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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

*It's a Great Day
to be an*

Elk



2023 Rose Parade

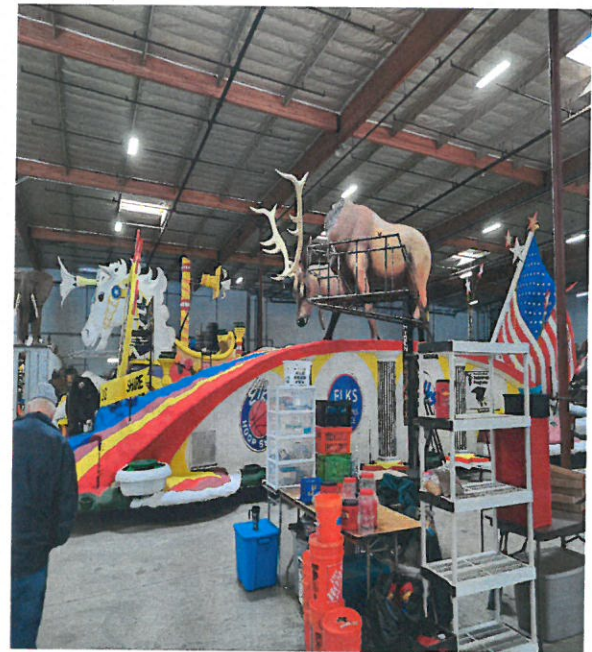
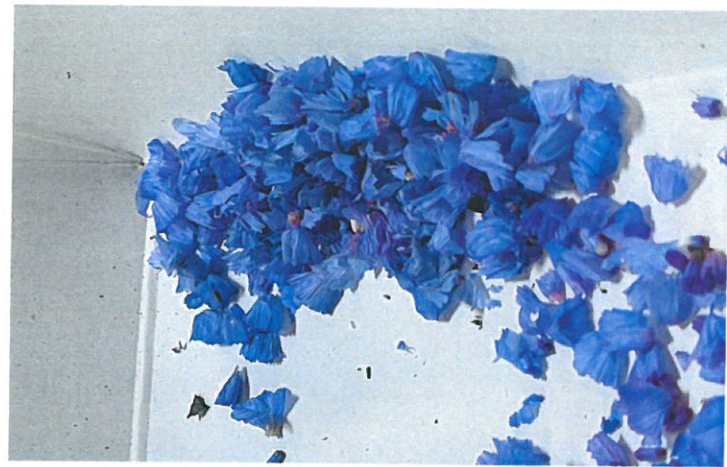
Elks at the Rose Parade 2023

Elks Float, Under Construction. We have had a float from 1986-1994. Next year is already in the planning stages.

All Volunteers received a badge lower-rt Elk body was in two pieces.

Flowers were cut by volunteers then blended to be used on the float. Some worked on top the float, other glued beans to the side of the float.

Great Job.



Applications for membership to be voted on February 8th 2023

Ryan Dennison– Active Military, Army– sponsored by Bill Dennison

Liam Hinde– Plumber– sponsored by Boyd Lindquist

Maria Giuliano– bookkeeper-sponsored by John Puckett

Sickness and Distress and Recovery

Jim Lovato home after another trip to Saint Johns

Bill Joseph moved to Brookside Health care. Camarillo.

Daughter of Harold Constantine, Margie will undergo very delicate surgery on her liver.

Paul Nash entering 3rd month of long term care.

Evie Bystrom over her bout with the flu .

Paul Stein had his back surgery on the 19th. Home but in much pain.

Art Garcia had surgery. He's home and doing great.

Mother of Sean Casey passed away.

Mother of Diane Jones in the hospital she is 93

Granddaughter of Rita is in the hospital with 106 temperature.

Recurring donors

Reem Agel

Dave Anderson

John Betancourt

Ed & Rita DaCorsi

Art Garcia

Terry Gicking

Gerry Gillies

Peter Gordon

Brenda Hagen

Dan Hoffman

Sheryl Holloway

Ed Lees

Kathy Moyer

Greg Metzgas

David Naccarato

Richard Platt

Alexandra Rogers

Paul Stein (latest)

Greg Sweet

Lyssa Wright



Purple Pig Honor Roll

Carl Alaniz

Bobby Williams

Paul Stein

Kathy Moyer

Rose Bowl opportunity draw

Craig Acerboni

Doug Brown

Dennis Sannow

Steve Kammerer

Crying Towel

12/ 14 1st capsule drawing \$500 Charles Pederson Not present

2nd capsule draw \$25 no winner.

Lucky 13 \$60 John Puckett no winner.

