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Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

Of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Antler Antics




50 years of service to our community

Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking – B.P.O.E. BE PROUD OF ELKDOM

November is Veterans remembrance month

So long as their out Veterans the flks will never forget them.



With Respect
Honor
and Gratitude

Thank You Veterans

Applications for membership

Dennis Sannow, Engineer, sponsored by Michael Griffiths

David Bush, Facility Manager, sponsored by Adam Smith

Celia Shannon, Artist, sponsored by Lyssa Wright

Kim Payne, Retired, sponsored by Rick Herrera

John Haigh, retired, sponsored by Paul Stein

Brad Bryan, operations assistant, sponsored by Michael Griffiths

Michael Galuppo, Sales Broker, sponsored by Michael Griffiths

Bret Taylor, retired, sponsored by Carlos Musquiz

Sickness, distress and recovery

PER Richard Platt, the poster child of a walking miracle

Michael Murray dealing with throat cancer

Lawrence Kraszewski, blood disorder

Barbara Metzgun in at Los Robles vascular issue

Remember, reports of sickness and distress are always in order

Purple Pig Recurring Donors

Reem Agel

David Anderson

John Betancourt

Rita & Ed DaCorsi

Art Garcia

Terry Gicking

Gerry Gillies

Peter Gordon

Brenda Hagen

Dan Hoffman

Sheryl Holloway

Diane Jones

Ed Lees

Greg Metzgun

Kathy Moye

David Naccarato

Richard Platt

Alex Rogers

Gregory Sweet

Lyssa Wright



Purple Pig Honor Roll

Paul Stein

Robert Williams

Greg Metzgun

John Lombardi

Michael Steger

Rod Altman of Atascadero lodge

John Lombardi

As of 9/30/22 donations are \$7,767.18 which is \$18.00 per member.

Crying Towel

9/14 1st capsule drawing \$500 David Mueller
Not present 2nd capsule draw \$350 Steve
Henderson not present.

Lucky 13 Ron Watkins no winner

9/28 1st capsule draw \$500 Dennis Anderson
not present 2nd capsule draw \$375 Jason
Fraser not present

Lucky 13 Dan Hoffman no winner



Lodge Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 3PM-8PM

Closed on Tuesday

Saturday-Sunday 12PM to 6PM Saturday BBQ 10am
-2pm

Office Hours Mon-Thurs 10AM – 3PM

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Elk of the year- Robert” Bobby” Williams

Officer of the year- Daniel Hoffman PER, COB

Citizen of the year- Thomas Ryder PER, PSVP, PDDGER

Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Members-

Jill Williams and John Betancourt

Exalted Ruler Page Terry Gicking

Committee chairs reporting to Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics; David Naccarato	Website: Kira Wagner
Grants Coordinator; David Naccarato	BBQ: Jill Williams
Tree Lot; Carlos Muzquiz	Audit & Accounting: Lyssa Wright
Investigations Alex Rogers, Michael Steger Rita DaCorsi	Orientation; Terry Gicking
PER Association Jim Moye	Membership David Naccarato
Grounds: Jose Arellano	Mediator Richard Rogers

Greetings and Happy Holidays everyone! Halloween starts the holiday season for me, and this year is no different. After coming off celebrating 5 birthdays in October, I'm in party mode just in time for the season. And what a season it will be, finishing off with the Elks having a float in the Rose Parade on New Year's Day After! (Tradition is no parade or game on a Sunday).

What an exciting and proud time it will be for all of us Elks. And you can be a part of it. See the flyer attached and lend a hand.

I'm going to be honest; it has been a tough October in our lodge. We have had to do 2 Elks memorial Celebrations of Life. Past Elk of the Year Kirk Keeler and Past Elk of the Year Max Maxwell, and we have 1 more in November for PER and Past Elk of the Year Bill Sternberg.

When I joined the lodge in '81, I was informed then that being a younger member was going to be tough when all my Elk friends die through the years. It has been tough, but outside of my parents and family dying, Kirk's Keeler's has been one of the hardest, because I grew up with him,

knowing him since grade school. The Gentle Giant was my age, and it was a honor to have known him. Rest in Peace Brothers!

