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Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

Of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Antler Antics



53 years of service to our community

Exalted Ruler - Ron Watkins — Making Elks Great again.



2024-2025 newly installed officers of Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 on April 5th 2024

Lt to Rt Esquire Terry Gicking PDDGER, Leading Knight John Puckett, Chaplain Kelly Jo Reed, Treasurer Richard Platt, Secretary David Naccarato, Exalted Ruler Capt. Ron Watkins, Tiler Gregg Miraglia, Loyal Knight Lyssa Wright, Five Year Trustee Robert Dominguez and Lecturing Knight Richard Rogers. **Not pictured but still part of the team:** One year Trustee and COB Steve Kerman, Two year Trustee Kathy Moye, Three year Trustee Ed Lees and Four year Trustee and AVP Vice President elect Daniel Hoffman. Support from the membership a must.

Exalted Ruler Ron Watkins

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

Can you feel it?
The excitement building in our lodge?

What a great fundraiser event for the Conejo Valley Good ol Days Parade. The whole community was invited to participate. There must've been 300 people here ,with 3 bands and lots of fun and dancing.

We had raffles and a silent auction. It showed us what we can do when we work together with the community.

Then we had the officer installation and inaugural ball. We had a guest chef that prepared a delicious meal with Trevor Sherman and his wife from Simi lodge providing music and dancing.

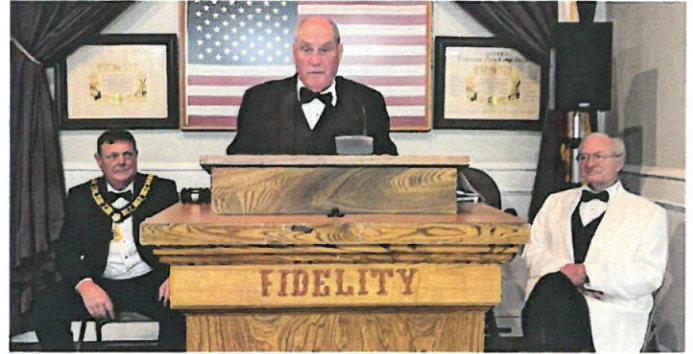
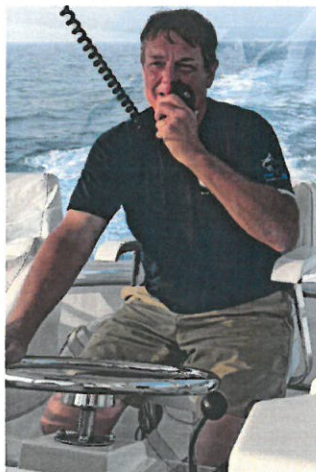
Our activities committee had their first meeting of the year and are planning many more great events to create fun and excitement in the lodge.

So please invite the best people you know to come and share in our fun. I told our district leaders my vision was to grow membership to 1000 members this year so we could be called "Thousand Elks Lodge 2477" They thought this was very ambitious, but I know that the members of this lodge can do it! This is your lodge! Our cheer will be!

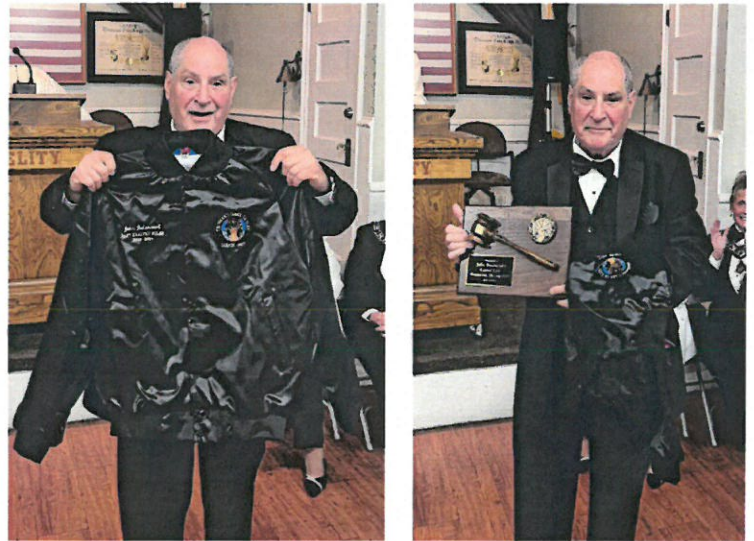
" We're Thousand Elks!
We'll be number one!
We help more people
And we have more fun!"

Thank you for all your wonderful support and volunteerism to make this lodge great!