12/28 no meeting



Lodge Hours

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

Starting March 1 closed Monday's open Tuesday's

Saturday-Sunday 12PM to 6PM Saturday BBQ

10am-2pm Sunday breakfasts start at 10 AM

Office Hours Mon-Thurs 10AM – 3PM

Lounge Phone 805-496-4550

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Email- toelks2477@gmail.com

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– John Betancourt & Jill Williams

GOFUNDME page has been set up by friends of Paul Nash to help with expenses as he gets back on his feet after long hospital stay. Those who would like to help go to <https://gofund.me/eabb6950>. Thank you

Exalted Ruler's Page PPDDGER Terry Gicking

Committee chairs reporting to Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics: David Naccarato , Mike Mathews

Website: Kira Wagne

Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato

BBQ: Jill William

Tree Lot: Carlos Muzquiz

Audit & Accounting: Lyssa Wrigh

Investigations: Alex Rogers, Jasmine Sylvestre, Rita DaCorsi Orientation: Terry Gickir

PER Association Jim Moye

Membership: David Naccarat

Feb-RU-ary! It's my birthday month (the 4th) as well as the month the Elks were born. February 16th to be exact. 155 years ago. WOW, and I don't even feel that old! I do have the same enthusiasm as the JollyCorks did back when we were born. That great feeling of enjoying ourselves in company and spirit, and knowing we are helping Veterans, providing Scholarships to high school seniors, providing help for the kids who need different types of therapy at no cost to them, provide a self-esteem venue in our hoop shoot program to 8-13yr olds, promote Americanism to kids and adults, enjoy comradery amongst ourselves with great meals, have a lounge and game room to facilitate Brotherly Love and Charity.

All with a smile on our face and love in our hearts! Isn't it great to be an Elk? After 43 elk years, I still think so, and so should you! Be proud of your lodge AND the people in it! We all work for the common goal, but we might achieve it in different ways. As I come to an end of my 2nd term of being the Exalted Ruler, I do it with a swelled heart in knowing that this lodge does amazing things, and I don't just mean our great BBQ! I'll get into more detail in next months article, but know I appreciate each and everyone of you.

Our Friday dinners for this month include an appreciation dinner for all the hard-working volunteers of our BBQ teams and the Christmas tree lot. The February 3rd Taco dinner is being catered by El Sancho Loco in Newbury Park and is free for all those volunteers. For all the other members, dinner is \$10.

Please come down and enjoy a great night of fellowship! The second Friday (10th) is Rita's Famous Spaghetti night. Come see why it's famous if you haven't experienced it yet! The 3rd Friday is our wonderful Fish Fry by Jill and crew. Now, on Friday the 24th, we are having a Mardi Gras Dinner with a band put on by Smitty and his crew. An evening of authenticity from the French Quarter not to be missed. See the flyer for more details and mark it on YOUR calendar!

Our first Sunday of the month will have a breakfast hosted by the Blue Star Moms. Cost is \$10 or free to a active Military and Veterans in our community. Proceeds will go to support the Blue Star Moms special Charities.

Sunday the 12th is SUPER BOWL SUNDAY! Lounge opens at 12pm, potluck starts at 2pm and the game starts shortly after 3pm. See flyer for all of the details, but this is a party you cannot miss! Raffles, opportunities, great food, 50/50 and a great game! What more do you want? We have 7 TVs to watch every angle of competition from kickoff till the end of the game. Be there or be square! See you all at the lodge soon.

Exalted Ruler

Terry!



Elk of the month Officer of the month

Our Elk of the Month ; Grace Vega--

Grace is a Past Exalted Ruler 3X from Ventura lodge, but is now a hard working member of our lodge. Not only is she the ENF Chair, she also is responsible for our great looking calendar, flyers, rentals, and works behind the scenes in helping others promote Elksdom, Thank you Grace

Officer of the Month . John Puckett

John has been working hard in putting together the game plan and bids for the upgrade to our electrical panel. Thanks John!

This and that

Dues notices have gone out, refer to the Secretary's page. Steven Komjathy is first this year for he has already paid his 2023-2024 dues.

Although we picture the founding Fathers as old men, many were quite young. By July 4th, 1776, Aaron Burr was 20 years old, Alexander Hamilton, 21, James Madison, 25, John Jay 29 and Thomas Jefferson, 33.

By Law, no US officer is ever allowed to outrank George Washington, and he was posthumously promoted to "Six star general" to make sure.

Editor

Elks History

One rap, calls the lodge to order. Two raps call up the Officers. Three raps of the gavel, calls up the entire lodge. Of course you all come to our meetings only twice a month, so you know all about the wraps of the gavel. But what you didn't know, up till 1963 call up the entire lodge was reduced from 4 wraps to the current 3 raps. The previous three wraps during initiation was to remove the blindfold (removed in 1952).

