

January 2024 Volume 52 issue 10

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

Of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

# Antler Antics



*52 years of service to our community*

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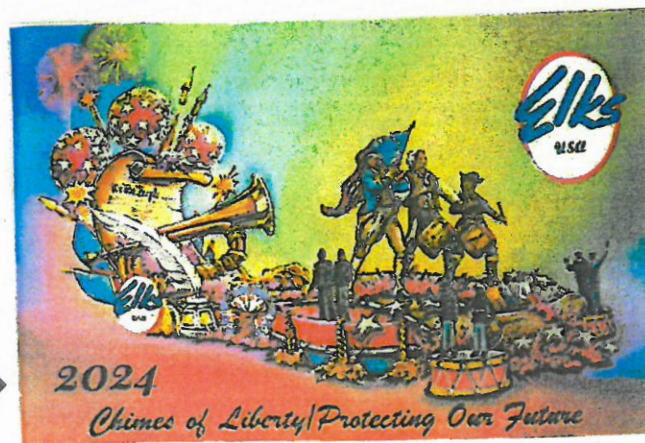
**Exalted Ruler John Betancourt – Soaring to New Heights with Elkdom!**

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**Jan. 1st Lounge open 10am-8pm- Pot Luck available 2pm-4pm**



Elks Rose Parade Float



## Applications to be investigated and balloted on January 10th

Daran G. Vanden Brosche— retired fire dept.— sponsored by Dennis Sannow.  
Mike Throne sponsored by Carol Holden of Simi Lodge #2492  
Carla Tello sponsored by Lyssa Wright  
Curtis and Susan By Water-retired-sponsored by Craig Acerboni  
Andrea Andera sponsored by Tracey Hampton of Garden Grove lodge #1952  
Alison Geller sponsored by Tracey Hampton of Garden Grove Lodge #1952  
Eric Nehring-retired-sponsored by Rick Herrera

## Sickness, Distress and Recovery.

K.C. Radomski pain pump is leaking and will need it replaced, prayer's needed.  
Barbara Metzgas had a part of her toe amputated. Now is home resting.  
Greg Metzgas threw out his rotator cup.  
Trustee Kathy Moyer threw out her shoulder. (not related)  
Rita DaCorsi, short hospital stay.  
Victor Pesce hospitalized for Stent surgery for angina  
Trustee Dan Hoffman back issue's  
Dorothy Hardie down with the flu.  
Myrna Block spent a overnight stay in the hospital. All recovered.  
Alexandra Rogers in for Knee replacement.  
Trustee Ed Lees had surgery, home recovering  
John Mutolo had a pace maker implanted.  
Reem Agel to undergo Major Surgery.  
Oak Tree 1, Dave Anderson 0

*Reports of sickness and distress are always in order*

### Recurring donors

Reem Agel  
Dave Anderson PEOTY  
Tom Baldrige  
John Betancourt ER  
Ed & Rita DaCorsi  
Carol Fredericks  
Art Garcia  
Terry Gicking PDDGER  
Gerry Gillies PEOTY  
Peter Gordon  
Brenda Hagen  
Rick Herrera PEOTY  
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  
Dolores "Dee" Thomas  
Jill Williams PEOTY

The Purple Pig at the bar is for fines for using Colorful Metaphors while In the bar. By the amount of coin, I gotta say some of you ought to be ashamed of yourselves. That one \$20 must have been for something big. For the future we don't take Pesos. Paul Stein does buy from me the driving range tokens I receive.



### Purple Pig Honor Roll

Bobby Williams  
Ben Rieger  
Lyssa Wright  
Ron Watkins  
Thursday Night Football  
Bunco Crew  
Toffee sales  
Monday Night Football  
Darryl Kopacz  
Pictures with the Purple Pig Jeep  
Large Pig at bar location  
Mark Poulin  
John Lombardi (Century Club)  
Marty & Sharon Rysak (Century Club)

## Crying Towel

November 8th capsule draw \$175 Chris Metzgun not present.

Lucky 13 \$15 Paul Stein no winner.