Ron Watkins
Exalted Ruler
805-231-1194



Jr. PER John on his final "good bye tour". Ron can't wait to start. Master of ceremonies Greg Metzger



Jr. PER John receiving kudo's from the lodge on a great year



Ron Watkins installed as the new Exalted Ruler for 2024-2025

Installation of Officers April 5th 2024



Being a Patriotic organization we always have a prayer and pledge allegiance at all Elk events. This Installation of Officers was attended by Officers from Simi Valley #2492 our sister lodge and Ventura #1430. That's Diana Jones husband center right.



A family affair Kathy Watkins, sister Ron Watkins ER and Ronald Senior, Ron's Dad



We're not the Water Buffalo's.
Buffalo was a choice when naming the Elks.
Lucky for us Elks won.



Ron jr. and Ron Senior

Ritual Contest, Oceano 4/26-27



The Team



Ron Watkins ER, 1st Place



John Puckett Leading 2nd Place



Terry Gicking Esquire 3rd Place



Rick Rogers Lecturing 2nd Place

All Flanked by District Leader Greg Metsguz PDDGER, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Henry Schmitz and District Leader Tony Markarian PDDGER of Simi Valley.

Applications to be investigated and balloted on May 8

Paul Walsh-Peace Officer-sponsored by Matt Cain

Jackie Fiori-hair Stylist-sponsored by Rick Herrera

Patricia Mortlock-animal speak-sponsored by Debbie Reed

Kerry Nelson- sponsored by Terry Gicking

Brad Johnson- retired Sheriff- sponsored by David Willard of Nampa Id. Lodge #1389

Thomas Cardoza-Retired- sponsored by lane Cardoza of Modesto lodge #1282

John Herrera-strawberry processer-sponsored by Lyssa Wright

Terilyn Tilton-retired-sponsored by Terry Gicking

Sickness, Distress and Recovery.

K.C. Radomski

Ralph Sherwood is fighting multiple myeloma. Been in and out of the hospital. Now bedridden at home. Prayers most welcome.

Bobby Williams visited Alex Rogers and she can't wait to get back. Knee's are a slow process

Ron sr. has the "Good" skin cancer. (if there is one?)

Barbara Metzgun will have a skin graft for cancer on her leg.

Past Elk of the year Jim Allen in rehab to get him walking again

Steve Jones having heart bypass surgery

Trudy Phillips hospitalized for wound care.

Darryl Kopacz had carpal tunnel surgery.

Debbie Reed Daughter has leukemia

Recurring donors

Craig Acerboni **latest**

Reem Agel

Dave Anderson PEOTY

Tom Baldridge

John Betancourt PER

Ed & Rita DaCorsi

Carol Fredericks

Art Garcia

Terry Gicking PDDGER

Gerry Gillies PEOTY

Peter Gordon

Brenda Hagen

Don Halverson **latest**

Rick Herrera PEOTY

Dan Hoffman PER

Sheryl Holloway

Diane Jones

Ed Lees

Greg Metzgun DL

Kathy Moye PEOTY

Jim Moye PER

David Naccarato PER

Richard Platt PER

Victor Pesce

Carol Spinner

Paul Stein

Alexandra Rogers

Dolores "Dee" Thomas

Jill Williams PEOTY

Lyssa Wright

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Bobby Williams

Paul Stein

Ben Reiger

Jean and Gregg Miraglia

Darryl Kopacz

John Puckett (Century Club)

Johnny Gin

Brian Boals (Century Club)

Randall Hays

Sandro Cano

Brenden Devlin

Dennis Albi

Jon Preston

Jim Horning

Jay Schmidt

George Thompson



Purple Pig Honor Roll Cont.

Ronald Barron

Bruce Cameron

George Thompson

Thomas Hartin

Jerry Gilmore

Crying Towel

March 13th capsule drawing \$375 Rick Lemmo not present.

Lucky 13 \$135 Jill Williams winner

March 27th Capsule drawing \$400 Clarence Brown not present

Lucky 13 \$15 David Naccarato no winner



Lodge Hours and Communications.

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

Wednesday meeting nights *may* be open later according to attendance.

Saturday 12PM to 6PM , Saturday BBQ 10am-2pm

Sunday breakfasts Twice a month start at 10 AM– 12pm. Check Your Calendar

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Lodge Committee Chairpersons.

Antler Antics editor: David Naccarato PER

Americanism; Lyssa Wright.

Auditing & Accounting: Debbi Reed

Bequest & Living Trust: **Needed**

BBQ: Jill Williams.

