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Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

Of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Antler Antics

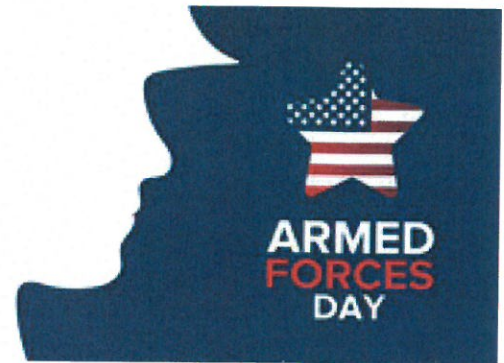


51 years of service to our community

Exalted Ruler John Betancourt — Soaring to New Heights with Elkdom!



May 14th 10 am Brunch
11am service Brunch resumes



Armed Forces Day May 20th
Fly your Flag



Memorial Day May 29th Fly your Flag



CHEA State Convention
May 17th- 20th

Applications to be balloted on May 10th, 2023.

James Igel sponsored by Jim Moyer.

Eva Huffman— Studio work— sponsored by Edward Meza of Culver City #1917

Travis Huffman-Wood Worker-sponsored by Edward Meza of Culver City 31917

David Chesson—Sales Manager— sponsored by Ken Krabel

John Carmelo-Biotechnology-sponsored by Reem Agel.

Gabriela Fulmer- director of staffing- sponsored by Reem Agel.

Joe Iglesias- Engineer- Sponsored by Reem Agel.

Sickness and distress and recovery.

Carol Spinner is fighting a bug with antibiotics.

K.C. Radomski dealing with severe back pain, prayers needed.

Roberta Kopacz suffered a stroke and is in a long-term facility.

Gregg Miraglia will have a nerve implant to help with painful neurotropy.

Barbara Metzger will have the same implant, hoping for the same results.

Dee Ansell home after a short hospital stay.

Richard Lucariello has lung cancer in right lung

Lynn Rodriguez passed away April 13th

PER Bill Lloyd passed away March 22nd

PER Johnny D Ambrojio passed away April 9th

David Naccarato spent 5 days in the hospital for having a screw loose (literally)

Reports of sickness and distress are always in order



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

Jim Moyer

Kathy Moyer

Greg Metzger

David Naccarato

Richard Platt

Alexandra Rogers

Paul Stein

Greg Sweet

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Bobby Williams

Aaron Lewis

Kathy Moyer

Jeanette Grasso

Ben Rieger

John Haige

Peter Gordon (Century Club x2)

Steven Grindley

Richard Ibarra

Steve Finnerty (Century Club)

Marvin Gregory

Brenda Hagen

Allen Gottlieb

Cheryl Templeton (Century Club)

Richard Shaw

Adelaide Wavra

Rich Lucariello (Millennium Club)

Dee Thomas

Jack Paulson

Richard Rogers

John Betancourt

Doug Ryan

Christine Harrison

Doug Morrison (Century Club)

Steve Budinski

Dave Anderson

Dennis Shankel

David Maddox (Century Club)

Michael Badner

Dennis Sannow

Ron Barron

John Puckett

Jan Robles

Brian Boals (Century Club)

Crying Towel

March 8th capsule draw \$150 Don Skinner PER not present

Lucky 13 \$60 Dee Thomas no winner

March 22nd Capsule drawing \$175 Lynette Michele Not Present

Lucky 13 \$75 Bobby Williams no winner



Lodge Hours

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

Friday's may be open later.

Saturday-Sunday 12PM to 6PM Saturday BBQ

10am-2pm Sunday breakfasts start at 10 AM

Office Hours Mon-Thurs 10AM – 3PM

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Elk of the year– Gregg Miraglia

Officer of the year– John Betancourt

Citizen of the year– Vinny Cuilni

Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Members– Kathy Moyer & Bryon Gicking

Exalted Ruler's Page John Betancourt

One of the hardest things that I found being an Officer and now being the Exalted Ruler is what am I going to write about in this month's Antler Antic's, well here goes.