December 1st 1893, the B.P.O.E. banned Sunday meetings on a resolution made at the 1892 Grand Lodge session by Percy G. Williams of Brooklyn Lodge #22.

May 26th 1969, the Esquire's instruction on procedure was moved from the end of the initiation ceremony to its present position following the obligation.

On June 14th, 1949, President Harry S. Truman, a member of the Kansas City Mo lodge #26, signed public law 203 designating June 14th as Flag Day in America. Flag day has been a mandatory lodge activity since 1911.

On April 18th, 1906, the great San Francisco Earthquake took place and the B.P.O.E., beat the U.S. Government in setting up a tent city for refugee's

From 1950-1952 the members of the Elks supplied 600,000 pints of blood for GI's in Korea

On November 23rd, 1867, Charles Vivian, Richard Steirly, Cool Burgess, Henry Vandemark & Hugh Dougherty played the first games of "Jolly Corks" at Sandy Spencer's bar at Broadway & Fulton in New York City

1934 the Elks "Most valuable Student scholarship program" began.

On March 17th 1889, members of the Boston and Omaha lodges bring the body of Charles A. Vivian from Leadville Co. to Boston, MA where he is buried.

From the desk of the Secretary

It's membership time. You will be receiving shortly the 2023-2024 dues statement. The Trustee's are required to put together a budget for the year and knowing the dues that will be received helps greatly.

GET YOUR DUES IN EARLY!!!

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Heads up to all members. The 2023-2024 membership Dues will increase from \$158 to \$169. Our Trustee's are holding our lodge dues at \$128. (YEAH) Life members will increase to \$105.00. State Association and Grand lodge assessments are going up due to the rise in claims from total loss fire claims, such as San Pedro, and the Paradise lodge to weather damage such as Kansas City. The biggest payouts have been over alcohol related claims. The Alcohol Liability insurance covering the bar is paid with the assessment. We are not being picked on. All 800,000 plus lodge members are being charged this assessment. We were dropped by our last carrier. AON.

The number of lawsuits and judgements throughout the country has caused this increase.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS: By Statues, the Secretary must post a list of members who are delinquent in their dues to the membership. This list will be posted on the bulletin board. These members will be dropped from the rolls in March and will not be allowed access to the lodge. If you see a name that you know, give them a call. We have no problem bringing in new members but lets keep the ones we have.

To be reinstated there are two options:
1st within two months of being dropped you can reinstate free of reinstatement fee if your 2022-2023 dues are caught up and the new 2023-2024 dues are paid.
2nd, After May 31st, 2023 the normal reinstatement fee and the 2023-2024 dues will need to be paid.

ADDRESS UPDATES; Please make sure we have new address, phone and email address. You won't believe how often mail is returned and emails are kicked back. Each returned letter/ Antler Antics costs the lodge.

MORE ON DUES: Being a source of net - net dollars dues are used for the Ritual Team, State, Grand Lodge and Midterm conventions that our officers are required to attend. Used for statements, postage, keycards, membership cards, printing and mailing of the news letter. 80% of the members have asked for the news bulletin by email saving the lodge on postage. Thank you. Covers office staff and supplies .There is very little chance that any surplus funds will be available. As prices rise the trustee's will need to ask themselves "are we covering these costs"?

Dues cannot be used for any lodge activities not required by Grand Lodge or CHEA. You know we are always fund raising, That's why we are ELKS

David Naccarato/ Secretary, Editor

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 the month of February we find that we are getting closer to the end of the present term of our officers and time to think of nominating a new core of officers for the upcoming year of 2023-2024. On Feb 8th at our lodge meeting the ER, Leading, Loyal, and Lecturing Knights along with the Secretary, Treasurer, and Fifth year Trustee will be on the floor for nomination.

If no one opposes a nominated member then there will be no vote at the second meeting which will be on the 22nd of February and confirm by the present ER, Terry Gicking.

I would like to Thank all of those who were so thoughtful with our Diaper drive. I am looking to see how many organizations where I can deliver what we have collected and again we show Elks Care - Elks Share.

