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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 — Spring to New Heights with Elkdom!

We Will Never Forget



9/11 Timeline

Background

1931, Mohammed Bin Laden forms the Saudi Bin Laden Group. The largest construction firm in the middle east and makes him a billionaire.

1939 The New York World Fair includes an exhibit entitled the "World Trade Center."

1946 instead of approving building the World Trade Center, New York opted to modernize the city's existing ports.

1957 the son of Mohammed, Osama Bin Laden is born in Riyadh

1959 David Rockefeller revives the idea of the "World Trade Center".

1966 construction begins on the World Trade Center,

1970 North Tower is complete.

1973 South tower is complete.

1976-1980 Bin Laden is radicalized while attending Abdulaziz University majoring in business administration.

1978 Soviet Union invades Afghanistan

1988 Bin Laden forms a computer data base of Islamist Militants, founding al-Qaeda.

1990 Governments of north and south Yemen merge together. Bin Laden disrupts the unification process.

1993; Raszi Yousef plants bombs in the parking garage of the world trade center.. 6 dead, thousand+ injured.

1997 Zakariyah arrives in Germany and starts recruitment of terrorists.

1998 Bill Clinton warned, Bin Laden preparing to hijack US aircraft inside the US.

1999 Germany monitors call to 9/11 hijacker al-Shehhi, shares information with the CIA. Germans monitors call mentioning key al-Qaeda Hamburg cell members, including 9/11 hijacker Atta's full name and number. Three hijackers obtained US visas. Hani Hanjour obtains pilot's license, despite dubious skills, President Clinton warned about al-Qaeda operatives living in the U.S.

Watch list importance is stressed but procedures are not followed. NSA tells CIA about planned al-Qaeda Summit involving future hijackers.

2000 al-Qaeda summit in Malaysia, pilots head to the United States and attend flight training schools.

2001 remaining hijackers go to the United States. Zacarias Moussaoui is arrested, rest of hijackers flee Germany.

9/11

7:59 AM American Airlines Flight 11 takes off from Boston Logan International Airport bound for L.A.

8:14 AM Flight 11 is hijacked.

8:14 AM United Airlines Flight 175 takes off from Boston Logan, also bound for L.A.

8:20 AM American Airlines flight 77 takes off from Washington Dulles International also bound for L.A.

8:42 AM United Flight 93 takes off from Newark International Airport, bound for San Francisco Int.

8:42-46 AM Flight 175 is hijacked.

8:46:40 AM Flight 11 crashes into the North Tower between the 93rd and 99th floors.

8:50-54 AM Flight 77 is hijacked.

9:03:02 AM Flight 175 crashes into the South Tower between the 77th and 85th floors.

9:28 AM Flight 93 is hijacked.

9:37:46 AM Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon.

9:59 AM The south tower collapses

10:03:11 AM Flight 93 crashes into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania due to heroic's of the passengers.

10:28:22 The North Tower collapses.

Rest of September

September 13th On personal orders from Queen Elizabeth, the "Star Spangled Banner" is played during the changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace, marking the first time a foreign anthem was played outside Buckingham Palace on an occasion other than a state visit. Russia observed a minute's silence.

September 14th – 21st : Worldwide Stock Markets plummet.

September 20th President George W. Bush announces that the US is at war.

And beyond

October 7th U.S. attack on Afghanistan commences.

March 2002; The tribute in light project begins.

September 11th 2002 first Anniversary of September 11th attacks, commemorations are held throughout the world particularly in the U.S.

May 2nd 2011 Osama Bin Laden is located and eliminated by Seal Team 6.

Exalted Ruler John Betancourt's Page

Antler Antic's, Auditing & accounting, BBQ, membership, facilities, PER Association.

Henry Schmitz is our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for 2023-2024. Our visitation will be December 13th. Add it to your calendar so we can have a good showing.

Louis "Henry" Schmitz was born April 14th, 1981, in Templeton, California. Henry held leadership roles from the age of 9 in 4-H and into High School with the "Future farmers of America" (FFA). Henry attended and graduated from Paso Robles high school in 1999. He attended California Polytechnic University and was recruited by a water purification company that had him working all over the world, such as China, middle East, Europe, and the Caribbean, just to name a few. Henry has many patents filed with the patent office and partnered with Habitat for Humanity and Peoples Self Help Housing.

