

Antler Antics



51 years of service to our community

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



State Convention was held in Rancho Mirage over the week of May 17th through the 20th

Pictured to the left is Exalted Ruler John Betancourt with the 2023-2024 Theme child Aushay with speech therapist Jocelyn Bishop. Aushay, his parents, Cameron and Nicole reside in Santa Rosa with a younger brother, Levi.

Aushay was diagnosed with Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome, which is a rare form of epilepsy in the summer of 2021. Aushay, at three years old was being taught sign language with the help of a specialist.

CHEMPI Speech Language Pathologist, Jocelyn Bishop began working with Aushay in March of 2022 when his family was finding it hard to locate resources to help with communication concerns.

Due to the pandemic Aushay had not returned to in person learning, the family was in desperate need of help. CEMPI makes house calls and Jocelyn is working on Aushay's goals to improve his social-pragmatic skills, and language.



June 3rd our Exalted Ruler participated in the Santa Maria Parade and Rodeo. I believe he was Bull riding? Lyssa Wright volunteered to drive her Jeep which she nick named the Purple Pig in the parade. Normally we take our train but no one volunteered to drive it. The same 20 volunteers get a bit burned out, even with an overnight stay at the Santa Maria Inn didn't get a rise out of anyone. You know its haunted? Our representation earns us points for the "All American Lodge Contest".

Applications to be balloted on July 12th, 2023.

Susan Martin-gym owner-sponsored by Gina Brittany Stone

Andrew Lanto- retired- sponsored by Mike Mathews

Sickness, Distress and Recovery.

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

Mary Woodlief recovering nicely from Bionic Women surgery. Will feel much better once the pain goes away.

Therapy is worse than the operation. Did get a walker out of it, so its not all bad. (oh a new knee)

Prayers for PER Mike and Mary Flannery.

PER Terry Baker fell at home, but is back upright and A.O.K.

Carol Fredericks down with Eye Infection.

Gayle Platt had a trip to the ER. She's home on the mend.

Roberta Kopacz at Los Robles for treatment.

Reports of sickness and distress are always in order

Recurring donors

Reem Agel

Dave Anderson

John Betancourt

Ed & Rita DaCorsi

Carol Frederick's

Art Garcia

Terry Gicking PER

Gerry Gillies

Peter Gordon

Brenda Hagen

Dan Hoffman

Sheryl Holloway

Diane Jones

Ed Lees

Greg Metzgus PER

Kathy Moye

Jim Moye PER

David Naccarato

PER

Richard Platt PER

Alexandra Rogers

Paul Stein

Greg Sweet

"Dee" Thomas

Lyssa Wright



At State Convention our lodge donated **\$21,437** to the State Major Project. Every State Association has a Major Project. California/ Hawaii is Therapy for disabled children from 6 months to 18 years of age. All paid for by the Purple Pigs we have around the lodge and those members listed here. Our per capita was **\$50.20** per member. All the lodges in Calif./Hawaii donated **4.1 million**. We did good this year. Dan Hoffman is the lodge and district Major Project Chairman. But it all starts over again, starting now. Become a recurring donor and you won't even miss the \$5, \$10, or \$20 each month.

Plus it is a 501-© - 3 tax deductible donation.

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Bobby Williams

Jean and Gregg Miraglia

Darryl Kopacz

Paul Stein

Ben Rieger

Lyssa Wright (Century Club x3)

Catherine Koeritz (Kentucky Derby)

Jan Robles

Brenda Hagen

Special Thanks;

Darryl "Duke" Kopacz Donated \$100 to Scholarship

Bobby Williams & Gerry Gillies donated \$60 to scholarship.

Crying Towel

May 10th capsule draw \$250.00 Kelly Jo Reed not present.

Lucky 13 \$45 Lyssa Wright, no winner

May 24th Capsule drawing \$275.00 Richard Kopel Not Present.

Lucky 13 \$60 Robert "Bobby" Williams no ace 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

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Elk of the month

Delores "Dee" Thomas

Rick Herrera, who seems to have an eye, for quality members sponsored Dee Thomas. Dee has been a great member and jumped right in going to meetings, helping the BBQ and the kitchen. She also is a recurring donor for the Major Project. Thanks Dee.

Officer of the month

Lyssa "Is" Wright

Lyssa Wright volunteered her Purple Jeep, nicknamed name the Purple Pig and provided transportation for our Exalted Ruler to participate in the Santa Maria Parade on June 3rd. Lyssa Wright is the lodge Americanism Chairperson.