May starts off for the Elks with the Chili Cook Off on May 7th and as always, we will be selling our famous Tri-Tip sandwich and having a great time. The following Sunday, May 14th, is Mother's Day. We will have our Mother's Day Brunch and our Mother's Day Ceremony.

The Chea State Convention will be in Palm Springs this year from May 17th to May 20th and I will be attending as the Exalted Ruler to represent our lodge.

This will be my first official duty as the Exalted Ruler for our lodge. Be assured that I will do my very best to represent our lodge and return with what I hope will be good information, to share and improve our lodge in going forward.

My slogan this year is "soaring to new heights with Elkdom". I can't do it alone. I am looking to having a great year and continue making this lodge a fun place for our members to enjoy and socialize with one another. By doing this it may give you reason to bring in a new member.

Membership alert.

The South entrance to the lodge (near the BBQ) is painted with double yellow lines which makes it an imaginary island, which means; no left turns onto Conejo School Rd from our parking lot and no left turns from Conejo School Rd into our parking lot. Just a FYI to save our membership from a ticket.

Elks care- Elks share.

Exalter Ruler John Betancourt

Ron Watkins Leading Knight

Greetings fellow elks!

Thank you for all your kind words of encouragement to move on to leading knight. The lodge is really picking up from the challenges of Covid and taking off. The calendar is full of a variety of activities. Please attend the lodge meetings and you are all invited to attend the calendar and house committee meetings as well.

I would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions to improve your lodge experience.

We have done really well with ENF and the Major Project/ Purple Pig in past years, if everyone would sign up for Reoccurring donation of only \$5 per month we would set new records when combined with our other fundraisers. Please consider supporting this wonderful charity and it is tax deductible! Just log onto chea-elks.org or contact David in the office.

I look forward to seeing you at the lodge!

Warm regards

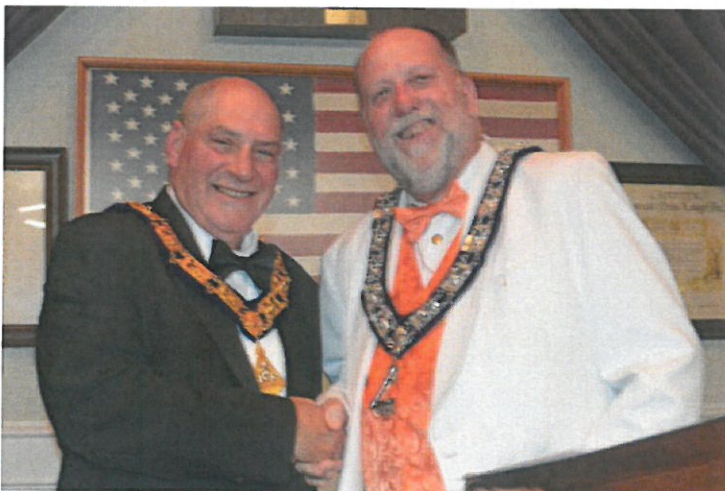
Your Leading Knight

Capt. Ron Watkins



Ron Watkins jeweled as Leading Knight

By Dan Hoffman PER



Accepting his new position



Lodge Committee Chairpersons.

Antler Antics: David Naccarato
Mike Mathews
Americanism; Lyssa Wright
Audit & Accounting: Lyssa Wright
BLT: **Needed**
BBQ: Jill Williams
Business Practices; Steve Kerman
Dictionary program; Steve and Mary Woodlief
Drug Awareness; Richard Platt
Community Activities; Ron Watkins
El Konejo Kampers; Shirste Gessler
ENF; Grace Vega
Government Relations; **Needed**
Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato
Grounds Maintenance; Jose Arellano
Hoop Shoot; Craig Acerboni, Darryl Kopacz
Insurance and safety; Dan Hoffman
Investigations: Alex Rogers,
Jasmine Sylvestre, Rita DaCorsi
Lodge Activities; Carolyn Shipley
Maintenance; Jeff Conyers, Dean Reichle
Major Project; Dan Hoffman
Membership; David Naccarato
Mediator; Richard Rogers
Orientation; Terry Gicking
PER association; Richard Platt
Public Relations; Laurie Fredericks
Photography: Jill Williams
Scholarship: Reem Agel
Scouting; Greg Metzgus
Sickness, distress and recovery;
Alexandra Rogers
Youth Activities; Mason Nauenberg



Good Crowd

Out with the old



In with the new



New ER John Betancourt, receiving.
Officer of the year award 2022-2023



Kathy Moye -Grand Lodge Outstanding
Member award winner.
Not pictured Bryan Gicking the other recipient.



