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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

**December 4th Elks Memorial Service and
Memorial Garden Dedication.**

An Elk is never forgotten, Never forsaken.



Brunch 10am-12pm service to follow, dedication service after that.

Applications for membership

Dan Schuyler reinstatement sponsored by Greg Metzgus

Christan Perez— Director of human trafficking—sponsored by Greg Metzgus

Sickness, distress and recovery

Past First Lady Cornelia Mehann passed away

Paul Nash in ICU at Los Robles

Barbara Metzgus now home. Working on physical therapy

Marjorie, Daughter of Harold Constantine 2X E.R. of San Fernando lodge Is dealing with a blocked colon. This last surgery they found a small tumor on her liver. She will undergo many examinations to find the best course of action. Harold would love a call from a member. Harold resides in Missouri now.

Kevin, Son of Walter and Anne Ogden passed away. Walter had passed earlier.

Ruth Gillies Lupus, is active again

Donna Churik past Ladies President passed away.

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

Cheryl Holloway

Kathy Moye

Greg Metzgus

David Naccarato

Richard Platt

Alex Rogers

Gregory Sweet

Lyssa Wright



Purple Pig Honor roll

Greg Metzgus

Darryl Kopacz

Bobby Williams

Paul Stein

Cheryl Templeton

Crying Towel

10/12 1st capsule drawing \$500 Roger Martin Not present

2nd capsule draw \$400 Paul Nash not present.

Lucky 13 \$110 Dave Anderson winner winner!!!

10/26 1st capsule draw \$500 Tom Ryder not present

2nd capsule draw \$425 Myrna Block present Winner!!!!

Lucky 13 \$15 Steve Kerman 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

Lounge Phone 805-496-4550

Office Phone 805-496-2477

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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

Thanksgiving Dinner 11/24 3-5 at the lodge \$10.00

Exalted Ruler's Page PPDDGER 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, Jasmine Sylvestre, Rita DaCorsi Orientation; Terry Gicking

PER Association Jim Moye

Membership David Naccarato



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Grace and I wish you the best for the Holiday season. IT IS the best time of the year! Please don't forget to come down to the lodge for the ER Christmas dinner, this year featuring Chinese food and hot buttered rums, (Tom and Jerry's).

It's Friday, December 9th from 5:30-6:30pm. It's free for members as long as it lasts. We are planning enough food for 100 people. We are also having a toy drive. We will have accommodations available to put your unwrapped toy into before or after dinner.

We will be contributing our collection of toys to our small group of needy families as well as several other organizations to help their causes. On the Veterans side of helping, we are donating gift cards and grocery cards to Operation Snowflake this year to help the families of military and National Guard who are deployed from Pt Hueneme and Pt Magu. This is from grants we have procured from ENF and your generous donations.

Remember, no BBQ on Christmas Eve but YES, BBQ on New Year's Eve hosted by the PER's. Come get your ribs for your New Year's Eve or Day party! Also, the Lodge will be open Christmas Eve from 10-4, but closed Christmas Day. We will be open New Years Eve from 10- 6pm and open on New Years Day from noon till 6pm. We will then have our Hair of the Elk party on Monday, January 2nd from 11a-7pm for all the College football games, with the focus on the Rose Bowl. College bowl games are not played on Sundays. More on this in next month's Antler.

With all that is occurring in our nation, the Elks have the opportunity to help more than ever before to those in need in our communities. I believe that Elks exist for two main reasons: Protecting and caring for each other and helping as many of those in as possible. But, in order to accomplish these most important duties, we must "return to our Obligation and the principles of our order." No lodge divided can provide those services needed by so many in our community.

So, how do we meet the need for our lodge to be a fun and enjoyable place for our members and future members? It is so very simple – "be an Elk!"

What are Elks? The Esquire responded so eloquently to that question during your ritual -Elks are American citizens who guide their course in life by following the Cardinal Principles of our Order -CHARITY – JUSTICE – BROTHERLY LOVE AND FIDELITY

Once we accomplish the above, then we can take advantage of all the opportunities to help others and show the community just what being an Elk is all about!

We as Elks have the opportunity to provide hope and assistance to so many who have no hope at this time. To help accomplish this, we must grow our organization by letting everyone in our communities know who we are and what we do by asking them to join us in helping others. What better time than now, the holiday season!

Welcome our new member.