The new POS system is in operation, with minimal problems and it is dream for our bartenders, patrons, and office staff. So glad we got it. Thank You Ed Lees and all of the Trustees for checking into all of the options and finding the one that suits OUR needs. Wait till you see all the things it will do for our lodge. Soon you will be able to pay for your diners in advance, buy tickets to fundraising events, order BBQ in advance, wait, I'm spoiling all the surprises that will be revealed soon. Technology, isn't it great?

We will be at Mid Term CHEA Convention on November 3-5. Lots of new info to be learned there. Then, we have Thanksgiving. We WILL BE having a Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day, the 24 th of November. It is \$10 and the lodge will be open from 12-6pm, and dinner will be from 3-5. Reservations are required.

We will be having a GREAT meal for Veterans Day on Friday, the 11 th of November. Bobby Williams and his Krazy Krew will be cooking his Killer Pork Chops that night. We are still in negotiations about having the Veterans from the Sepulveda VA here to celebrate with us.

On the 26 th of November we will have the Lodge Crawl bus trip. We will be boarding the bus at 8am at OUR lodge, then we go to Simi Valley lodge to pick up the other half of the bus load and then it's off to our first stop at Santa Ana Lodge. They built a new lodge, and it is beautiful. We will have lunch and a tour there, then depart for San Pedro lodge for cocktails and a tour. San Pedro Lodge has been rebuilt since the fire 5 years ago. It is a beautiful lodge on the hill overlooking the LA harbor. We then depart for the Redondo Beach Lodge. It is on the beach in downtown. We will have dinner there, then head back to Simi Valley Lodge for dessert, before coming back to 2477. Cost for the trip is \$60pp. There are only 10 seats left as of this writing of the 28 seats we have on the bus. See the flyer for all the details and get your seats NOW!

Christmas trees will be coming during the 1st week of December, and that means we will need help setting up, selling and closing the lot in the first 3 weeks of December. A sign-up sheet is at the lodge for food and volunteering. Please help any way you can, even if its only buying a tree.

We get the best trees, so tell your friends and neighbors.

And don't forget to get your Kampers Brunch tickets for December 11 th . It will sellout. See flyer for details. Enough for now
Fraternally and sincerely, Terry Gicking,
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We get letters;

ER Terry,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful visitation at your lodge.

Dinner was delicious.

We look forward to seeing you again.

Fraternally,

Sander & Annie Moss

PDDGER esq. to DDGER.



Debbie Irish PER, Anne Moss, Sander Moss, Rick Adams PER

Elk of the month **Officer of the month**

Our Elk of the Month is my Son, Bryan Gicking. A dad will always be proud of their kids and their accomplishments, but when My Son exceeds everything that is asked of him in helping this . He runs the darts game on EVERY Thursday night. He runs a BBQ team on the second Saturday of the month and helps me with mine on the 3 rd Saturday. He helps cook the Veterans Breakfast and helps the Blue Star Moms with their breakfast. He helped me with Band Tree from beginning till the end. He volunteered and cooked for the Street Fair, cutting his finger, and not missing a beat. He was there at 5:30am after picking up Bill O'Shea till we put things away at 6pm. He constantly does everything that is asked of him by me and others. He so deserves this honor! I love you Son and could not be prouder! Enjoy the parking spot and the free dinner.

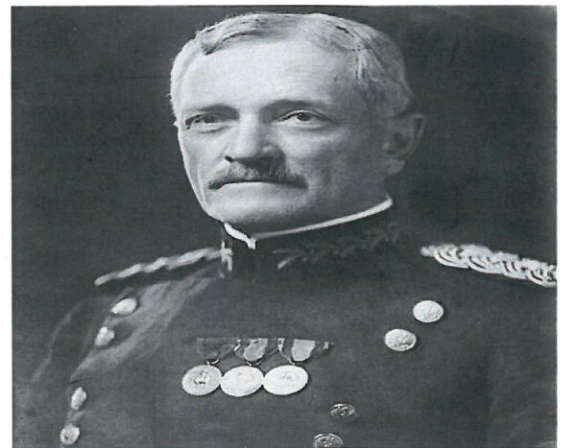
Officer of the Month is Lyssa Wright. She has taken on the Americanism chair and after fully immersing herself in the manual to learn what is required, she has jumped right in. Then, I needed an Auditor for our lodge, and since she is an auditor for her company, she was once again the perfect fit. She dove into the Auditing and Accounting manual and learned what the Elks require and then went to work and put together a great report for our DDGER visit. Thank you, Lyssa for coming through for YOUR lodge. Enjoy your month!