November 29th Capsule drawing \$200 Carlos Musquiz not present

Lucky 13 \$30, Dee Thomas no winner



## Lodge Hours

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

Wednesday meeting nights may be open later according to traffic. Up to the Bar Steward.

Saturday-Sunday 12PM to 6PM Saturday BBQ 10am-2pm Sunday breakfasts start at 10 AM

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## Lodge Committee Chairpersons.

Antler Antics editor: David Naccarato

Americanism; Lyssa Wright.

Audit & Accounting: Debbi Reed

Bequest & Living Trust: **Needed**

BBQ: Jill Williams.

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; Jane Watson

ENF; Jean Miraglia

Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato

Grounds Maintenance; Dan Hoffman

Hoop Shoot; Craig Acerboni

Insurance consultant : Darryl Kopacz

Investigations: Alex Rogers., Jasmine Silvestre,

Lodge Activities; **Needed**

Mailing Antler Antic's; Steve & Mary Woodlief

Major Project; Dan Hoffman

Maintenance: Jeff Conyers, Terry Gicking, Gerry Gillies

Membership: David Naccarato

Memorial: Rita DaCorsi

Mediator: Richard Rogers

National Veterans Service: **Needed**

Presiding Justice: **Needed**

Orientation: Terry Gicking

PER association: Richard Platt

Photography: Jill Williams

Proof Reader: Karen Naccarato

Public Relations: David Naccarato

Ritual: Training: Terry Gicking,

Safety: Kathy Moyer

Scholarship: Reem Agel

Scouting: Greg Metzgun

Sickness, distress and recovery: Alexandra Rogers

Soccer Shoot: **Needed**

Train Engineer: Robert Harmon

Tree Lot: Carlos Musquiz, John Betancourt

Veterans Bingo: Marshal Knowlton

Wood Lot: Greg Sweet

Youth Activities: **Needed**

# Exalted Ruler John Betancourt's Page

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

December 13<sup>th</sup> our lodge had our annual visitation by the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. This year being Henry Schmitz of Paso Robles Lodge. My Secretary, David Naccarato, my Treasurer, Richard Platt, my auditor Lyssa Wright and chairman of the Board Steve Kerman and when I say my, I mean ours, sat in a meeting being grilled by Henry and his Esquire Todd Osborne. Our Safety chairwomen, Kathy Moye toured the facility with the Esquire to look for infractions. Our team was prepared and answered all questions with no reservations. I'm sure it's told to all E.R.'s but we were told that this was one of the easiest audits so far.

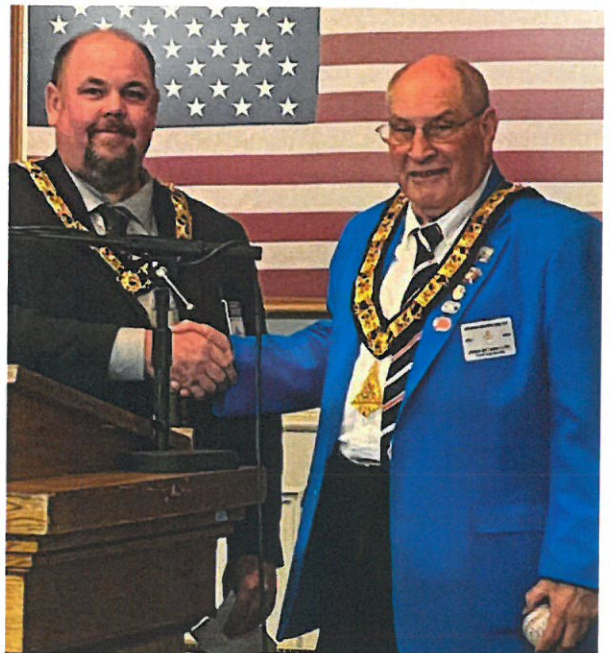
Being a base ball fan the dinner Henry chose was dodger dogs and Baseball cuisine. Jill Williams hit it out of the park... again. She had help and to those who lent a hand thank you. It was a good night. The dinner for the ER Christmas party was great thanks to Dan and Sandy Hoffman, Paul and Cheryl Stein, and Casey on salad. The Toy drive was a huge success with toys going for the kids in Thousand Oaks at St. Pascal Church. Thanks to Jill who wrapped and delivered the gifts. Thank all members for all the support this past year. Till next year.