Isabella Goldberg Adam Smith Tina Paul



Kathy Moyer Member Brett Taylor Sponsor
Carlos Muzquiz



Kathy Moyer with Sean Casey



Frank Virgallito with new member Marty
Ryzak

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Exalted Ruler Continued

To sum up what I'm saying is, let's do what we said we would do when we took our obligation before the Bible on the Alter and went through OUR initiation. "Be an Elk" and invite your friends to be an Elk.

Remember, we were founded by a group of men calling themselves the "Jolly Corks." Be Jolly, be LOUD, be proud, be a beacon of hope, have fun and care for each other. Help as many people as possible.

Our Great community needs the Elks! Our lodge needs YOU! Please get involved in YOUR LODGE. We need Officers, committee people, cooks, smiling faces and positive attitudes!

How could you not want to help this lodge!

New members continued



Chief Paul Stein with Ron Freibrun

Elk of the month Officer of the month

Our Elk of the Month is the tag team of Jean and Gregg Miraglia. Jean is a Past Exalted Ruler and Gregg was the ever faithful Inner Guard. These two not only help on the fish fry, but also help on three BBQ teams EVERY MONTH! Gregg built the Memorial board. Jean cover us for the Chaplain position when needed and Gregg covers the Inner Guard position when Lyssa Wright is out.. These two are the energizer Bunny couple who runs circles around the younger crowd. When one is down with an ailment or surgery, the other doesn't miss a beat with volunteering. They have been a dream come true for this lodge! Thank you both for everything, both of you enjoy the parking spot during December.--

Officer of the Month is the always hard-working Dan Hoffman, PER. The COB of the Trustees has been doing a phenomenal job in overseeing how this lodges financials are. He has worked hard with the new bookkeeper as well as the other Trustees to stay the course of the ever-changing finances in this new era of how lodges are trying to keep up with the members not being as involved as they used to be before covid. Thanks for all that you do for this lodge Dan.



John Betancourt Leading Knight

Committees Reporting to Leading Knight

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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

December 7th a day that will live in infamy. Those words were spoken by Elk member Franklin Theodore Roosevelt. It was a sad day as all days that have such a large loss of life at one time such as 9/11, Oklahoma city bombing and the sinking of the Arizona with 1177 service men on board. What was sad was the Arizona was not even suppose to be at pearl. On maneuvers when practicing submarine evasion with zig zag maneuvers the Arizona

Zigged and the Oklahoma Zagged at the wrong time and they collided and the Arizona needed repairs so instead of the crew being on the beaches of San Diego they remained in Pearl.

The United States did have some luck on our side. 1, When the Japanese attacked, our carriers were out in deep water. 2, All the fuel oil, four and a half million barrels for the 6th fleet were in above ground tanks (under ground tanks were in the process of being built.

One bomb or small arms fire and that would have been it but no, they either didn't think of it or was not as important as they thought. 3, Also the Dry Docks were not touched, so all ships that could be righted were repaired in Pearl and didn't need to be towed to San Diego. 4, The Sub Pens were untouched and our subs were able to sink 75% of Japanese merchant marine shipping. 5, The number one event that worked in our favor was that the attack was on a Sunday morning. Most crews were in town and not aboard their ship. You can agree the good lord was looking out for us although it didn't seem like it at the time. The Japanese fleet was much faster than ours but in our repairs we were able to rebuild to match the more modern Japanese Ships. The attack unified our country which was not sure wanted to get mixed up in WWII. Editor



John Puckett Lecturing Knight

Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

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

Scouting Greg Metzgus, Dictionary Program Steve and Mary Woodlief

Americanism Lyssa Wright, Youth Appreciation Reem Agel

Drug Awareness Richard Platt



Volunteers needed for the 2023-2024 Hoop-Shoot Free Throw Contest. Date of the event January 7th. Location is Cal Lutheran University located at 1-67 Olsen rd. at 2 PM. Help is needed with set-up, scoring, registration and shagging balls that miss the net. Now is a time to help out the lodge with one of its programs.

8 through 13 year old Boys and Girls will shoot best of 25 free throw shots to move on. Call for more information .

