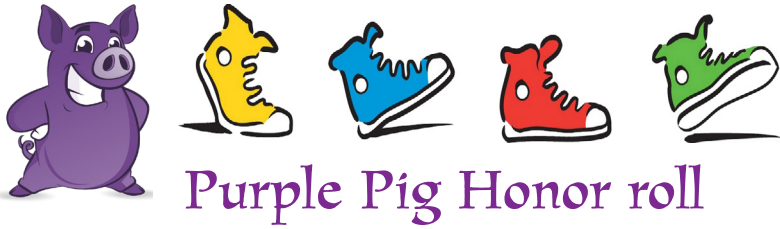
*John Betancourt, Leading Knight*

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## *Association Vice Presidents visit*



Casey Boggiano, Brenda Hagen and Lonnie Hagen



## Purple Pig Honor roll

Bill Joseph  
 Ben Rieger  
 Gregg and Jean Miraglia  
 Robert "Bobby" Williams  
 Patti Montgomery  
 Max Maxwell (Century Club)

Darryl Kopacz (Century Club)  
 Jill Williams (Century Club)  
 Reem Agel (Century Club)  
 Diane Letulier  
 Ed Lees  
 Richard Herrera (Century Club)  
 Anonymous (Century Club x2, 52 Club)  
 Steven Komjathy  
 Laurie Fredericks  
 Greg Metzgus  
 Ed & Rita DaCorsi

## Recurring Donors

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



**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**

# Oceano Campout July 2022

On July 7th 23 campers and 12 RVs arrived at the Oceano Elks Lodge for a weekend of good times. We were also joined with Ed and Rita DaCorsi who stayed at a nearby hotel. Thursday late afternoon, after rig set ups were completed, cocktails and a left, right, center dice game was played. Kathy Moye' was the big winner.

Thursday night Cheryl Stein served the group a delicious pulled pork sandwich dinner along with coleslaw, baked beans, pickles and a delicious dessert. Nobody left the table hungry.

After dinner fire master Jim Miller set up his fire pit and we all sat around the fire and enjoyed the evening with stories and some exaggerations. This was a very active group. We partied hardy each night until 9PM.

On Friday morning we had golf scheduled. Unfortunately, Cheryl and I were kept up all Thursday night with a loud noise from our refrigerator ice maker. The golfers decided they would cancel golf and help us work on our ice maker noise.

In place of golf several of the group went to the Moose Lodge in Pismo Beach for drinks, then to the Bling store, followed by a stop at the Attitude store. Rik had a good time there. Of course, when the shopping group returned to the camp, they had to visit the Elks Oceano lodge.

Friday night we had a group dinner and drinks at AJ Spurs Saloon and Dining Hall,

On Saturday Cheryl and I provided breakfast. We served delicious casse- role, fresh baked muffins, pork and beans, fresh fruits. Followed by several games of Ship, Captain and Crew.



At noon we had the annual Corn Hole tournament. John Puckett organized the game and did a great job. John and his partner Diane (the hole queen) Lovato worn the tournament with a very close tournament against Jim Moye' and newcomer Jim Nuciforo.

We provided the players and fans with popcorn and beer for the tournament.

After the tournament it was time for the new Sheriff in Town Lyssa Wright. She did a great job and didn't miss a person to fine. Lucky Lyssa also won the 50-50 raffle and the free campout.

Our final meal together was a potluck with plenty of good food and of course drink, followed by another campfire and peanut butter whiskey shots!!! YA HOO!!!

Sunday morning Departure Day.  
Submitted by Wagon Master Paul Stein

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## Sickness and distress and recovery

Alexandra Rogers committee chair

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Barbara Metzgun in long term health care

Richard Beal broken hip, now home and recovering

Bill Joseph in physical therapy after hip replacement surgery

Myrna Block having a surgical procedure.

Karen Erickson having seizures.