In 2007 Henry started his own plumbing business which he still runs today. Married in 2020, he and Trinda welcomed Louis "David" Schmitz in 2023.

Henry's Elks adventures started in 2015 when he joined the Paso Robles Elks Lodge #2364. He quickly jumped into the Tiler Position making his way to Exalted Ruler in 2018-2019. As Leading Knight in 2017 he was awarded Officer of the year. After his term as E.R. he was elected to the board of Trustee's and has served as chairman ever since. Henry has served the District as Vice Chairman and Chairman of Lodge Activities, Ritual contest, ENF, and Grants. Henry served as Esquire to DDGER David Martin in 2021-2022.

Henry Served as Association Vice president during the 2022-2023 Elk Year.



The Grand Exalted Ruler for 2023-2024 is Randy Shook who took over at the Grand Lodge Convention July 2nd thru the 5th.

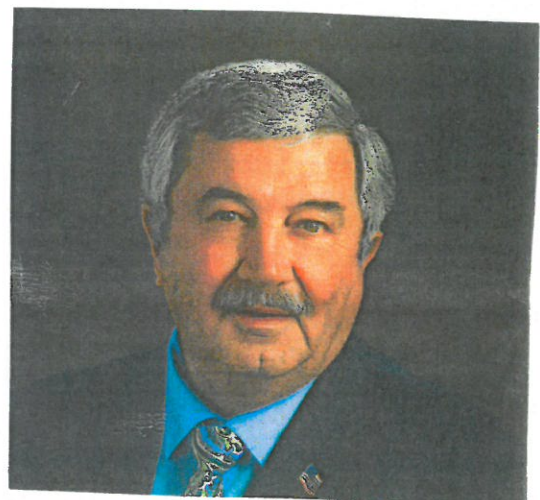
Randy was born November 25th and worked the family farm. Randy graduated high school in 1974. In 1977 he changed direction and went to work for Genesco, a shoe manufacturer and became manager in 1982. Also while at Genesco Randy met the love of his life, Wanda and they have been together since 1982.

In 1984, Randy discovered his vocation while studying Real Estate, Banking and Economics at Columbia State Community College. Randy served as President of the Southern Middle Tennessee Board of Realtors in 1989. He founded his company, "Appraisals Plus" in 1992. He works side by side with son "Billy" and niece Kristy to this day.

Randy was initiated into Lawrenceburg Lodge #2206 in 1993. He served as Loyal Knight in 1995-1996 then right into Exalted Ruler 1996-1997, 1998-1999 and moved into Trustee position 1999-2001. Randy was voted Elk of the year 2008-2009.

He started with the State Association in 1998-1998, 2000-2001 as Vice President and served as state president 2005-2006 and has been with the State Association ever since.

At the Grand Lodge level he started as Esquire to the DD in 2000-2001 and then served as DD himself during 2002-2003. Randy served as Secretary and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Trustee's. With all this, Randy still had time to be a 32nd degree Mason. Randy has been a Shriner for over 30 years, busy guy. His theme this year is "We are the Elks" if interested in his full biography see David in the office and he will give you a copy.



Applications to be investigated and balloted September 13th

Penny Williams-Retired radiologist- sponsored by Suzanne Osgood

Rose Barrington transferring to Eustis, FL lodge #1578

Transfer of David Tostenson from Canoga Park to Thousand Oaks

Steven Ondak- Telecom- sponsored by David MacFarland

Gunther Rasmussen to transfer to Thousand Oaks from Virgin Utah

Lauryn Cooper-Physician Assistant- sponsored by Dan Hoffman

Sickness, Distress and Recovery.

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

Paula Williams, Chemo therapy.

Rose Barrington, daughter of Bill Joseph is waiting on a heart transplant.

Dan Hoffman, back issue's.

David Fell on his head. What else can go wrong?

Jasmine Silvestre's son is fighting the fires in Maui.