John Gantzvein presenting lodge check for 50/50 drawing donation to Brad Olsen Finance Secretary for Copline. John a retired detective mans the phones for Copline. Copline is for officers to call and receive active listening. [Copline, an officers lifeline](#).

Exalted Ruler's Page

John Betancourt

Happy Fourth of July! A day we celebrate and to be proud that we live in a great country such as ours. Enjoy this great day with family and friends.

As your Exalted Ruler, I will be attending the 158th Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis Minnesota from July 2nd to the 5th. This will be a good time, meeting other ER's from all over the country and attending various Grand Lodge sessions giving us the tools we need so we can come home and make our lodges a place that will attract new members. It will be a time to meet and exchange idea's with the other E.R.'s from our district and other state's.

The last 3 months have been an eye opener for me as your Exalted Ruler. I am very grateful for all the support from my officers, the PER Association and the membership as a whole. I know that going forward we will have a great rest of the year.

In closing, (or as they say my "good by tour") to all of the Elks who have worked so hard with what you do for our lodge. The BBQ teams, the Friday night dinners and Sunday Breakfasts as well as "taco Tuesday" and Thursday night hotdogs and hamburgers. The Mother's Day and Father Day brunches. To all those who volunteered for Conejo Valley Day's in showing what a great BBQ and the fun we have at Thousand Oaks Elks demonstrating what a lodge is all about, Thank You.

Have a great summer and be safe.

John Betancourt
Exalted Ruler

District Vice President Brian Hayden was born in Bakersfield in 1956. Joined the Santa Barbara Elks lodge in 1983. Brian a firefighter retired from the Santa Barbara Fire department after 34 years and got involved in the lodge going through the chairs and became Exalted Ruler in 2015-2016. Brian's wife Betsy also has served as Exalted Ruler 2020-2023. Year 2016-2017 Brian received Elk of the year honors.

Brian has served as Scouting and Veterans Service chairman, a position he still holds today. Brian served the district in the same roles plus was Esquire to DDGER Ed Martin 2020-2021. Brian Served as BLT chairman 2021-2022. Voted Officer of the year 2013-2014. As Leading Knight Brian was awarded the Grand Exalted Ruler's service award.



Brian Hayden Asso. V.P.

CHEA President Ted Talbot was born in Beaumont Texas, family relocated to Torrance where he graduated High School. Ted served in the Navy and was discharged in 1972. Ted joined the Torrance Elks Lodge in 1992 and became Exalted Ruler 1998-1999. He served as Secretary 1999-2000 and was Chairman of many District Committees.

Ted served as Esquire to the DDGER Bill Mounday 2001-2002 and became CHEA Vice President in 2007-2008. Served as DDGER himself in 2012-2013.

Ted Talbot fell in love with the Elks Ritual and served many aspects as judge and Tri-District Ritual training Chairman.

Ted assisted 1st Vice President Robert Duitsman 2017-2018 and was aide to Robert Duitsman as he held the Grand Exalted Ruler position for year 2019-2020. Ted joined the CHEMPI board in 2020. His term will ended 2022. Under Brad Smith Ted served as VP and will now be President for 2023-2024. He met his wife Jeanie in 1999 and were married at the Grand Lodge Convention in 2002 which was held in Reno, Nevada. Ted and Jeanie are honored to serve CHEA and will see us soon.



Ted Talbot
CHEA President

Ron Watkins; Leading Knight

Charity

Greetings fellow elks! Charity is the corner stone of the Benevolent and Protective Order Of Elks. We raise money to give to those that can use some the help. Many organizations such as our schools are under funded and need help. We held a spaghetti dinner fund raiser for Thousand Oaks High School to help them secure some sports equipment they desperately needed. All lodges in California & Hawaii support the Purple Pig, the "State Major Project". The lodges raise over 4 million annually. Brenda who is one of our recurring donors received recognition for hitting the \$5,000 milestone. She is not in it for the recognition but for the children it helps. We employ 35 therapist and make house calls to aid disabled children from 6 months to 18 years of age. We cover the therapist car, gas, insurance and further training. We also support our Veterans and seniors. We have a 3rd grade dictionary program. With the internet, many kids don't have a book in the home. When a 4th or fifth grader see us coming back for the next 3rd grade class, they run to us with dictionary in hand Shouting "I still have it". What they seem to like the most is the longest word in the English Language. It has 1,909 letters and is the term for formula C1289H2051N343037558. A Tryptophan synthetase (A) protein, an enzyme that has 267 amino acids. (Now your smarter than a 3rd grader.)