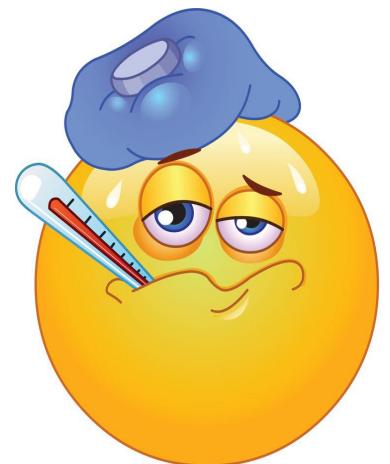
Ruth Gillies slow recovery in process from back surgery.

Kathy Riechle suffering from bronchitis and asthma

Harold Constantine on the mend from Carpal Tunnel surgery

In our prayers is the family of David Dennison who passed away June 21st

Rebecca Kopacz underwent brain surgery to drain blood. In recovery now.





# Elks History

In Chicago Illinois the Elks built the Elks memorial. A beautiful structure and it was first dedicated in 1926 as a tribute to the *Elks* who had given their lives fighting in WWI. It was rededicated in 1946 for those **members** who had perished during WWII. Again, it was rededicated for those **members** who answered the call in Korea and Vietnam. In 1994 after \$5,000,000 was raised by lodges, restoration construction began on the National Headquarters in Chicago and the Memorial was updated. The Elks Memorial Hall was rededicated for **all Veterans**. For those who served in Desert Storm, Grenada and Panama. Our pledge for years read, as long as there are Veterans in our hospital's the Elks will never forget them. At the Grand lodge convention in 2001 it was voted to remove "in our hospitals" to which we have expanded our outreach to all veterans. Our mission is the same, to provide aid and comfort to **any** veteran in need. Our story is long; our work is humble; our history is proud. The Elks National Veterans service commission will continue.



*"Serving our Nations Veterans"*

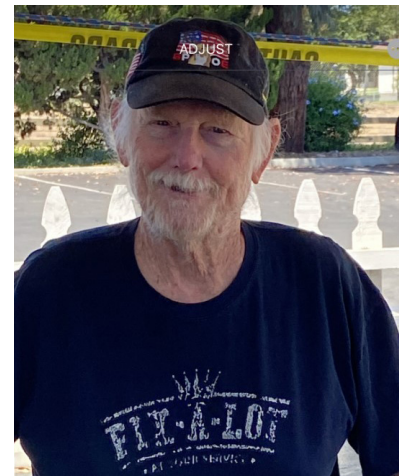
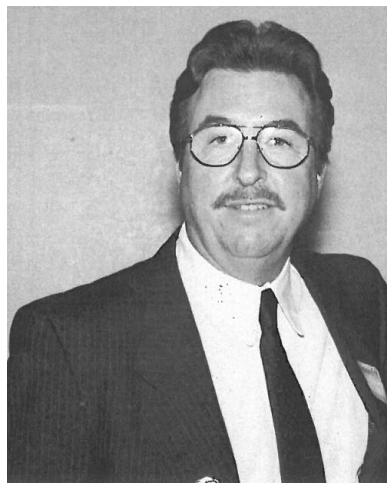
*In  
Loving  
Memory*

*In Memoriam*  
"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"  
AN ELK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN NEVER FORSAKEN

**Bill Sternberg**  
Born 1/20/1938  
Initiated 11/20/1995  
Passed 7/1/2022

**David Dennison**  
Born 9/5/1952  
Initiated 4/22/1998  
Passed 6/21/2022

**Max Maxwell**  
Born 8/2/1941  
Initiated 2/27/2002  
Passed 7/8/2022



## *We get cards*

Dear members of Thousand oaks Elks Lodge, thank you for the outstanding memorial service you provided for my son Mark. He was proud to be an Elk- taking after his father.

You are the angels here on earth. Keith and I are so grateful for what you have done for Mark. He will be missed by so many.

A special thank you for all who provided food and setting up for the special service. We appreciate your kindness. Thank you for being friends to Mark. He enjoyed being an Elk.