Servers, Sherri, Steve, Lonnie and Brenda
Thank you, very appreciative.

Mason Nauenberg Lecturing Knight



Easter at it's best



Easter Bunny Beverly Reis gave out eggs full of cash and candy for the little one's. Thank you Beverly.



Staging area before the hunt begins. World of thanks to Jill Williams and her hand picked crew for making this an enjoyable time for the Children in our area and Grand Children of our members. See you next year.



Newly installed Exalted Ruler John Betancourt on his first official assignment mugging for the camera. Oh yeah representing the lodge at Easter.

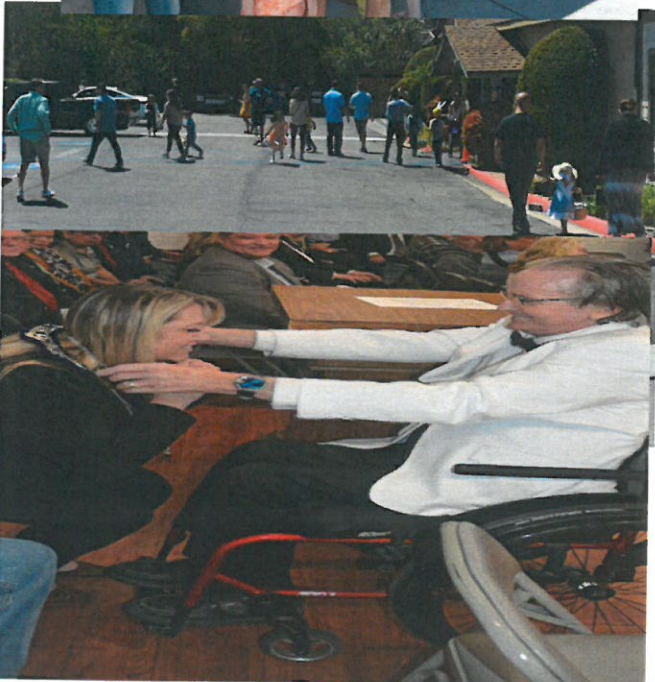


Mason about to be jeweled

Carolyn Shipley Loyal Knight

Lodge Activities

Easter Sunday



Carolyn Shipley being strangled, jeweled by me

Mother's Day in May

Just by the name of this holiday we know it is a day that we honor Mothers. But did you know that it was not the Americans nor the Europeans that started this tradition? Mothers and Motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday".

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "Mother Church" – the main church in the vicinity of their homes – for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, where children would present their Mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

Did you know that more phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. These holiday chats with Mom often cause phone traffic to spike by as much as 37%.

The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the U.S. dates back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start the "Mothers Day Work Club" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs became a unifying force in a region of the century still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers Friendship Day" at which Mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

Continued:

Elk of the month;

Gerry Gillies

Gerry is one of our members that when called upon to give a hand he is always one that can be counted on. Gerry works BBQ, wood lot, tree lot and repairs around the lodge. Although he is not the maintenance guy. Thank you Gerry for all you do. Enjoy your parking spot reserved for Elk of the month.
John B.

Officer of the month;

Ed Lees

Ed is responsible for the POS system used in the lounge, the website, social media and serves as a Trustee of this lodge. Dinners and event tickets are now able to be purchased on line. The smallest things that improve our lodge are the things that make it better.

Thank You Ed Lees

John B.

Mothers Day cont.