The untimely death of Lynn Rodriguez hit us all hard. Lynn had a successful succulent business that she sold all over the United States. She had a whole greenhouse filled with plants and Rick Herrera who was/is a school teacher in horticulture volunteered to go over and inventoried what she had and help Leo clear it out. Rick sold the remaining plants and the money went to the Manna food bank just one street over, in Lynns name. Through grants that we have earned through the ENF program, we are able to donate to Manna, Food Share and the 101st air borne



Brenda Hagen receives the \$5,000 milestone plaque in donations to the Major Project/ Purple Pig. With Brenda, is Major Project Chairman Dan Hoffman and Esquire Terry Gicking.

at Pt. Mugu. Before the pandemic we would deliver food baskets to the needy in Thousand Oaks. How the program will work this coming year we will have to wait and see. With HIPPA we may not be able to receive names and addresses but we always find a way to make it work. Senior Concerns is another group that we support with grocery cards. We did bring them food but found that many were on a strict diet and could not eat what we brought. Food was given to others that could use it. Scouting is another area where we help. True we are unable to charter Scout troops but we still can support them. We house their equipment for their yearly camp Jamboree. The camp needed repair and we were able to help with funds and labor. All this takes donations from our members. Remember *Elks Care - Elks share.*

From the Club Coordinator

Hello Elks,

My name is William Brown and I have tended bar at Elks Lodge #2477 since last August 1st. I recently have been promoted to Club Coordinator overseeing the day-to-day operations at the bar, kitchen and game room. One of the first things I did was create a menu of Spring Signature cocktails. With this menu we are offering a Tommy's Margarita that uses agave syrup, lime juice and bitters,

A Bourbon Smash with fresh mint and lemon juice.

Aa classic Bee's Knee's with gin, honey syrup and lemon juice and finally a Gimlet with fresh lime juice and simple syrup. Soon we sadly say goodbye to spring and hello to summer, which means a menu of summer signature cocktails.

As I am currently working on that menu, all I can say about the summer drinks is, "They will be sweet, fresh, and delicious and I hope you like them." Everyone at the lounge looks forward to you coming by soon and having a tasty drink, some delicious food, and enjoy a room full of your friends. We'll see you Tuesday for some tacos, Wednesday for Bunco Night or a Meeting, Thursday for Game Night with hamburgers and hot dogs, Friday for a wonderful dinner prepared by some great Elk cooks and Saturday for barbeque and a drink. We can't wait to see you.

All the best,

William Brown



Looks Tasty, Yum!

Member Recognition



Karen Abbitt with donation to Blue Star Moms \$470 for Kabul 13



Don Halvorson for flag Educate



Steve Kammerer for Century Club

Carolyn Shipley Loyal Knight

Lodge Activities

Memorial Day Festivities Decorating the Memorial Garden



Getting in the Patriotic spirit, Ed Lees, Laurie Fredericks Bryan Gicking, Terry Gicking.



Laurie Fredericks with Paul Stein Submariner and demolition expert.



What are you staring at?



Trustee Ed Lees, Derby hat winner Laurie Fredericks, Outstanding member winner Bryan Gicking, and two time DDGER Terry Gicking adding a final touch.



Terry, walking the tight rope. Behind the camera Jill Williams.

Flag Retirement Service

June 2023



Chaplain, Rita DaCorsi
Leading in Prayer



Master of ceremonies
PER Terry Gicking



Members and guests Honoring the Flag



Receiving
Lyssa Wright



Service worn
Ron Watkins



Flags
Dan Hoffman



Rick Herrera
In honor of a loved one.



Flag Retirement crew



Dave Anderson
Navy Seabee, first in, last out



Ed DaCorsi Granddaughter, a Marine



Dee Thomas



Paul Radomski



District Leader Greg Metzger
In memory of Father, Uncle &



Faye Stevens
With Daughter and husband

Replacing a Service Worn Flag

At our general meeting held on June 14th, Flag Day, at the time for the flag salute Leading Knight, Ron Watkins, standing in for ER John Betancourt instructed everyone to head out to the Flag pole. The attendee's gathered around the Flag pole to replace a service worn and wrong size Flag. While out there we gave the pledge of allegiance as Gerry Gillies hoisted the flag. Associate member Adam Smith directed everyone to get the perfect shot.



Watching the Flag raising of a new flag



Raising old glory



Giving direction, associate member

Adam Smith



How many Elks does it take to raise a flag?