*Sincerely Dorothy Hardie*



My fellow brothers and sisters in Elkdom,

I just want to say thank you for your kindness at our time of need. The procedure to alleviate the back pain, my wife Ruth has been enduring for many years took over 5 hours, and it went well. We see an improvement every day, so it was all worth it.

Thank you all again, especially Alexandra.

*Elks care Elks Share*

*Gerry Gillies*



## **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 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

# Crying Towel

**06/08 /2022**

**1st Capsule Drawing \$500**

**Joanne Brinbaum, not present**

**2nd capsule drawing \$175**

**Steve McKee not present**

**Lucky 13 \$150 Mason Nuenburg winner**

**06/25/2022**

**1st capsule drawing \$500**

**Don Booker not present.**

**2nd capsule drawing \$175**

**Steven Dodge not present**

**Lucky 13 \$15 John Puckett no winner.**

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

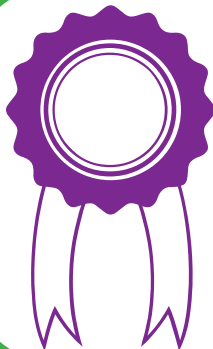
### Elk of the Month - Lynn Rodriguez

Lynn has organized and put on the monthly Bunco nights and has a good group of followers who love to have a good time. Thanks Lynn

### Officer of the Month - Ed Lees

Ed has taken on the task of doing the technical side of the business operations of the lodge and has done a phenomenal job in the hours he puts into volunteering for our lodge. Thanks Ed

*Both of you enjoy your rewards.*



**Officer of the month**

Ed Lees

**Elk of the month**

**Complete with meals and parking**

Lynn Rodriguez

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## **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 Moyer  
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 Metzgs  
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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50<sup>th</sup>

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



# August Birthdays



**1 FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK**



|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Vince Carabello-01     | Greg Ryder-11         |
| Darryl Kopacz-01       | Jason Frase-12        |
| Michael Koslow-01      | Mike Violano-13       |
| Erle Pittman-01        | Jan T King-14         |
| Janine Van Poppelen-01 | Brian Williams-14     |
| Alfonso Centanni-02    | Art Garcia-17         |
| Jeanette Grasso-02     | Don Skinner-17        |
| William Johnson-02     | Jane Watson-20        |
| David Naccarato-02     | Jerry Humphries-21    |
| Harold Constantine-04  | Luz Herrera-22        |
| Stephen Hearst-04      | Richard Lucariello-22 |
| Joe Medrano-04         | Jesse Garcia-23       |
| Shawn Kerhoff-06       | Susan Williams-23     |
| John Lombardi-06       | Myrna Block-26        |
| Louis Reis-06          | Christine White-27    |
| Rick Lemmo-07          | Gary berg-28          |
|                        | John Gentzvein-28     |
|                        | Daniel Kozlowski-31   |



## 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](http://elks.org). Members, get your grandkids or kids in the neighborhood involved.

## 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                  | <a href="mailto:toelks2477@gmail.com">toelks2477@gmail.com</a> |
| Web address            | <a href="http://2477elks.com/">//2477elks.com/</a>             |

## Applications for Membership

Dolores Thomas- retired- sponsored by Rick Herrera

James Faulkner-retired-sponsored by Paul Stein

Robert Harmon-tile contractor-sponsored by Rick Herrera

Celestina Cornejo- operations specialist sponsored by Sara Magnuson

Anthony Martin Ryzak-retired- sponsored by Frank Virgallito of Glendale lodge

## Application for transfer

Baran Mitchell wishes to transfer from Canoga Park #2190 and affiliate with Thousand Oaks.