Reports of sickness and distress are always in order

Recurring donors

Reem Agel

Dave Anderson PEOTY

Tom Baldrige (newest)

John Betancourt ER

Ed & Rita DaCorsi

Carol Fredericks

Art Garcia

Terry Gicking PDDGER

Gerry Gillies PEOTY

Peter Gordon

Brenda Hagen

Rick Herrera (newest)

Dan Hoffman PER

Sheryl Holloway

Diane Jones

Ed Lees

Greg Metzgas DL

Kathy Moyer PEOTY

Jim Moyer PER

David Naccarato PER

Richard Platt PER

Alexandra Rogers

Carol Spinner

Paul Stein

Greg Sweet

Delores "Dee" Thomas

Lyssa is Wright



Purple Pig Honor Roll

Bobby Williams

Jean and Gregg Miraglia

Darryl Kopacz (Century Club)

Ben Rieger

Travis Huffman

Eva Huffman

Robert Harmon

Yvonne & Roger Markel

Shannon Celia

Greg Metzgas

Richard Platt

Lyssa Wright

Rick Herrera

Crying Towel

July 12 capsule draw \$325.00 Ralph Sherwood not present.

Lucky 13 \$75 Ron Watkins, no winner

July 26 Capsule drawing \$350.00 John Betancourt. Winner!!!!

Lucky 13 \$90 Dan Hoffman. No Ace, no winner



Lodge Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 4:00PM-9:30PM

Friday's, Wednesday's *may* be open later. Up to the Bar Steward.

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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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/79599886093> (Elk members only access)

<https://www.facebook.com/ThousandOaksElks2477/> (Public page)

Twitter: Follow: @1KOaks2477 Instagram: Follow: toelks2477

Online Event Ticket Sales: <https://2477elks.square.site/>

STARTING SEPTEMBER 11th LOUNGE OPEN MONDAYS 4-9:30 FOR MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL.



From the Club Coordinator



Hello Elks,

September is packed with lots of fun events and a few surprises to share with your friends.

Come on down to the Lodge and enjoy our always popular Taco Tuesdays, Thursday Chili Dogs and Cheeseburgers, Friday Dinners, and Saturday BBQ. We will play Bunko on Wednesday September 6th and Thursday nights a group gathers to play darts. Also, put this on your calendar, Friday the 22nd we are doing Karaoke with Scott. The fun begins at 7:00pm when a robust group of singers belt out their favorite songs.

Everyone is ready for this, September is the return of the NFL and Monday Night Football. Remember the lounge is open on Monday's starting September 11th with a great AFC East matchup between the Buffalo Bills and the New York Jets. This battle of New York state will be Aaron Rodgers' debut at QB for the Jets. A couple of other surprises are drink specials at the bar and Streaker Dogs and potato salad for dinner. At halftime we will do a short ceremony for the 22nd anniversary of 9/11. Do come down and join us for all of the fun, food and drinks.

William Brown
Club coordinator

Ron Watkins Leading Knight- Charity



Donation to James Store House in Newbury Park. From crib to college James Store House assists youth out of foster care to being on their own with essential needs. Also it's a safe haven for parental visitations. Here John Betancourt and Reem Agel present a check from a 50/50 that was held at the lodge. Our last diaper dash held earlier in the year went to this non profit.



Center is Casey Boggiano accepting a \$10,000 milestone for donations to the Major Project from member Art Garcia.

Dan Hoffman Is our Major Project Chairman and Terry Gicking our esquire whose in the picture for eye candy. Hey I fell on my head I don't know what I'm saying.

VOLUNTEER



CHARITY



Loyal Knight Carolyn Shipley

Lodge Activities, Kitchen. Veterans



Streaker Dog Wagon at Conejo valley Days. This year after a 2 year hiatus we were back for 8 day's at Conejo Valley Days. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped us out. A few we should have had a cot set up, for they were there every day bell to bell. It was a lot of fun and the grille we found in the trailer we purchased from the Kiwanis (thank you very much) worked out well. Just my size and I was getting pretty good at it, cooking hotdogs. 8 burners wow.