Mason Nauenburg Lecturing Knight- Veterans



July Birthday's

- Karen Abbitt-02
- David Blackburn-02
- Joe Escobar-02
- Edward Ratzlaff-04
- Don Booker-05
- Steve Santa-05
- Steven Brodie-06
- Michael Flannery-10
- Steve Kammerer-10
- Marian Anderson-12
- Sean Casey-13
- Bob Stevens-15
- Larry Lowman-16
- Ronald Maddox-16
- Shannon Celia-17
- James Cordell-19
- Corey Rose-20
- Daniel Hawkins-20
- Gregory Lockwood-20
- Greg Sweet-20
- Gary Harman-21
- Debra Hawthorne-22
- Alexandra Rogers-23
- Ralph Sherwood-24
- Diane Jones-25
- James Moye-26
- Jeff Vargo-27
- Walter Egan Jr.-28
- David Grannis-28
- John Buxbaum-30
- Richard Newkirk-30
- John Perry-30
- Richard Case-31
- Greg Sincock-31

Our flag retirement service was kicked off first by the Blue Star Mom's. The Blue Star Mom's are Mothers with Children serving in Active Duty. They put on a breakfast and direct the proceeds to go to our Military service members.

This Sunday's Breakfast is being donated to the "Kabul 13", and what is interesting about it is we had exactly 13 Veterans come for breakfast, The Kabul 13 are those who were killed by the suicide bomber at the Kabul airport. One of the Groups Mothers had a son who was to stand watch at that very location but was asked to move to another spot at the airport, just seconds before the bomb went off.

The flag retirement service went off at 12:15, there was a lot more room for more members. The Elks are the only organization that is mandated by Grand Lodge to Honor our flag. Next year it's the Sunday before June 14th, plug it into your phone now.



Abby Weir, brother in basic, Looks like Kate Beckinsale



Nice Decorating Blue Star Mom's



Faye Stevens
With Daughter and husband



Reem Agel, Diane Letulier



Women in charge Karen Abbitt
with Dave Anderson

The Kabul 13. Service members killed in Afghanistan attack.

Marine corps;

Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, 25, of Lawrence Massachusetts assigned to the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. Her service was crucial to evacuating Thousand of women and children, epitomizes what it means to be a marine.

Sgt. Nicole L. Gee, 23 of Sacramento calif., assigned to combat logistics Battalion 24, 24th Marine Expeditionary unit. She was ground electronics transmission systems maintainer.

Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover 31 of salt Lake Utah infantry leader.

Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22 of Indio, California, a rifleman

Cpl. Daegan W. Page, 23 of Omaha, Nebraska, a rifleman.

Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez, 23 of Logansport, Indiana, a Rifleman.

Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza, 20 of Rio Bravo Texas, a rifleman

Lance Cpl. Jarad M. Schmitz, 20 of St. Charles, Missouri, a rifleman.

Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, 20 of Jackson Wyoming, a rifleman

Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, 20, of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., a rifleman.

Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikouri, 20, of Norco Calif. Assigned to 2nd battalion, 1st marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton.

Navy;

Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak 22, of Berlin Heights, Ohio, assigned to 1st marine Regiment. His last text to his Mother was "don't worry Mom my guys got me."

Army:

Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knass, 23, of Corryton, Tennessee. Ft Bragg, North Carolina

A Thursday Attack outside the Hamid Karzai International airport Kabul, Afghanistan, killed 13 u.s. service members Supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel.



US Army Chaplain Receives the Medal of Honor

Ray Kapaun was born and raised in Pilsen, Kansas and from an early age was taught God and country. With this background, he always desired to serve God as a clergy, but never did he imagine having his pulpit the United States Military.

The draft was a “given” during the 1940’s and 50’s and the Korean war was the theatre that many young men were assigned to give their all for Freedom.

Kapaun, and a Military doctor were at the front lines with his company as these brave soldiers fought the enemy (i.e., Communism) under severe weather and lack of ammunition. Finally, his company, realizing they lost the battle, retreated.

Chaplain Kapaun, however, chose to stay with his injured soldiers. Those soldiers that remained were to be executed at the spot, but Kapaun with complete disregard of his personal safety an unwavering resolve, convinced the Korean Captain to spare the men. As a result of his persuasion, the enemy walked these POWs over fifty miles to their new home, concentration camp #5. Here Kapaun helped nurse the wounded, both U.S. and Korean, and shared in the fight for survival and to keep up morale.