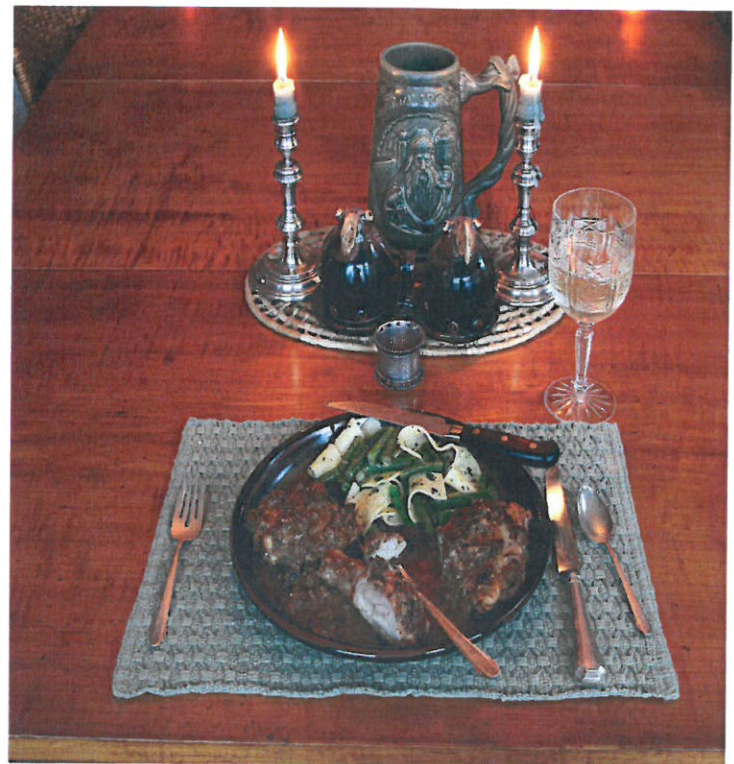


We also had a collection of coats and blankets for the homeless and this will continue thru Feb 3rd thanks to one of our lodge member Daniel Picard, thank you Daniel. It shows that ELKS Do Care.

February 14th is Valentine's Day so don't forget that special person.

John Betancourt

Leading Knight



FROM THE ESTEEM LECTURING KNIGHT

John Puckett

Youth Activities

From the efforts of Craig Acerboni and the 25+ volunteers, Thousand Oaks Elks held our portion of the National Hoop-Shoot (free throw) competition. It was held at CLU University on January 7th. We had 26 participants and the top winners from each age group will advance to the District Shoot which is in Paso Robles this year on January 28th. These student athletes will represent our lodge and can move on to state and area shoots with the Grand Prize a trip to the basketball hall of fame.

The convention this year will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota and finalists and family will attend the convention. Winners will have their name and Lodge inscribed on a plaque at the Naismith Basketball Hall of fame. Would look great on a college application. These students will be invited to our Youth Appreciation night in May. Kudo's on a great event.

FROM THE ESTEEM LOYAL KNIGHT

Ron Watkins

Lodge Activities

We have many activities at this lodge for members to enjoy. If you are wanting something else let me know and we will see if we can get ur done. Just finished off a successful Sunday Bingo. Came for breakfast stayed for Bingo. Winners were Dan Hoffman, Lynn Rodriguez, Kathy Moye. Jill Williams and Dee Thomas split a pot and Casey Boggiano who brought in a ringer, her Nephew's Fiancé who walked away with three pots. Lets call her Kelly, soon to be Kelly Nelson. Others was Bobby Williams, (of Course).

Super Bowl February 12th must not miss. Its a great time at your lodge with opportunity draws and such, great food put together by members. Friday night dinners, Thursday night game night and dart tournament. Fish Fry the 17th, Kampers Breakfast the 26th. Don't be a stranger, support your lodge.

February Birthdays

Jennifer Hassell-01
Amber Gentry-02
Alan Azoff-03
David Biedebach-03
Terry Gicking-04
Suzanne Ozgood-04
Nick Schiele-04
Willian Fulton-05
Craig Burns-07
Allen Zatkan-07
Rick Herrera-08
Robert Scudder-09
Pattie Queen-11
Joe Smith-11
Chuck Pedersen-16
Dean Reichle-16
Jan Robles-17
Robert Phillips-18
Robert Huffman-20
Sara Magnuson-20
Bill O'Shea-20
Terry Baker-21
William Schenewerk-21
James Anderson-23
Kevin Gullick-23
James Abbitt-24
Tina paul-25
Ed Dacorsi-27

Belated Birthday wish to Jon Preston who I inadvertently left off last month. January 13th. My bad.