Unknown Fact only interesting to Elk members.

John J. Pershing 1860-1948 graduated from WestPoint Academy in 1886 and subsequently served as a US Army Officer in Six wars, most prominently during WW1 where he received the rank of general of the Armies. He was highly decorated for his heroism and was the recipient of the congressional Gold medal ,the highest civilian award.

Pershing was considered a "general's general" and served as a mentor to commanding generals during WW2, including Marshall, Eisenhower, Bradley and Patton.

In 1818, President Wilson allowed him to choose the day and time of WW1 armistice—and Pershing chose the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, a tribute to his roots in Elkdom.



John Betancourt Leading Knight

Committees Reporting to Leading Knight

Major Project Dan Hoffman- ENF Grace Vega -Kampers Shirste Gessler

Community Activities-Charity Baskets– BLT

Sickness and distress-Alexandra Rogers



As we enter into the month of November, we start to think of two things, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thanksgiving is a day in which we gather with family and unbutton trousers and enjoy good food, watch the football game on TV or just sit around having good conversation.

Please note, we will be having thanksgiving dinner here at the lodge so be sure to read the Exalted Rulers message.

Thanksgiving weekend we will be setting up our Christmas tree lot over at Carlson's building materials. We are not sure how many trees we will be able to receive, it's a wait and see at the moment.

Setting up the lot will be a good way to work off those extra pounds of thanksgiving dinner, so listen for the RoBo call in regards to set up time and date.

Happy Thanks giving to all of our members and their families.

John Betancourt

World war 1 was a terrible war. Both sides made little progress in 1914. Ways to kill each other quickly and effectually had not been thought of as yet so there was time to think rational.

On Christmas 1914 the British and German soldiers set their rifles aside and stepped out of the trenches for an unprecedented moment of good will. They sang Christmas carols and shared warm drinks, and even played a game of football (soccer to us Americans)

Just a side note the Germans won

The game 3-2 but lost the war

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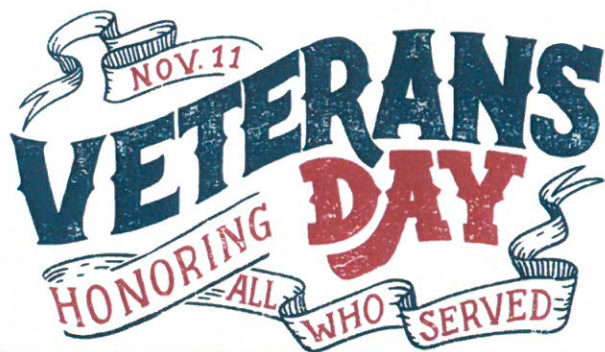


Ron Watkins Loyal Knight
Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight
Veterans-Terry Gicking Elks Memorial-Rita DaCorsi
Government Relations, Public Relations- Diane Letulier

So long as there are Veterans the Elks will never forget them

Friday November 11th is "Killer Pork Chops" by Bobby Williams and Crew. Veterans eat free all others \$15.00. We also have "Bodacious" Chicken \$12.00.

Soup, salad and Paula's world renowned green beans with a twice baked potatoes roll and dessert. Call the office for your RSVP now 805-496-2477.



45 years after being wounded in Vietnam Our member Sargent David Stull received his Purple Heart from Julia Brownly at a ceremony here at the Lodge on May 31st 2017.

June 2 1968, Republic of Vietnam. On this date Sergeant Stull was serving as squad leader on a night ambush operation, when his platoon came under heavy hostile fire. David, immediately reacted, assessing the tactical situation and giving encouragement to his men. Discovering that his squad sustained no casualties, sergeant Stull without regard for his personal safety, deployed his men on a line from which they were able to mass firepower and gain fire superiority over the hostile force. His demonstration of courage provided inspiration to his men and helped them overwhelm the insurgents.. Sergeant Stull's actions are in keeping with the traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the first Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

Signed Archie Hyle Colonel, GS Chief of Staff

Member David Stull received the Army Commendation Medal with "V" devise. Plus he is still carrying around shrapnel from being shot and received the Purple Heart from efforts from our lodge and Julia Brownly.