The bitter cold and starvation took many a soldier, but these men died in the arms of Reverend Kapaun as he prayed for their souls. He shared their austere lives and even gave his own meager nourishment to the sick. He eventually was assigned to the “hospital” where there were no doctors, and no one to nurse or help these dying soldiers except for Kapaun.

On May 23, 1951, Father Ray Kapaun was taken home to be with his Heavenly Father. He was buried in a mass grave with his comrades near a Chinese pagoda along the Yalu River.

Several years later, when hostilities ended and the United States arranged for the return of soldiers’ remains, the rocks and debris that Private Hansen buried Father Kapaun’s body alerted the Chinese to the specific site, which was well above the river’s flood plain. His remains were one of approximately 560 Americans whose relatively intact remains were returned from Camp 5 in 1954 and brought to the National Memorial.



About 70 of these soldiers, including Father Kapaun, were not identified at the time, and his remains lay there for years beneath a plaque marked “Unknown”.

Eventually, the military laboratory, in its quest to identify their unnamed heroes, came upon the remains of Kapaun and on March 4, 2021, with “100% certainty”, matched not only the skeleton’s DNA, but also his teeth, height and age to Father Kapaun.

Later that year, Father Kapaun’s nephew traveled to Honolulu to reclaim his uncle’s body. The POW survivors of Camp 5 – by this time in their 90’s - fondly remember Father Kapaun and his fearless efforts to protect his comrades from the terrible abuse they endured. They will never forget the opportunity to spend time privately in the presence of their beloved chaplain’s remains and to celebrate after decades Kapaun’s heroism in the Korean War. President Lincoln officially declared that non-commissioned officers were rightly eligible to receive this highest award of honor and four Civil War clergy, and four clergy thereafter from World War I to Viet Nam have been bestowed this honor. Father Ray Kapaun was one of them. In April 2013, the White House acknowledged his contribution and awarded him posthumously the Medal of Honor. Soldiers from the U.S. Army’s 1st Cavalry Division carried the remains of Emil Kapaun into St. John Nepomucene Church in Pilsen, Kansas. Attending were the pole bearers that served with him proudly.

This month on July 4th, we celebrate our own Freedom in this country. Individually, we may be insignificant, but together, as Elks, we represent what this country stands for: God and Country and the virtues that make this order great –Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. As a first-generation American, a Christian, a baby boomer, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, I celebrate all these brave men and women who, for the past several hundred years fought for FREEDOM and to make sure we can celebrate July 4th for several hundred years to come.

Rita DaCorsi, Your Chaplain



2023-2024 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler-John Betancourt
Leading Knight-Ron Watkins
Loyal Knight-Carolyn Shipley
Lecturing Mason Nauenburg
Secretary-David Naccarato
Treasurer-Richard Platt
Esquire-Terry Gicking
Chaplain-Rita DaCorsi
Inner Guard-Lyssa Wright
Tiler-Gregg Miraglia

2023-2024 TRUSTEES

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



Elk of the year—

Gregg Miraglia

Officer of the year—

John Betancourt

Citizen of the year—

Vinny Ciullini

Grand Exalted Ruler

Outstanding Members—

Kathy Moye

Bryan Gicking

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 Sleight*
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
22-23 Terry Gicking

***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**

Lodge Committee Chairpersons.

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Sickness, distress and recovery; Alex Rogers
Wood Lot; Greg Sweet
Youth Activities; Mason Nauenberg

Bits and Pieces



Jesse Garcia from Arizona was visiting the area and stayed at our RV site and took the time to split wood for the BBQ team. Thank you Jesse.

We had to cancel a couple "Taco Tuesday's" for no one had volunteered to prepare that "Taco Tuesday". We are a volunteer organization and no one is paid to work in the kitchen. If you have enjoyed a "Taco Tuesday," maybe you can volunteer for a Tuesday to keep this popular event going on further. Just let our Loyal Knight Carolyn Shipley know you are interested and she will get you on the calendar. All Expenses are picked up by the lodge, we just need your time and efforts.

Thank you to those who set up and planned the Memorial Service for Lynn Rodriguez. It meant a lot to Leo.

Our Woodlot volunteers work in the morning to beat the heat.

They will need help to finish before the heat comes this Summer. Would you consider some good honest hard labor for your lodge, call the office and I'll get you in touch with Greg Sweet our "Branch Manager" .

Lodge Trustee's busy moving money in low interest bank accounts to higher percentage earning accounts. Keeping watch over lodge finances.