Have a Happy New 2024 Year John Betancourt, ER

## District Deputy visit by Henry Schmitz 12/13/23



Henry Schmitz, David Schmitz, and Trinda Schmitz



John presenting signed baseball of PER's and ER's to Henry Schmitz



## Elk and Officer of the month December 2023

### Officer of the month *Terry Gicking*

Terry Gicking has been an Elk for over 43 years. He has held many a position not only in our lodge but also in the district. You can always find Terry doing the Streaker Dogs for the Monday Night football, Veterans Breakfast, BBQ on the second and third Saturdays, PER BBQ and Taco Night. Terry is always doing the little things to make the lodge better. This year he has been my Esquire and I appreciate what he has done with the position. Helping me to make sure I stay on course as the ER. Thank you for the great support and always thinking how to make the lodge better.

### Elk of the month *Debbi Reed*

This honor goes to an Elk who has been with the lodge for a couple of months, You can find Debbi in the kitchen on Thursday night helping with the dogs and burgers or at a Saturday BBQ learning how to wrap our Tri-tip sandwiches and learning the workings of the lodge. Debbi along with Lyssa Wright where with many Elks who helped with the placing of flowers on the Elks float for this year. The Rose Parade will air on January 1st, way to go. Congrats Debbie and enjoy your parking space as Elk of the month!



**From the Club Coordinator  
William Brown**

Hello Elks and Happy New Year. From everyone at the bar we all want to wish you health, happiness and prosperity in the coming new year. 2023 was an interesting year, to say the least. Many ups and downs. Our wish is that 2024 is smooth sailing for one and all.

If you happen to experience one of those highs or lows, come by the bar and share it. We can help you celebrate or get you through it.

Either way, know your friends are here for you and together we will help make the new year as special as it can be.

Your Friend, William

### Membership Stats

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Membership as of April 1st 2023    | 425   |
| Total new members to date          | 32    |
| Total membership loss              | 14    |
| Delinquency as of 12/6/2023 6.59 % | 28    |
| Average age                        | 67.59 |
| Gain/ Loss                         | 28    |
| Total Membership as of 12/06/2023  | 449   |



## January Birthday's

**Joel McGinnis-05**  
**John Berg-07**  
**Louie Hernandez-07**  
**Carl Steinkraus-07**  
**David MacFarland**  
**David Pearson-08**  
**Daniel Schuyler-08**  
**Richard Beal- 09**  
**Drew Oliver-09**  
**Jack Murray-11**  
**Ron Schwartz-11**  
**Carol Spinner-11**  
**Scott Yeager-12**  
**James Barron-13**  
**Keith Liddle-13**  
**Jonathan Preston-13**  
**Jim Ryland-13**  
**Dennis Sannow-13**  
**Eva Huffman-14**  
**Stephen Pence-14**  
**Lou Mages-15**  
**Michael Markey-15**  
**Ernest Escoto-16**  
**Frederick Mc Cord-16**  
**Stephen Dodge-18**  
**Carol Fredericks-18**  
**Ronald Watkins-22**  
**Peter Gordon-24**  
**Douglas Morrison-25**  
**Ted Montoya-27**  
**Cheryl Templeton-27**  
**Alexis Garcia-30**

# Ron Watkins Leading Knight- Charity

## Masquerade Charity Ball October 29th 2023



Paul Radomski

Carol Fredericks standing

Dan Hoffman looking on.



Raffle prizes, got to be in it to win it.