Editor

Enjoy a free drink on
your birthday

Compliments of
Exalted Ruler

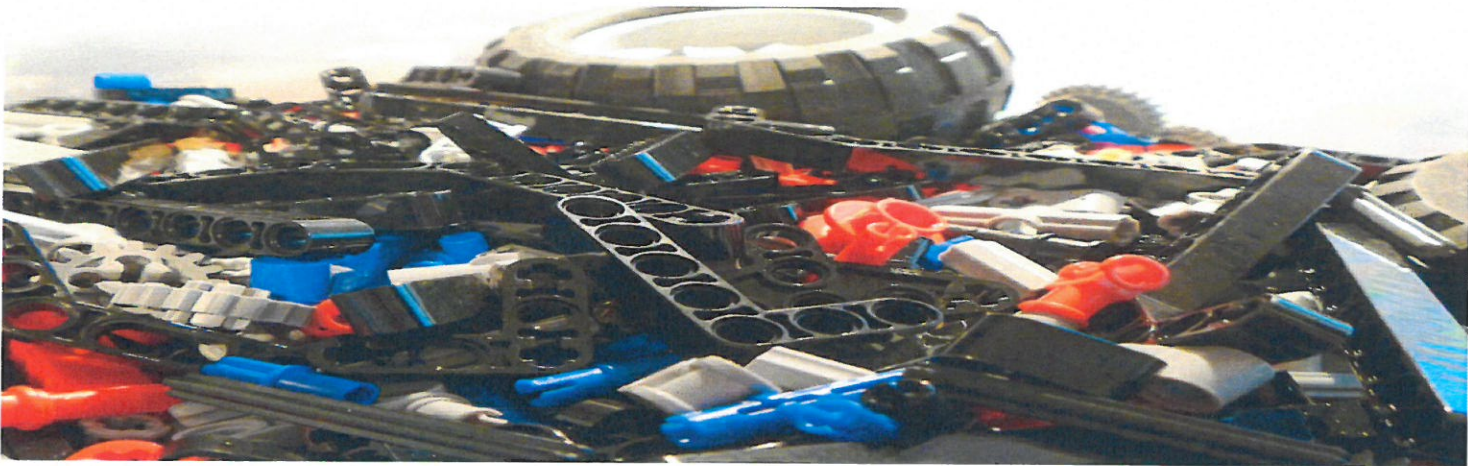
Terry Gicking PDDGER
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Note from the kitchen

Please, please, do not throw away pots or pans that you feel are trashed. Every item, dish, bowl, pot and pan even the forks, knives and spoons are inventoried. Bring a used pot or frying pan to the attention of the kitchen liaison. Many teams bring their own pans and take them home again. We appreciate the Sunday breakfast crews. We did have breakfast every Sunday and the goal of the Exalted Ruler is to get back to that. If you have a urge to donate an omelette pan to the lodge, it would be accepted graciously. Thank You

Kitchen Liaison Ron Watkins

Bits and Pieces



History lesson. February has Presidents day the 20th for the Birthdays of George Washington on the 22nd and Abraham Lincoln on the 12th, by the way the Elks Birthday is the 16th . Anyway lesson time. This is between Member John F. Kennedy a member of Boston #11 and Abraham Lincoln who Died before the Elks were established and didn't have a chance.

Lincoln elected to Congress 1846

Kennedy elected to Congress 1946

Lincoln elected President 1860

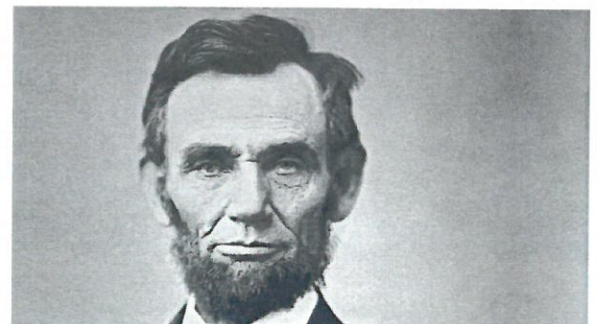
Kennedy elected President 1960

Both wives lost children while living in the White House. Both were shot on a Friday, both shot in the head.

Lincoln's Secretary was named Kennedy, Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln. Both were shot by Southerners. Both were succeeded by Johnson's.

Andrew Johnson born 1808 Lyndon Johnson born 1908

John Wilks Booth born 1839, Lee Harvey Oswald born 1939. Both Assassins were known by their three names. Both names are composed of fifteen letters. Now hang on, Lincoln was shot at the Ford Theater, Kennedy was shot in a Lincoln built by Ford. Lincoln was shot in a theater and his assassin hid in a warehouse. Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin hid in a theater. Both were killed before trial. Weird, editor





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, Driver needed for the train in 4 parades this year, entails loading of the train on the trailer and tow to parade. Santa Maria is a overnighter . Use our vehicle, hotel included. More information call the office.**
- 4, Help with the wood lot. Splitting, stacking and pickup when a tree comes available**
- 5, Breakfast crew needed**

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