John Puckett Lecturing Knight

Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

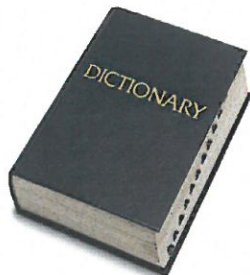
Scholarship Reem Agel, Hoop Shoot, Craig Acerboni-Darryl Kopacz

Scouting Greg Metzgas, Dictionary Program Steve and Mary Woodlief

Americanism Lyssa Wright, Youth Appreciation Reem Agel

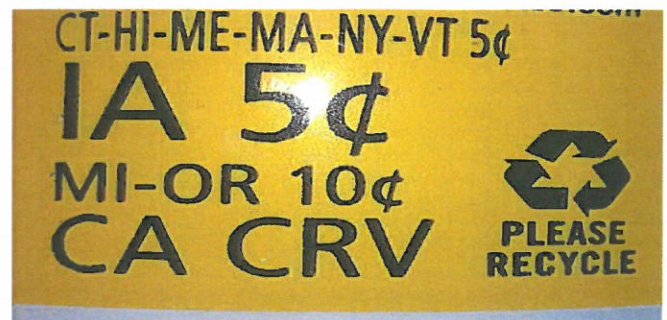


Dictionary distribution has finished for the 2022-2023 Elk year. The Dictionary Project has reached 35,128,457 students of those 12,408 are bought and delivered by Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge. Steve and Mary Woodlief head up our dictionary distribution to schools in the Conejo and Moorpark school systems. If you'd like to come along on the next delivery let us know, be happy to have you.



Did I mention that all members are on the scholarship committee. Scholarship is funded souly by the members bringing in the CRV bottles and cans. We now can take all glass bottles. Was just worth pennies, now it's a bit better so we will deal with them. Back by the steps leading into the kitchen is a wooded fenced area. Bring your CRV recyclables and drop them off there.

John Puckett



Monthly BBQ information

On Saturday 10/15/22

We served;

275 Tri-Tip sandwiches

68 racks of baby back ribs

49 racks beef ribs

40 chicken halves

5 whole Tri-Tip roasts that
we cut for the customer

3 cases soda

1 cases retail BBQ sauce

Box of chips (50)

At the street fair 10/16/22

we served 500 Tri-Tip

sandwiches plus

drinks and chips

Thanks to the crew



Terry Gicking, Bryan Gicking
Jill Williams, Bill O'Shea,
Greg Metzgus, jeff Conyers,
Brenda Hagen, Lonnie Hagen,
David Naccarato, Rick Herrera,
Ed Lees,

Jacquelyn Atkinson, John
Betancourt,

Greg Charles, Steve Kerman,
Greg Sweet, Bobby Williams,

Kathee Wilson, John Gentzvein
and Russell Atkinson and Ernie
Escoto

If I left you out I'm sorry. One
draw back to naming names.



Please Support your Lodge

Whether it's cooking, cleaning
selling tickets,
coming to a dinner or a event,
or sending a donation.....

We Thank you for supporting the Good
we do for

our Youth, our Veterans and our community.

Thank you So Very Much

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Duig-01
Roger Martin-03
Brad Knupp-04
Steven Grindley-05
Tommy Bolger-07
Kelly Jo Reed-07
Tim Lane-09
Gina Brittany Stone-09
Jack Carter-10
Simone Dorrough-10
John D, Ambrojio-11
Thomas Johnson-12
Jacob Panczak-13
Joseph Cardona-15
Scott Pickles-15
George Thompson-15
Dolores Thompson-16
Russell Miller-17
Roy ratCliffe-18
Robert Williams-18
Shannon Cunningham-19
Larry Levine-19
Gerry Gillies-21
Betty McFarlin- 22

Pauline Nemecek-24
Beverly Reis-26
Wendell Oxford-27
Steven Imes-29
Bruce Froude-30