KC Radomski, Mary and Mike Flannery

The Charity Ball is an Elks event to raise money for those in need in our community. We gather names of families that require some attention. It's not in the grand scale that it once was, but still a worthwhile event for the members to get involved with. This is why you joined. Come participate in our programs. Remember why you joined this lodge and bring your dream to fruition. Diane and Carolyn put some sweat equity into making this a great event. Don't let it go unnoticed. Sharon from Ventura lodge was our Chef for the evening.  
Editor



Organizer's Carolyn Shipley and Diane Letulier

## Donation to Ventura County food Bank, "Food Share" and "Manna" \$6,000 total!!!

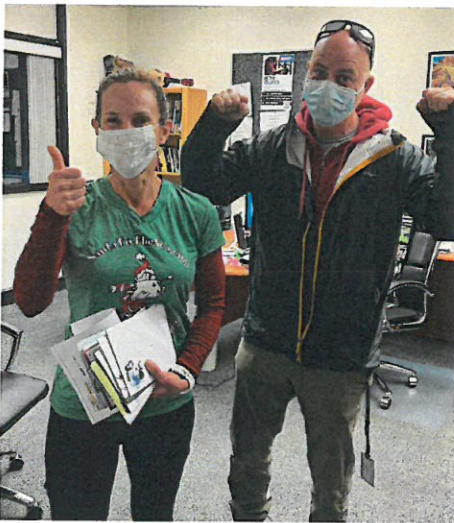


Ron Watkin's, Monica White and John Betancourt



John Betancourt, Director Anthony Linquata

### Conejo Valley Continuation School



Donation of food and gift cards to 20 + CVSD Continuation High School students who are unhoused as well as food vulnerable. Michelle Taranto Daughter of Richard Platt is pictured on left and Assistant Principal Sean McDonald made us aware of this need.

Jill William's is one of the members, our lodge does not perform well without. When she learned of the numerous students needing assistance, she said at a house meeting, let me do this. And do it she did. By absolute force of will, as well as the many lodge members who love her, within a few days, our lodge did provide the necessary assistance for twenty-two very needing and deserving students.

Students were given the opportunity to select a gift card to purchase food and or clothing. Many tears of gratitude flowed that day.

The school was hit extremely hard with Covid illness, eight of eleven school staff were sick. Lodge personnel were asked to return for a more suitable thank you.

The photo above is of Sean MacDonald, Assistant Principal and Michelle Taranto, Lead Teacher, presenting cards to the students. Thank you, Jill and all who helped.

Richard Platt, PER

# LEADING KNIGHTS CHALLENGE

Leading Knight Challenge is a competition between the Elks Lodges in California/ Hawaii, to raise extra funds for our Major Project. We are holding a raffle for two passengers, three tickets will be drawn. That's 6 people to go fishing off of Channel Islands. It's all inclusive, gear, bait, refreshments and fish cleaning. If you have a lucky fishing pole bring it along.

Date to be determined by State of California or opening weekend.

Also if you'd rather, you may enter the Whale Watching 3 hour tour excursion. Complete with Captain Ron, His little buddy, already have Thurston Howell, all we need is the movie star the professor and a Mary Ann. We'll fit your name in some how. Tickets are \$10 each and available now from your local Officer. No way to lose if your not a winner the Major Project children still win out.

Thank You

Captain Ron W.

Also available for charter \$1300 donation for 6 people 3/4 day fishing experience or \$600 donation for 3hr Charter for whale watching. You'll be famous.



This could be you



Don't forget your camera



Just showing off for the camera





## Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 community involvement



### Tree star gift delivery to Saint Paschal Baylon Church

Thank you to Jill Williams for the organization and all members who snagged a star and donated a gift for the toy drive of Saint Pascal's. Been hard to get names of families in need. The Martinez and the Romero family reached out for help and the Conejo Valley Women's Legal Professional's held a toy drive for us and provided toys to the two families and helped them have a Christmas this year. Plus grocery cards donated by Paul Stein. Other gift cards went to high schoolers who are unhoused and in need of nutritional help. We answered the call.



Trustee Steve Kerman striking a pose with Brenda Hagen & Kathee Wilson at Ojai's "Glen Park" senior retirement home.