Another precursor to Mother's Day came from Julia Ward Howe. In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation", a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873 Howe campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day" to be celebrated every June 2.

Not all countries in the world celebrate Mother's Day on the 2nd Sunday in May. Our Elk's Lodge #2477 will be celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14, 2023 with breakfast starting at 10AM, the Ritual at 11AM then breakfast will resume. It is our way to say how much we appreciate and honor the mothers in our Lodge. Please join us Sunday May 14th 10am for brunch, 11 am for the Ritual. Brunch resumes after.

Thank you, Rita DaCorsi Chaplain. Info found in an article written by Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King jr.

Mothers Day History & Elks.

The reasons behind this observance are self-explanatory and existed long before the order of Elks began. Our order, being created by actors adopted a Mothers day Ritual early on in the 1900's.

At a session of the Grand Lodge in Boston in 1917 a resolution was unanimously adopted recommending that each subordinate lodge, on its nearest meeting night to the second Sunday in May of each year hold a special service to commemorate Mother's Day.

The following year, at the Grand Lodge session in Atlantic City, J.E. McCormick of Modesto, Ca #1282 submitted a form of Ritual for Mother's day. It was voted that this Ritual be adopted as an optional ceremony for subordinate lodges.

In 1925 at the Grand Lodge Session in Portland, Oregon the committee on Social and Community Welfare which at the time was in charge of ritual, offered a new ritual that was adopted and used today. The service was soon moved a day other than meeting night so that non members may attend. Sunday Services are often followed by a brunch.





Police and Firefighter Appreciation night
Paul Stein Chairman.

Pictures on left assures us that women
like a man in uniform.



Bret Chambers receives Ventura firefighter of the year from
Chief Guillermo De La Rosa Paul Stein on the right.



Our own John Gantzvein speaking about Copline.



L.A County Fire fighter of the year Capt. James
Walden



Deputy Sheriff Justin Lopez accepts the 2022 Ron Helus
award from Captain Matthew Young.

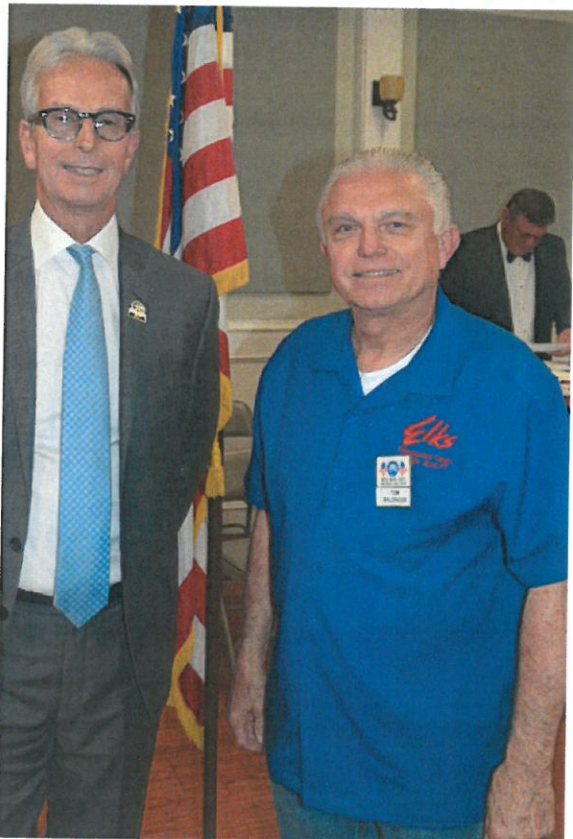
Welcome our new members



Nathan Aurich with sponsor Boyd Lindquist



Mark Sandstrom, Nikki O'Connell with sponsor Mike Mathews



Phillip Thompson with sponsor Tom Baldrige



Richard Koppel with sponsor John Duhig

More new members and one shout out



Sponsor Suzanne Andrews with Karen Hefty



Mitchell King with Alexandra Rogers, standing in for Richard Holt of Simi Lodge #2492



Happy Birthday Brenda Hagen.