New member Robert Harmon and wife Elizabeth, no fear, when it was slow , went out into the crowd with samples and soon we had a line. Great Job. Brett Taylor ran inference for us. Bev Reis fed the Police and Bryan Gicking and Lyssa Wright looked death in the face and rode the ride, "the loop". No thanks, By the way their still with us. If I start naming key personnel I'll just get in trouble. Thank You everyone. I few changes are in the works for next year which should make it better and busier. Next year all hands on deck.

We had a nice set up. Our own sink and wash area and restrooms just behind us. We did need to purchase a hand wash station with hot water and under pressure to be compliant. It needed to be in the tent where food was prepared. Looks and works well. Terry Gicking built a rolling cart for it and we passed inspection with flying colors. Thank you Terry.



September Birthday's

David Bush-02
Julie Cook-03
Daniel Hoffman PER-03
John Mutolo-03
Juan Garcia Lopez-04
Thomas Ryder PDDGER-04
Len Cardoni-06
Ed Jones-06
Dorothy Murray-07
Christen Perez-07
Bill Dennison-10
Jean Miraglia PER-10
Larry Zarybnicky-11
Kathee two E Wilson-12
Dennis Anderson-13
Christine Rundle-15
John Wendling-18
Steve Henderson-21
Juanita Feamster-22
Michael Griffiths-22
Stella Violano-23
Michael Badner-24
Kenneth Davis-24
Robert Harmon-24
Boyd Lindquist-24
Marshall Knowlton-26
Steve Buczynski-28
Brian Boals-29
John Nau PER-29
Reem Nicole, Agel-30

Free drink on your birthday
Complements of Exalted Ruler
John Betancourt

Veterans BINGO July 14th, August 11th

We were finally given the go ahead to revisit building 99 at the Sepulveda VA to play Bingo. A team went down July 14th.

We bring snacks and fruit, and the best part is everybody wins. We pay cash money, well quarters. They like the change because it can be used in the vending machines. They were so appreciative.

The Bingo is headed up by Veteran Marshall Knowlton. With him went Terry Gicking, and Veteran Douglas Morrison. For the first month back we had 10 attendees and 1 staff member. Any interest let the office know. The crew is pretty much set. But last-minute replacements are always needed.



On August 11th Thousand Oaks hosted the 2nd Veterans BINGO. We had 13 Veterans and two staff members.

Representing Thousand Oaks Elks lodge were Steve Kammerer, Carol Fredericks, Rick Beal and Marshall Knowlton. After the conclusion of the BINGO two items were discussed with the staff at the VA.

1, in lieu of the likelihood our September bingo game being cancelled due to maintenance of the game room. We will be able to host the Veterans for lunch at the Black Angus in Northridge, as in past years, pre Covid.

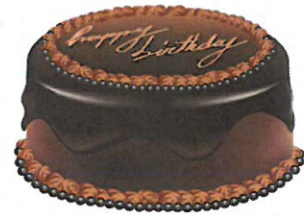
2, Setting a date for our hosting of the Veterans for November Brunch. After us picking a date, They will verify bus availability.

Member Profile Harold Constantine, Brett Taylor, Reem Agel, Diane Letulier



from the lodge and was instrumental on getting the street light at that intersection for he walked to the lodge. He joined San Fernando Lodge #1539 in 1971. He now resides in Missouri but keeps his membership here. Harold just celebrated his 97th birthday. Been a member of the Elks for 53 years. Harold keeps tabs on us and I receive many emails with questions or comments and advice. Harold served as Esquire to the DDGER of the Metropolitan district 1989-1990 for John Holt. He was investigation chairman, indoctrination chairman, Public relations chairman, Protocol Officer, parliamentarian and many others. Pictured is his niece Linda from Massachusetts, Daughter Margie, cousin Ann from California and Son in law Tom.

Happy 97th Birthday Harold Constantine.