Kathee two E Wilson, Steve Kerman, Santa, Brenda Hagen, and Lonnie Hagen delivering Christmas to 16 residents of the "Ojai Glen Park" Senior Retirement home. Brenda said they were so happy to see us, they were clapping from their beds. Many could not get out of bed so the gifts were delivered to them. Blankets for snuggling made possible by an ENF grant we obtained.



Blue Star Mom's packing up donations from our members to be sent to troops over seas .One Mothers son's platoon.



## Community involvement from Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge

Thousand Oaks High School Baseball team held a spaghetti Feed Fundraiser October 12th. Thank You to Jill Williams, Casey Boggiano and their staff for making this event a success. They were in need of back stop padding and we helped them raise the money. All members who came out to support, we thank you. We have a banner that the boosters supplied with our name on it in the outfield at T.O. High School which goes towards our All American lodge contest points every month its up.



These are a great bunch of kids, very polite and helpful. They were willing to work for the donations. They did hit their goal thanks to all of you and the use of our facility.

The parents were all involved also and in my opinion are raising these kids into leaders. The spaghetti sauce was sensational once again. The T.O. football coach was here and asked "what about me".

I had hair like that once.

Editor



Thank you to Mike Mathews for formatting these pictures. I was hitting out of my weight class.

# CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC.

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Elks Program for Children With Disabilities



## BE A RECURRING DONOR AND "STAR" IN EACH ISSUE OF THE CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELK MAGAZINE!

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Would you like to contribute to the Major Project more often? What if you could donate without writing a check, buying a stamp and addressing an envelope each time? You can make it simple by signing up to be a recurring donor! We can automatically charge a credit card on a recurring basis for a set donation amount of \$5 or more. There are no checks to write or envelopes to mail. It's safe, reliable, and allows us to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Recurring donors are very important and special donors who will be recognized in each issue of the magazine. Go online to [www.chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/](http://www.chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/) and then click on "Jump to Recurring Donor!" or call the CHEA office to set up your recurring donation today! *You will receive your "Recurring Donor Pin" after your first donation has been received!*

### MONTHLY RECURRING DONATION TO CHEMPI

[Click to Clear Form](#)

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Processing Date: Select Date \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge: Select Lodge \_\_\_\_\_  
(Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>)

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Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to:

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.  
5450 E. Lamona Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727-2224  
Fax (559) 456-2659

Loyal Knight Carolyn Shipley  
Lodge Activities, Kitchen. Veterans

# Thanksgiving at the lodge 11/23/23

We had a great Thanksgiving at the lodge. All you that slaved away at home, your loss. The crowd was anchored by the Stein Family with 14 in attendance. Then we branched out from there. The very fine vittles' were cooked by lodge members for your enjoyment. Mary Flannery provided pumpkin pies for all to enjoy.



Paul Stein and family



Terry, Bryan, Casey and John (ER)



Ron and Tammy Maddox



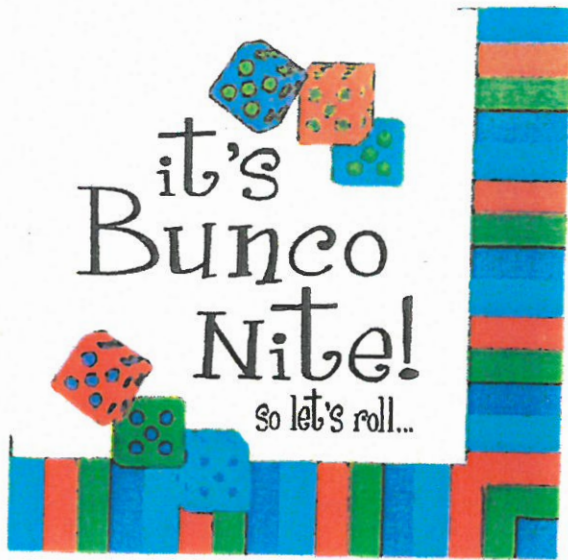
Nice and quite everyone is enjoying their food



Full House, is that Rusty I see? I recognize Dee. Casey and Laurie, surveying that all is well. welcome everyone.