Speaking of lodge finances, we just got back from Convention. The Exalted Ruler had his own room but the other 3 officers, wanting to save the lodge money got one room with two beds and a couch. We drew straws on who got the couch, I lost but its ok those beds in a disabled assessable room are so high I would not be able to get in it anyway. So we each put in \$100 to cover the \$300 room cost but later that day it was discovered that the room was only \$250. The concierge sent the bell hop to our room to refund us \$50 which he gave to us in 5 \$10 bills. We each received one of the \$10 which made our cost \$90. We told the bell-hop to get us some extra towels and bottled water and we would give him a \$20 tip since we could not split the money evenly. The bell-hop took us up on it. Then I got to thinking, \$90 times 3 is \$270 plus the \$20 tip, comes to \$290. Question, where's the other \$10? Let me know.

Editor

A great time was had by all. Thursday evening, we all met for hors d' oeuvres. We had lots of great food, beverages, conversation and laughs.

That evening Lyssa Wright brought out several flavors of Crown Royal. Several of the ladies really enjoyed the different flavors, if you know what I mean.

Friday the serious gamblers got together. The first bet was a pool on what time AL Centanni would show up. Tammy Maddox guessed the correct time and won \$50.00. The rest of the afternoon was spent playing dice games like Right, left Center, Ship Captain and Crew and 3's Away. (all illegal) Once again, to the dismay of the group Ron and Tammy Maddox were the big winners.

Friday evening all but a couple of people went to the SB Elks dinner. BBQ ribs and fish were served. We all agreed the meals were delicious. Great Job Santa Barbara Elks.

Again, while we were all around the fire pit, Lyssa brought out the flavored Crown Royal. Cheryl and I really enjoyed the Peach Crown Royal.

Her new nick name is Peaches.

Saturday was another day of good conversing sitting in a circle and had many laughs. The corn hole boards were brought out and the games began. Jim Moye' and Rik Gessler very narrowly beat myself and Ron Maddox and became the champs of Santa Barbara.

During the late afternoon we all met and Sheriff Ron Maddox, slammed everyone. Good job Ron. 2 free campouts were won by Sue Osgood. Yes, she won both campouts, and the 50/50 was won by Marie Centanni.

The highlight of the evening was the pasta dinner made by Al Centanni. You couldn't find any better pasta in all of Italy. Thank You Al. The dinner was topped off with Cheryl's delicious cannoli treats.

That evening stuffed from dinner and desert we all enjoyed the fire pit and conversation.

Restfully Submitted

Paul Stein, Wagon Master.



Cheryl, Pick on someone your own size



Looks like a rowdy Group. I can make out a few, let's see how many I get right. Rt & around, Lyssa, Cheryl, Jim, Jane,?, Jimmy, Kathy, ?, Diane, James, Ron, Tammy, Bodo (that was my Shepards name.)





**Now is the time to be an involved member.
The lodge runs on volunteer help no one is paid here.**

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 or taco Tuesday dinner crews needed. This is your lodge, it is a volunteer system. Get on board, make us proud.**
- 5, Thursday Night Burgers and Hotdogs. Can't get any easier than that. Lodge picks up the costs. Just need your time and labor.**

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

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Lounge Hours
Sunday: Noon - 6pm
Sunday (if Breakfast): 10am - 6pm
Tues - Fri: 3pm - 8pm (closed Mon)
Saturday: Noon - 6pm



EXALTED RULER AT ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION - MINNEAPOLIS



Lounge Closed



Lodge Meeting 6pm

Duty Officer: John Belancourt 805-551-4450

Friday Night Dinner
Cook Your Own
Various cuts/prices
5:30pm



BBQ Team Terry

Lounge Closed



HC Meeting 7pm

Duty Officer: Terry Glicking 805-231-9788

PIN NIGHT!
Fish & Chips
Jill and Crew
5:30 pm \$12



BBQ Team Jill

PP 3pm - 7pm
Lodge & Game Rooms

Veterans Breakfast



Lounge Closed



New Member Initiation 7pm
Burgers & Chips
5:30 pm \$8

GAME NIGHT 6pm

Friday Night Dinner
Diane & Crew
Lagoon Chicken
Salad, roll & dessert
5:30 pm \$12



BBQ Team PERS

Breakfast
Kampers Breakfast
10am - noon

Lounge Closed

New Member Orientation 7pm

Duty Officer: Reem Agel 805-402-6156

GAME NIGHT 6pm



BBQ Team Carlos

ER @ Grand Lodge
BBQ Team Bryan



BBQ Team Carlos



BBQ Team Terry

PP Set-Up 4pm

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