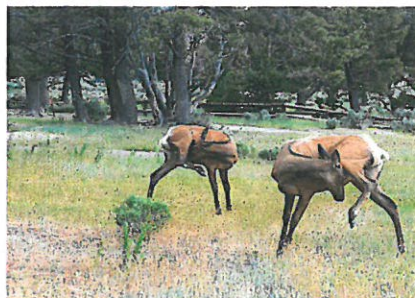


Harold Constantine is a 2 X Past Exalted Ruler of San Fernando Lodge. 83-84, 02-03 Transferred to Thousand Oaks in 2014 and was active with the Past Exalted Rulers Association and the BBQ.. Harold lived in the apartments catacorner



Elk of the month Diane Letulier

Diane is always ready to jump right in with either a Friday Night dinner, which by the way is always something special, or with desserts, helping on Taco Tuesday and whenever needed. Diane was the point person for the lodge in getting the information from the two Elementary Schools that needed help. Thank you Diane Letulier.



Brett Taylor assistant Tiler is being presented with his summer uniform. Brett is also our greeter. We didn't have an initiation last month so this month August 23rd will be his debut. Besides our assistant Tiler and greeter, Brett is an honorary fire cadet and Police cadet. He has had a Friday night dinner and works Carlos Muzquiz Saturday BBQ. All he requires is a can of coke.

Officer of the month Reem Agel

Reem is the true meaning of Elkdom. When not facing the many challenges of her day job, you'll find reem as chairwomen of the scholarship program and making sure everything is in order for youth appreciation. Reem helps on various other projects, with most recently with being part of the team who was getting school supplies for Conejo Elementary and backpacks for Glenwood Elementary, and now is the Vice Chairman of Americanism for the District. If that's not enough she is part of the poker tournament team. ENF, Senior Concerns, and American's serving American's will benefit from the poker tournament. Thank You Reem



Mason Nauenburg Lecturing Knight
Youth Activities, scholarships, Americanism



Reem Agel giving the victory sign. Pushed all that paper up the handicapped ramp. To get more involved in the community, John Betancourt Diane Letulier and Trustee Reem Agel are addressing a “back to School” supply issue for Conejo and Glenwood Elementary with the help of an ENF grant. We are purchasing school supplies that students cannot provide for themselves and that teachers absorb the cost themselves to enable more funds for music, art and STEM activities. Anything considered a “luxury”, such as binders, pencil box-

es, Or Disinfectant wipes, therefore are not purchased with the money allotted to that school for basic supplies and programs. We received a list from the schools on how many kids (203) and what is needed by grade. We will keep you informed on how it went. With her are Diane Letulier, ER John Betancourt, Secretary David Naccarato just along for the ride, Reem Agel and not pictured due to taking the picture. Jill Williams. In the picture is the Principle, center and teachers and office staff.



Lodge Committee Chairpersons.

Antler Antics editor: David Naccarato
Mike Mathews, Diane Letulier
Americanism; Lyssa Wright.
Audit & Accounting: Lyssa Wright.
Bequest & Living Trust: **Needed**
BBQ: **Needed**
Business Practices; Steve Kerman.
Chili Cook-off: Terry Gicking
Conejo Valley Days: Terry Gicking,
Dictionary program; Steve and Mary Woodlief
Drug Awareness; Richard Platt
Community Activities; Ron Watkins
El Konejo Kampers; Shirste Gessler
ENF; Jean Miraglia
Government Relations; **Needed**
Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato
Grounds Maintenance; Dan Hoffman
Hoop Shoot; Craig Acerboni
Insurance consultant : Darryl Kopacz
Investigations: Alex Rogers, Jasmine Silvestre,
Rita DaCorsi
Lodge Activities; **Needed**
Mailing Antler Antic's; Steve & Mary Woodlief
Maintenance; Jeff Conyers, Dean Reichle
Major Project; Dan Hoffman
Membership; David Naccarato
Memorial; Rita DaCorsi
Mediator; Richard Rogers
National Veterans Service; Daniel Picard
Presiding Justice; **Needed**
Orientation; Terry Gicking
PER association; Richard Platt
Public Relations; David Naccarato
Photography: Jill Williams
Proof Reader: Diane Letulier
Ritual Training: Terry Gicking, David Naccarato
Safety: Kathy Moye
Scholarship: Reem Agel
Scouting; Greg Metzgs
Sickness, distress and recovery; Alex Rogers
Veterans Bingo; Marshal Knowlton
Wood Lot; Greg Sweet
Youth Activities; **Needed**

Bits and Pieces



Many deserving members can make this list, But I only know of Whom I see.