The kitchen crew. Look at them good looking birds, I meant the Turkey's. Terry, Casey, Jane, Jill, Bill, Bryan and Brett. Same faces, come on we gotta give them a break. Thank you guys, it was great. You've done this before?



## *Bunco Night*

*Thousand Oaks Elk Lodge  
Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup>*

***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!**

*Now on Thursday's*

**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  
818-404-2123 [lyssa@iswright.net](mailto:lyssa@iswright.net)**



# John Puckett Lecturing Knight

## Elks Memorial Service 12/3/2023 - Rita DaCorsi



Getting ready, last minute arranging



Kitchen Crew :Casey Boggiano, Jill Williams, and Diana Jones, and Camera Shy Carlos Musquiz



In Memory



Bill O'Shea, Rik & Shristi Gessler Matriarch Charlotte, Kathy Moye



Paul, Rick, Ron, Evie

**John Puckett Lecturing Knight  
Memorial Service 12/3/2023 - Rita DaCorsi**



In memory of his Father.



Kathy Moye, Jane Watson.



In Memory of Husband, Father and  
Father in Law. Fred Gessler



Richard Jones.



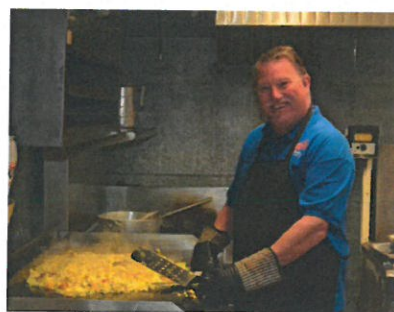
ER John Betancourt.



In Memory of Dwight Williams by  
Dwight Williams Son.



Pilot Gerry Gillies lights a candle for  
Jon Anderson  
Lyssa Wright on deck



Rick Gessler saved the  
day when the oven quit,  
and the eggs were not  
ready.  
On the plus side I made  
allot of waffles.



John Puckett  
Lecturing Knight

# Elks Hoop-Shoot Free Throw contest held at California Lutheran University December 9th 2023

Craig Acerboni Chairman



Today's Youth Tomorrows leaders



Our First Place Winners



Laker box seats for 4 winner.

45 student athletes participated at this years Hoop shoot. 1st place winners can now move on to District, State, Area, and National competition. Meet these shooters at our Youth Appreciation night in May.



Swish! Nothing but net.



## From the Secretary David Naccarato

### IN MEMORANDUM

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of our member Larry Kraszewski.

Larry was proposed for membership by Bobby Williams January 19th 2019 and was Initiated March 27th 2019 by Exalted Ruler Karen Martyn.

Larry worked as a Foreman in the service department of Silver Star Chevrolet.

Larry was born in Detroit Michigan December 30th 1957. Larry's wife is Holly Kraszewski.

Larry was battling cancer but lost his fight on November 30th 2023.

We had a donation from a BBQ patron of \$32.43 For ENF at the BBQ of 12/16/23. Now just to Reiterate, ENF has a program that once each Lodge member donates \$4.80 to ENF, we are then able to request monies back for CIP. Community Investment Programs. Once we donate \$2,044.80 we requested in grant money 8,500.00 and received it. \$2,500 went for school supplies for Conejo Elementary and Glenwood Elementary. Many of these supplies were provided by the teachers which we felt was not fair to them. Reem Agel and Diane Letulier orchestrated the deliveries (pictures in earlier Antlers). This is money we don't need to hit up our members for. With your dues notice there is space for donations to our Charitable programs which are 501c(3) tax deductible.

Our Wood lot crew is hard at work with two huge trees that were and are still in the process of being picked up. Greg Sweet, Bill O'Shea, Robert Dominguez and new member Matt Cain lent a hand in the picking up of a downed Oak tree. Dave Anderson was on one of the crews but stepped in a divot and was wounded. He is up and around, took a few days off from the wood lot. I did see him and his wife at the El Conejo Kampers Brunch. Keep your strength up we need you. If you have some time to help with the wood lot call the office and I'll put you in touch. The wood is used for our Saturday BBQ. Gives the meat that great taste.