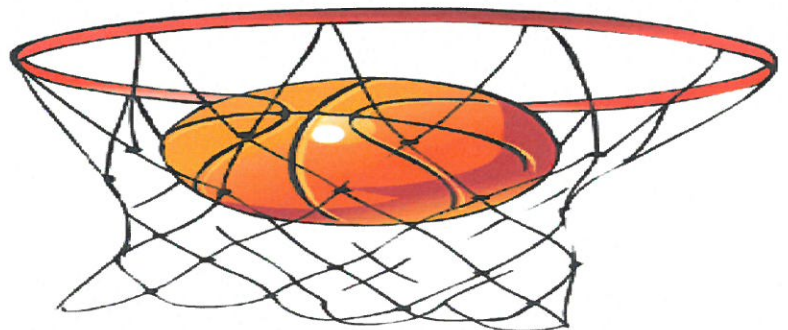
Craig Acerboni Darryl Kopacz



2023 Elks Hoop-Shoot

Did I mention that all members are on the scholarship committee. Scholarship is funded 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



Pin Night 2022



5 year pins Alex Rogers receiving for Larry Kraszewski
Bobby Williams and Jeoff Garcia by Casey Boggiano



10 year Diane Jones and Marion Anderson



15 year Jim Moye, Jim Lovato and Gregory Charles



20 year Grace Vega and Catherine Koeritz



35 year member Robert koeritz



45 years member Jon Preston, Terry Gicking, Tom Ryder

December birthdays

Richard Shaw-01
John Betancourt-02
Jasmine Silvestre-02
Brett Taylor-02
Bruce Cameron-03
Chuck Kudra-03
Paul Stein-04
Richard P. Johnson-05
Eugene A. Letourneau-06
David Muellae-07
Donna Leary-11
Craig Lopez-12
Mary McBride-12
Catherine Koeritz-14
Daniel Picard-15
Scott D. Dool-17
Sandro Cano-18
Brett Fuchs-21
Jeffrey Weiherer-21
Nelson Cabello-22
Billy Sternberg-22

Ron Freibrun-24
Joseph Loy-26
Trina Wolf Williams-26
Adam Hendershot-27
Jeff Gambino-28
Nathan maglionico-28
Steve Finnerty-29
Robert Jones-29
Susie Ross-29
Lawrence Kraszewski-30
Diane Letulier-30



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



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, 2nd Wednesday night dinner of the month before the start of lodge general meeting. Easy Peze, Taco's, Albertsons chicken, chili, hotdogs and hambergers, chicken salad, anything easy. Just set it up, serve at the window, clean it up and help out your lodge. One complaint for low member turnout is no dinner available. Lets find out if their right.**
- 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

Elk History

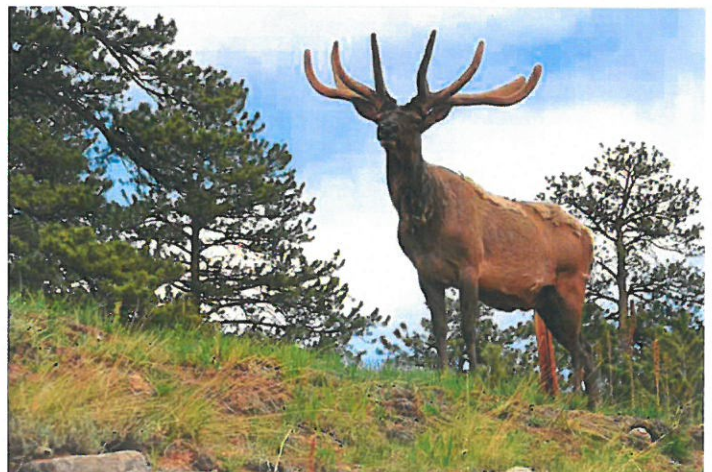
The Elks started as the Jolly Corks which derived from a parlor trick that was introduced by our founder Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Charles was an entertainer back in merry old England and worked his way across the oceans to try his craft in America. Upon his arrival Charles went to seek out other entertainers to find the in and outs of the city. What he discovered was that about this time the excise law was being strictly enforced, and Sunday in new York City was very dry. The original 10 Jolly Corks would meet at Mrs. Giesman's Boarding House due to the fact that all clubs and bars were closed on Sunday's. Meeting at the boarding house was fine for a while. The group quickly grew. Charles Vivian went on to found a drinking and performance society with other theater folk: The charter members of the Jolly Corks were;

E.W. Platt, Frank Langhorne, William Carleton, William Shepard, Richard Steirly, Charles Vivian, John T. Kent, Hennery Vandermark, Harry Bosworth and M.G. Ash. All members of the Jolly Corks carried a cork in their pocket, like a membership card. This drink trick plays to the unsuspecting new members that join the group. What the candidate found was after all players have their cork on the bar in front of themselves and the GO command was given, the last one who puts the cork to their head buys the round of drinks. All the Jolly Corks who are already members know to not do anything so the new member not wanting to buy drinks tries to be first. But he is also the last and buys a round.