Shout out to Carlos Muzquiz who stepped up to help the ailing Past Exalted Ruler's BBQ July 29th. We were short a few guys and Carlos already has a BBQ team that he manages, but found the time to come on down and help us out. When not slicing, cutting or wrapping he was cleaning finger prints off the doors. We did gross over \$7,000 that Saturday so thank you Carlos.

New member Brett Taylor who wanted to get more involved with the lodge, (imagine that) is now our new Assistant Tiler / Greeter. He wanted a Friday night dinner to collect donations for Westlake High School Football. Brett served Sloppy Joes and had help in the kitchen from Jill Williams, Carlos Muzquiz (there's that name again) and Kathy Moye. Brett had a great team, two past Elks of the year and a retired fire Captain. Brett is also an honorary fire cadet and Sherriff Deputy.

Unexpected help arrived after I took a backwards tumble in my back yard. I didn't let Karen know I was home. If I had She'd put me in bed and nothing would get done. I tried cleaning up a bit in the yard and fell backwards in my wheelchair. Unable to get her attention I laid there about 45 minutes, stunned that I did such a stupid thing, but I had to get up. So I dragged myself to the back door where I pounded for her attention. Corrine Richeson who lives across the street sent her Grandson (big guy) to pick me up and put me back in my chair. Today Dave Anderson, Gerry Gillies, Greg Sweet, Tom Baldrige, Don Halvorson, Bill O'Shea and Bobby Williams came by and pulled my weeds and cleaned the place up. I was totally embarrassed. Thank you guys. **Elks Care-Elks share.**

We have a couple of committee's that need a chairman. If you have back ground in any of these on your left, the Elks have a manual on everything.

Thank You

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 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
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**

El Konejo Kampers of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 Lake Cachuma

On Thursday, the drive up to Lake Cachuma was a very interesting drive, but everyone arrived safe. We ran into rain at about La Conchita and it rained all the way to Montecito, then was clear. Once we were on the 154 Hwy, we ran into a cloud/fog bank and visibility all the way up the hill was very bad and one time almost zero, made for an "E Ticket Ride". Once at the top it was clear, and the sun was out.

We had 12 RVs at the campout, with 3 new potential camper members. Thursday evening, we all met at the covered patio, Tim Jones put up mood lighting for us around the patio for a special touch. Then we all enjoyed a BarBQ beef sandwich dinner and drinks.

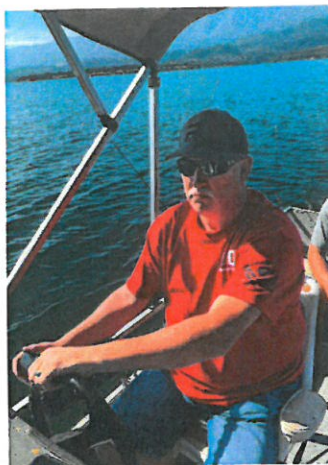
Friday morning, we rented a pontoon boat and 11 of us went out for 3 hours on the lake. We had several fishing from the boat, the only fish that was caught was from the one-woman fishing, Tina Dow. It was a very nice catfish, and of course we brought that up a few times during the campout. In the afternoon on Friday some of us went wine tasting at Los Olivos, others went to Chumash and some to Solvang.

Saturday, we had brunch then a 50/50 drawing, free campout drawing and the Sheriff. Chris won the 50/50, \$136.00, John Puckett and Lyssa Wright won the free campout, while the sheriff, Jim Moye fined everyone. Then some dice games and watching Moto Cross on TV took place. Lyssa Wright then introduced all of us to the new baseball game, which is played with bean bags and a board like corn hole. So of course, we had to have a baseball tournament, 5 people on each team. This proved to be a very fun game, as you do have to go to the base if you get a hit, which makes it very active. This will be played again on future campouts, since everyone can get involved, and everyone had a great time, thank you Lyssa Wright for bringing the game.