Dues notices for 2024-2025 will be going out in January/February. It will be handled a bit different this coming year. The dues notices will be coming from Grand Lodge. If we mail them it is 66 cents each. Grand Lodge mails them it's 31 cents each. All the rest is the same you will still send in the payment to the lodge.

Our Trustee's have not raised our dues, they are still \$128 but the Grand Lodge and State assessment that all members pay for liability insurance will be going up \$5 bringing the total to \$168.00. Also there is an additional area for extra donations to lodge programs if you wish. Thank you for being a member. We have 28 members that will have to be dropped in March. They will all receive one last letter.

## Pull Tab Collection



Some good news and some bad news. Good news, two Elks collected and turned in 127,632 tabs. Thanks Bobby and Jim. Bad news, the Ronald McDonald House Charities lost their support that they have had for over fifty years from Alcoa. No reason given. I am told for now the tabs will bring in market value. I will continue collecting and delivering the pull tabs. The Ronald McDonald House kids and their families still need all the support they can get. Please keep dropping those pull tabs off at the bar or office, every one counts.

### ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

Gerry Gillies

Gwen the daughter of Past Treasurer Patti Harrod, monthly sends an envelope of tabs to the lodge in memory of her Mother.

# Welcome our new members



Golfing Buddy's Mark Poulin, John Puckett, and Mike Lopata



Kathy Moye with Jack Impellizzeri  
Whose sponsor is a member of Honolulu #616



Tim O'Callaghan and Matt Cain both sponsored by Jerry Cain of Atascadero Lodge #2733. Jack Impellizzeri center stage.



John Adams, Sam Adams Both sponsored by Dan Hoffman



Ken and Gayle Klein both sponsored by Alexandra Rogers.



Candidates receiving flag kits from Americanism chair Lyssa Wright

No messing around, many of our new members answered the call for help at our Hoop-Shoot contest held Saturday December 9th. 45 kids plus parents arrived for the event. It went very well. Craig Acerboni, all nervous made it look easy. Thank You to the members who helped with the scoring.

Still missing picture for Debra Ann Reed who invited Engine 51 to her Initiation.

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



We have all heard of the principles of our order, Charity, Justice , Brotherly love and Fidelity. I'm sure we all know what Charity is and how the Elks are involved. Justice keeps us faithful to our obligation and you even know what Brotherly Love is and now to be correct, Sisterly Love. Then it comes to Fidelity. No one has asked what is Fidelity. Is it common knowledge? To bail you out or help you the next time your on "Are you smarter than a fifth grader" Fidelity is showing faithfulness to a person, cause or belief, demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support. Faithfulness to a spouse or partner.

Every time we salute the flag, pay our dues, or donate to a cause that is Fidelity. Now I'm warning you, this will be a question on the next match game at the lodge. I'm looking for four couples to play. Lets have some fun this next year. Make it a New Years Resolution. Call the office if your interested or I'm calling you out.

Editor

I want to thank the Son of our Exalted Ruler for welding my railing for the ramp to the office. The ramp was put in for Jerry Serota when he was Secretary. Jerry's wife Patty was also in a wheelchair and he would bring her to the lodge for he was a full time caregiver. Patty was our cashier for every event. I guess I've taken over that roll. When I was retired from my job and the lodge needed a Secretary, with the ramp already installed how could I say no. The Ramp was installed by Past Elk Of the Year Max Maxwell. It just needed some loving care for I abuse the heck out of it.

Thank you to all the kitchen volunteers. It seems to be the same members performing that task. Many do enjoy cooking, but we can't abuse them. This lodge runs on volunteer help. This means you.

I'll leave you with an Elk quote right out of the book: Frogs have it so easy! They can eat what bugs them.

Editor

### 2023-2024 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler-John Betancourt  
Leading Knight-Ron Watkins  
Loyal Knight-Carolyn Shipley  
Lecturing Knight-John Puckett  
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, DL\*  
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,DL  
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 PDD

**\*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**