Enjoy a birthday drink on your birthday
Compliments of Exalted Ruler
Terry Gicking PPDDGER EIEIO



Greg Metzger DL (center)

Adam Smith Esquire

Dan & Sandy Hoffman COB

John & Sybil Duhig

**District Deputy
Visitation to our
lodge**

October 12th



Kris Picard DDGER, Tony Markarian DL



Dave Coleman PDDGER, Kris Picard DDGER, Grace Vega FL, Terry Gicking ER



Youth Activities



John Betancourt Proud Grandpa Brave Baseball Academy Team

Terry Gicking Exalted Ruler

Coach Gus Rico on the left, Coach Jorge Mier on the right



The M&G Team

Jim & Kathy Moyer Shirste & Rik Gessler



Team USA 12U World baseball classic

Mateo Mier, Jordan Leon, Hibiki Suzuki



Team, Family, members and friends enjoying Gessler famous Submarine sandwiches



Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking receiving Team Picture for our support of the Braves Baseball Academy team Coach Jorge Mier in the back.

Past Exalted Rulers

72-72 Marvin D Smith*
73-74 Erle Pitman PDD
74-75 Richard Flake*
75-76 Bill Wagner*
76-77 John Henry
77-78 Robert McKee
PDD*
78-79 Frank Rindone
PDD*
79-80 Ed Stogsdell*
80-81 Frank Hastie*
81-82 Robert hardy*
82-83 John Nichols*
83-84 John Nau
84-85 Vern Ogden*
85-86 Dan Snyder*
86-87 Bill Lloyd PDD
87-88 Jack Henry*
88-89 Ted Lipka*
89-90 Don Skinner
91-92 Don Ansell*
91-92 Gary Sleigh*
92-93 Tom Ryder PDD

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93-94 Jim Wallace*
94-95 George Pekow*
95-96 Gil Riding PDD*
96-97 Jack Loughran*
97-98 John Kelly*
98-99 Chet Kozlowski*
99-20 Richard Goldner PDD
20-01 Jacob Panzcak
01-02 John D. Ambrogio
02-03 Don Booker
03-04 Greg Metzgus PDD
04-05 Jay Block*
05-06 Sally Claunch*
06-07 David Naccarato
07-08 Catherine Koeritz
08-09 George Meehan*
09-10 Terry Gicking PDD
10-11 Harry Brockwell*
11-12 Steve Smith

2022-2023 Trustees
One year Dan Hoffman
Two Year Reem Agel
Three Year Steve Ker-
man
Four Year Ed Lees
Five Year Kathy Moye

12-13 Leo Rodriguez
13-14 Terry Baker
14-15 Dan Martyn
15-16 Jim Moye
16-17 Mike Flannery
17-18 Jean Miraglia
18-19 Karen Martyn
19-20 Dan Hoffman
20-21 Dan Martyn
21-22 Richard Platt
By Affiliation
81-82 Robert Thornton*
01-03 Bill Sternberg*
09-10, 13-14, 18-19 Grace Vega
99-00 Ralph Vester*
83—84, 02-03 Harold Constantine
*Deceased

2022-2023 Officers
Exalted Ruler-Terry Gicking
Leading Knight-John Betancourt
Loyal Knight-Ron Watkins
Lecturing Knight-John Puckett
Secretary-David Naccarato
Treasurer-Bill Joseph
Esquire-Adam Smith
Chaplain-Rita DaCorsi
Inner Guard-Lyssa Wright
Tiler-Virginia Grind-

HELP WANTED

Now is the time to be an involved member.

The lodge runs on volunteer help

Here's what we need

- 1, Lodge table set up and take down, my Dad always said many hands make lite work.
- 2, Get on a BBQ crew, no reason for members to work more than one a month.
- 3, help with the Antler Antics, this is my best shot at it and it saves the lodge set up charge. But I need someone who know Microsoft Publisher and I could take it from there.
- 4, Help with the wood lot. Splitting, stacking and pickup when a tree comes available

If you can spare a few hours a week, see an officer or call the office for more information 805-496-2477 or my cell 805-300-3264

Thank you David Naccarato Secretary