On Saturday afternoon a band was playing outside at the Hook Bar & Cafe, which is next to the boat launch from 4 to 7, with the lake in the background. Several of us took our chairs over to listen, and even got a lot of us up dancing. We all then went back to camp to watch preseason football and wait for the meteorite show that was going on that night.

I want to thank everyone that came to the campout, as they are the ones that make it fun.

Respectfully Submitted
Jane Watson, Wagon Master



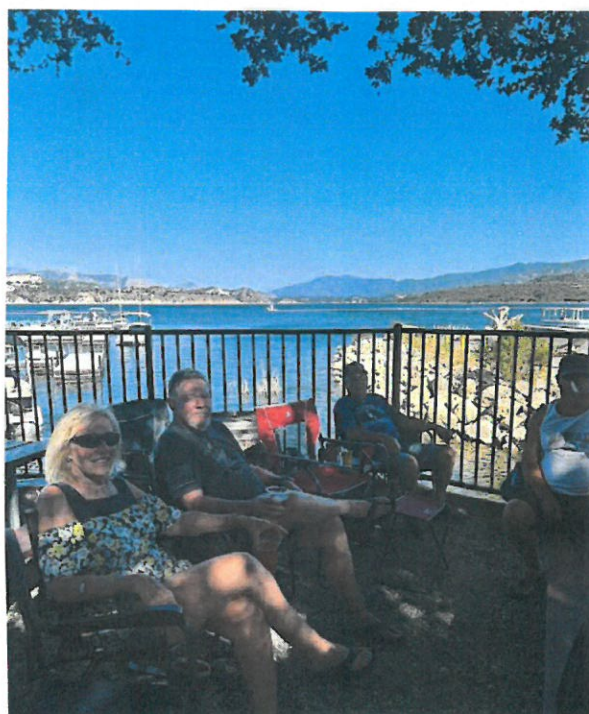
The skipper too.



The millionaire and his wife



The movie star, the professor and Kathy Moye here on Rik Gessler's boat!



Quotes from the great Wapiti That's Elk in Native American



A smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight.

Show me an Eskimo who sells eyeglasses and I'll show you an optical Aleutian.

As you drive down the road of life, don't drive as if you own the road— Drive as if you own the car.

A good Elk always puts up with your worst moods. Goes along with your worst idea's, and always sees the best in you.

I don't mind the rat race, but I could do with a little more cheese.

Life is a battle between carrots and chocolates.

Humor lets sawdust out of a stuffed shirt.

As Elks, let us remember that Noah didn't wait for his ship to come in.... He built one!

Elks remember that owning a set of golf clubs is not a license for wearing hideous clothes!

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on— then swing.

When the meek inherit the earth, you can bet that there will be a few lawyers contesting the will!

The correct temperature in the lodge is maintained by warm hearts, not by hot heads.

Elks: remember that life is a big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it that you can.



Now is the time to be an involved member.

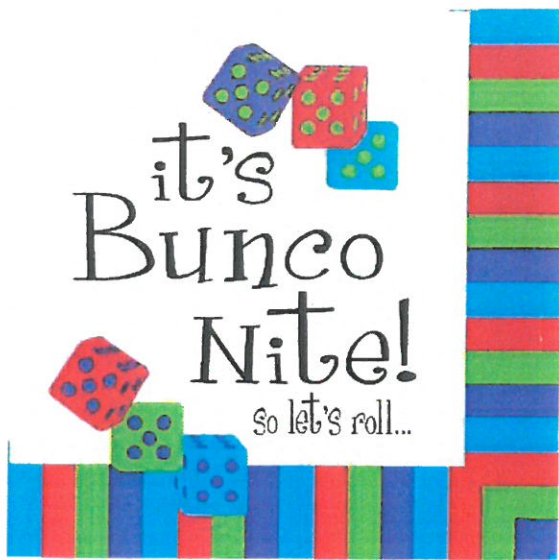
The lodge runs on volunteer help no one is paid here.

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, Break fast & 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

Thank you David Naccarato Secretary



Bunco Night

Thousand Oaks Elk Lodge

Wednesday September 6th, 2023

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

**Food available. Please R.S.V.P.
To Lyssa Wright so we know how
many tables to set up.**

**Lyssa contact information is
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