April Birthday's

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mitchell Baran-01 | Richard Rogers-16 |
| Brian Thorkildsen-01 | Jacquelyn Atkinson-17 |
| Robert Hodgson-02 | Kathy Moyer-17 |
| Sheryl Holloway-04 | Sandra Ragan-17 |
| Brock Green-05 | Gary Abrams-18 |
| Brenda Hagen-05 | Mitchel King-18 |
| Roger Markel-05 | Michael Cagley-19 |
| Pete Padilla-05 | Robert Koeritz-19 |
| David Anderson-06 | Steve Komjathy-19 |
| George Vivlamore-06 | Rik Gessler-20 |
| Tom Baldrige-07 | David Maddox-22 |
| Barbara Metzger-07 | David Stull-23 |
| Kathy Jo Johnson-08 | Michael Gallupo-24 |
| Mati Cohen-09 | Steve Woodleif-24 |
| Ben Morris-10 | Ron Watkins-26 |
| Bill Upston-11 | Tyson Flynn-27 |
| Anthony Federico-12 | Rick Naranjio-27 |
| Liam Hinde-12 | Jeff Conyers-28 |
| Steve Kerman-13 | Paul Campbell-30 |
| Paul Wishner-13 | Brendan Devlin-30 |
| Bill Miller-14 | |
| Carl Alianiz-15 | |

Bits and Pieces



The Month of March had a full month of activity and it doesn't happen on its own. Police and Firefighters night was done very well and with finesse. Chairman Paul Stein a retired Fire Chief from L.A. County dotted all his I's and crossed all his T's to make this another great event. Past Elk of the year Jill Williams and her crew cooked up a feast that was well received. Trustee Steve Kerman and his posse had the delivering of hot food down to a science. He had help but I've learned if you start naming those that helped you always leave out someone and feelings are hurt, so I won't even try. For our Government Relations chairman that we **need** we had the Mayor of Thousand Oaks, Assembly women Jacqui Irwin and other state officials on site to hand out awards to the Police and Firefighters along with the lodge and Grand Lodge awards that were presented by those in charge of choosing the Police and Firefighter of the year. They all said the same thing. It's hard to choose for all the men and women on staff deserve the award. The Grand Lodge medallion was presented by Jr. Past Exalted Ruler Richard Platt. That was what he wanted his year as E.R. but with covid shut down was unable to.

Better late than never.

Editor

Our Saint Patrick's dinner was well attended. So well attended we ran out of food but Adam Smith on one of his last events as a member of this lodge went out and bought more food and everyone was fed. Changes may need to be made policy so we don't have confusion again.

The Thousand Oaks baseball Boosters came to us for help with a pitching machine the school was in need of. The idea was given to them to hold a spaghetti feed at the lodge. We supply the location, the food, the cooks and they supply the ticket sales and the servers. It worked well. Again Jill Williams and her crew (heard that name before) cooked up a great meal with meatballs and garlic bread. The baseball team Senior, JV and sophomore were on hand to deliver and clear tables. The Boosters had a silent auction and raffle prizes to raise the \$2,600 needed for the new machine. These boys were the nicest kids. You see a lot on television but these kids gave us hope. At the end of the night the final tally was \$2,400 after Jill Williams (there's that name again) shook everyone down for \$350. It was a good night and I thank the members that came out in support. We did show that Elks care-Elks Share.

Taco Tuesday was another first for our lodge and it was met with fanfare. The first Tuesday March 4th was gang busters. Led by outgoing Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking and his son Bryan, cooked up a Mexican flare that was great. The lines were long but well worth the wait. This continues every Tuesday every Month. We need you to take on a Tuesday night. Easy Peezy up and easy. See Carolyn Shipley to get on the calendar.