# HOUSE RULES

## THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE #2477 HOUSE RULES

1. The clubroom and kitchen shall be managed, supervised and controlled by the House Committee.
2. The days and hours of operation of the clubroom shall be set by the House Committee.
  - a. Exceptions to closing at posted times to the above can be made by the bar steward at their discretion.
3. There will be no other activities in the Lodge, clubroom, or on Lodge premises during a regular session of the Lodge, funeral services of a member of this Lodge, or any other special session mandated by Grand Lodge such as Memorial Day or Flag Day services.
4. Guests accompanied by an Elk will be permitted daily except after 6:30 pm on Lodge meeting night. Guests are not permitted access to the Lodge or clubroom after 6:30 pm on Lodge meeting night. Last call must be held at 6:15 pm on Lodge meeting nights, and 15 minutes prior to those functions described in House Rule #3 above.
5. Members in good standing of the Order and their guests are the only persons to be permitted usage of this Lodge facility.
6. Visiting members of the Order are required to register and exhibit their membership card to the bar steward.
7. Members must buy all drinks for their guests at all times.
8. No drinks will be served after 12:45 am and all drinks must be off the bar and tables by 1:00 am.
9. Loud, rude, boisterous behavior, profane and obscene language is prohibited at all times. Members will not engage or permit harassment; as set forth in the Lodge Statement of No Harassment Policy and Reporting Procedure, which shall be posted in the Lodge, and published in the Antler Antics no less than SEMIANNUALLY.
10. Any member or guest thereof entering the building while under the influence of intoxicants will not be served or permitted to remain.
11. No member shall remove, mutilate or destroy any Lodge property. Malicious or careless damage will be repaired, replaced, or paid for by the person or persons responsible.
12. No circulars, notices, or personal advertising, other than those regarding Elk functions, shall be posted in the Lodge. Lodge functions may be advertised in the Lodge.
13. No tickets are permitted to be sold in the building for any purpose except for Elk functions or activities.
14. Minors are not permitted in the clubroom or facilities unless accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times, and must not sit or be served at the bar.
15. No animals will be allowed in the building except service animals.
16. Political or religious discussions are prohibited in the Lodge.
17. Members shall not under any circumstances reprimand or otherwise harass any employee of the Lodge.
18. Only the Club Manager or Duty Officer has the authority to correct lounge related problems with the bar steward.
19. Any member issuing a check with non-sufficient funds will forfeit his/her club check cashing privileges until said check is made good and appropriate fees are paid at the

office. In the event of a subsequent returned check from a member, his or her check cashing privileges will be terminated.

20. No member will be allowed to cash a check for more than \$35.00 in any one business day. The only exception being that the member may cash a check for \$35.00 more than his existing daily bar bill. The maximum amount of a check to be cashed by a visiting member will be limited to \$25.00. Under no circumstances will out-of-state, two-party, or un-preprinted checks be cashed at the bar. All bar patrons must produce proper valid California identification at the request of the bar steward when cashing checks.
21. Alcoholic beverages are not to be taken from or consumed outside the building or designated patio area. Alcoholic beverages are not to be in take-out containers.
22. Drinking of alcoholic beverages behind the bar is not permitted.
23. No arcade games will be started within one 1/2 hour prior to any social event and there will be no resumption of games until the chairman of the event or duty officer authorizes arcade games to resume.
24. All bar credit must be paid in full before the member leaves the clubroom and no further credit will be extended until payment in full is made.
25. Any Elk or former Elk who is delinquent, or has been dropped for nonpayment of dues or conduct unbecoming an Elk, from this lodge or any other Lodge, will not be admitted to this Lodge or clubroom as a guest of any member of this Lodge, or of any other Lodge.
26. No one is allowed to smoke or vape anywhere within the confines of the Lodge building. The only designated smoking/vaping area is the picnic table, marked as such, in the parking lot. Smoking marijuana is not allowed on lodge property.
27. No one other than the bar steward or Club Manager shall be permitted behind the bar except to perform cleaning or glass washing tasks when requested by the bar steward or Club Manager.
28. House Rules will be published in the Antler Antics at least SEMIANNUALLY or when a major change is made.
29. Any member found guilty of conduct unbecoming an Elk, or violation of any of these rules, may be suspended by the House Committee from privileges of the club in the manner provided by Grand Lodge Statutes and by the By-Laws of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477.