Editor

What starts out in a mouth ends up around your neck. Mounting an Elks tooth was mastered by jewelers across the country. The Elks tooth would be mounted for a tie clasp but the most popular is a neckless. Given the strong and expressed emphasis on "always carry your cork" was from the start of the Jolly Corks. Now it's "always have your membership Card" . Early members would carry an Elks ear, tail or items made from elk hide or horn before teeth were settled on by popularity. Wearing the elk teeth as decorations may even have been appropriated by west bound elks after seeing the ceremonial clothing worn by American Indians in various touring wild west shows bedecked with hundreds of teeth, adopting the practice as a fashion fad. Although not as common since the 30's, showing off your Grandfathers Elk tooth seems to be on the rise again. Hunting for these works of art can be found in any antique store or flea market.

Once you have an elk tooth, pin, fob, necklace or whatever, its your choice to just enjoy wearing it or to trace it's history from inscriptions or information obtained from the seller. Tracking down the particulars for your personal piece of elk.



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Bunco Night

Thousand Oaks Elk Lodge

Wednesday December 7, 2022

WE WILL START ON TIME AT 6:00 PM!

Please arrive in enough time to eat, get checked in, grab a drink and find your seat!

Come down to the Lodge for an evening of fun!

It's Bunco Time – Let's Roll!

Come join us for a fun filled evening and help us raise money for the Lodges various charities!

Don't know how to play Bunco? Don't worry, we'll show you how!

Bunco is played on the 1st Wednesday of each month!

Everyone is welcome, bring your family & friends to play!

***Food available, Raffles, 50/50,
great people & good fun!***

\$10 Buy In

***Jill Williams will be serving Costco Pizza
from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm!***

***If you are interested in participating, please call
Lynn Rodriguez at 805-449-4282 or 805-559-0909***

***It would be greatly appreciated if everyone RSVP so we know
how many tables to set up so that everyone can play!***



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DECEMBER 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| Lounge Hours Sunday: Noon - 6pm Sunday Breakfast: 10am - 6pm Mon - Fri: 3pm - 8pm (closed Tues) Saturday: Noon - 6pm FOOTBALL SAT & SUN | |  CHRISTMAS TREE LOT See Sign-up Sheet - Bulletin Board | | 1 Thursday Football Game Night \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS DD Visit Oxnard | 2 Friday Night Dinner Bill's Famous Lasagna salad & bread 5:30 pm \$10 | 3 BBQ Team Carlos  |
| 4 ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE and Dedication of Memorial Area Service @ Noon Smitty & Crew Breakfast 10-12 | 5  Hot Dogs \$3 | 6 Lounge Closed PER Xmas Dinner | 7  Bunco 6pm DD Visit Ventura | 8 Thursday Football Game Night \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS | 9 Friday Night Dinner ER's Christmas Dinner - Chinese Food 5:30pm - 6:30pm ** Toy Drive ** Please, no stuffed animals | 10 BBQ Team Bryan  |
| 11 Konejo Kamper's Holiday Party See Flyer | 12  Hot Dogs \$3 Calendar Mtg 7pm | 13 Lounge Open 3-8 DD Homecoming Simi Valley | 14 Lodge Meeting 7pm | 15 Thursday Football Game Night \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS | 16 Friday Night Dinner KITCHEN CLOSED Lounge Open 3-8 | 17 BBQ Team Terry  |
| 18 | 19  Hot Dogs \$3 Trustees Mtg 11am | 20 Lounge Closed | 21 HC Meeting 7pm | 22 Thursday Football Game Night \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS | 23 KITCHEN CLOSED Lounge Open 3-8 | 24 Christmas Eve  BBQ CLOSED Lounge Open 10-4 |
| 25 Merry Christmas Lodge Closed | 26  Hot Dogs \$3 | 27 Lounge Closed | 28 No Lodge Meeting Lounge Open 3-8 | 29 Thursday Football Game Night \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS | 30 Friday Night Dinner Chicken & Beef Tacos, Rice and Beans \$10 Lounge Open 3-8 | 31 BBQ Team PERs  |

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2022-23 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 Grindley

2022-2023 TRUSTEES

One year Dan Hoffman
Two Year Reem Agel
Three Year Steve Kerman
Four Year Ed Lees
Five Year Kathy Moye



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
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
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

*** DECEASED**

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**