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 wood lot. Splitting, stacking and pickup when a tree comes available**
- 4, Breakfast and or dinner crews 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

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MAY 2023

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						
Monday	<p>1</p> <p>CONEJO VALLEY DAYS June 15 thru June 25 See flyer to sign-up NEED VOLUNTEERS :)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>TACO TUESDAY! 5:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>BUNCO NIGHT! Bunco 6pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Game Night \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Friday Night Dinner Ritual Contest TO performs 9am Donna's Chicken Enchiladas 5:30 pm \$10 Ritual Contest - Simi Valley</p>	<p>6</p> <p>BBQ Team Carlos KENTUCKY DERBY See Flyer for Info</p>
Tuesday	<p>7</p> <p>CHILI COOK OFF 11AM-5PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Lounge Closed</p>	<p>9</p> <p>PER Meeting 6pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Duty Officer: Reem Agel 805-402-6156</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Friday Night Dinner 5:30 pm \$10</p>	<p>12</p> <p>BBQ Team Bryan Elks BBQ Open to the Public Saturday 11am-2pm</p>
Wednesday	<p>13</p> <p>Elks BBQ Open to the Public Saturday 11am-2pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Lounge Closed</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Calendar Mtg 6pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Duty Officer: Steve Kerman 818-429-1692</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Friday Night Dinner Jill & Crew Fish Fry Dinner 5:30 pm \$10</p>
Thursday	<p>19</p> <p>BBQ Team Terry Elks BBQ Open to the Public Saturday 11am-2pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Elks BBQ Open to the Public Saturday 11am-2pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>See Flyer For Info</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Trustees Mtg 11am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>HC Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Duty Officer: Ed Lees 805-807-9159</p>
Friday	<p>25</p> <p>Friday Night Dinner Cook Your Own Various cuts/prices 5:30pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>BBQ Team Jill Elks BBQ Open to the Public Saturday 10am-2pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Game Night \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS</p>	<p>28</p> <p>New Member Initiation 7pm Burgers & Chips 5:30 pm \$8</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Duty Officer: Kathy Moye 805-443-0309</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Game Night \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS</p>
Saturday	<p>31</p> <p>Duty Officer: Dan Hoffman 818-822-2219</p>	<p>1</p> <p>TACO TUESDAY! 5:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Game Night \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BBQ Team Carlos Elks BBQ Open to the Public Saturday 10am-2pm</p>
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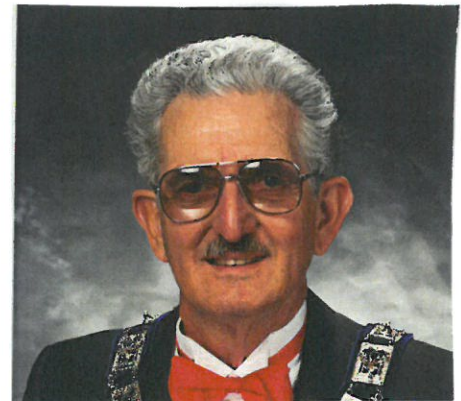
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Elks are never Forgotten, never Forsaken.

Lynn Rodriguez Sponsored by Myrna block was Initiated June 24th, 2009
Past Ladies President for two years 2013-2015
Worked with the youth for Easter, Christmas Party, Delivered Christmas baskets.
One of the powerhouse members of this lodge
15 year member, passed away April 13th 2023



Johnny D'Ambrogio initiated into Oxnard Elks Lodge in March 1982. Transferred to
Thousand Oaks in May 1996
Served as Exalted Ruler of Thousand Oaks 2001-2002
Worked the BBQ and served a special brew of coffee for those working the BBQ
41 year member passed away April 9th 2023



William "Bill" Lloyd 20 year Navy Veteran joined the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge
February 1979 sponsored by Ron Tolson.
Bill Served as Secretary for 13 years, was a past DDGER, Past SVP, Past DL
A 44 year member passed away March 22nd 2023





T.O.·Elks·Lodge·#2477·Annual ¶¶



·Kentucky·Derby·Party!¶¶

**Saturday¶
May·6,·2023,¶**



**Post-time·(approx)¶
3:45·pm.¶**

DRAWING·FOR·HORSES·APPROX.·2:30pm¶¶

Contact·Catherine·Koeritz·for·Derby·information·and¶¶

“Select·Opportunities”·805-402-2579¶¶