Business Practices; Steve Kerman.

Chili Cook-off: Terry Gicking PDDGER

Conejo Valley Days: Terry Gicking, PDDGER

Dictionary program; Steve and Mary Woodlief

Drug Awareness; Jeff Hennessy's "Angles"

Community Activities; Reem Agel, Karen Abbitt

El Konejo Kampers; Jane Watson

ENF; Jean Miraglia PER

Grants Coordinator: David Naccarato PER

Grounds Maintenance; Dan Hoffman PER

Hoop Shoot; Craig Acerboni

Insurance consultant : Darryl Kopacz

Investigations: Alex Rogers., Jasmine Silvestre,

Lodge Activities; Reem Agel, Karen Abbitt.

Mailing Antler Antic's; Steve & Mary Woodlief

Major Project; Lyssa Wright

Maintenance: Jeff Conyers, Gerry Gillies

Membership: David Naccarato PER

Memorial Dec. 1st: Kelly Jo Reed

Mediator: Richard Rogers

National Veterans Service: **Needed**

Presiding Justice: **Needed**

Officer Training Terry Gicking PDDGER

Orientation: Terry Gicking PDDGER

PER association: Terry Gicking PDDGER

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Recycling: Rick Herrera, John Mutolo, Steve Allen

Ritual: Terry Gicking, PDDGER

Safety: Robert Dominguez 5 year Trustee.

Scholarship: Reem Agel

Scouting: Greg Metzgas DL

Sickness, distress and recovery: Alexandra Rogers

Train Engineer: Robert Harmon

Tree Lot: John Betancourt ER, Carlos Muzquiz

Veterans Bingo: Marshal Knowlton

Youth Activities, Soccer Shoot: Rick Rodgers

Wood Lot: Greg Sweet

Welcome our new members



Steve Domanski with Paul Stein standing in for Matt Cain



Elizabeth Deluca and Sharon Barbosa standing with their sponsor Craig Acerboni



Lyssa Wright standing with her new member Michael Ortiz.



Jeffery Mortlock with sponsor Paul Stein. Both Navy men.



John Puckett with his new member Steve Johnson. Both deal with electricity.

Not pictured ; Linda Reyna Sponsored by Debbi Reed

Tim O'Conner sponsored by Dan Guiney

Loyal Knight Lyssa Wright

Lodge Activities

They say April showers bring May flowers, and it also brings new and exciting activities to YOUR Elk's lodge.

I am proud to announce the formation of our activities committee. I would like to invite everyone who would like to get involved or has a great idea for an event to come to the monthly Activities meeting.

We have come up with some exciting ideas of things we can do at our lodge to make it a fun place for our members, their families and friends. Please check the calendar in the lodge, and for up-to-date events, please go to our website and see the calendar online.

Coming up in May we will be having a pot luck Kentucky Derby Day Party on May 4th with a salsa and hat contest. Keep a look out for a fun hat making party at the lodge prior to date of the Derby.

Also look for the return of the Conjeo Valley good ol Days Parade on May 5th and If that wasn't enough, you can go to the chili cookoff after the parade on the 5th located behind the Library.

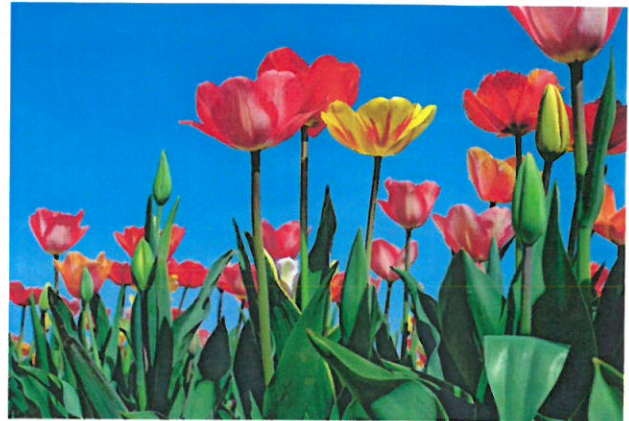
Please come down to the lodge on May 10th when we will be honoring our youth. Our hoop shoot, scholarship and essay content winners will be there that night to receive awards and accolades. Please come and see our bright future in these amazing youth.

We will be having a Mother's Day brunch on Sunday, May 12th . We all wouldn't be here without our mothers so please come down and celebrate!

Lastly, I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you. I love suggestions and will listen to any ideas on how to make this a lodge that the members are proud of. You can contact me at Lyssa@iswright.net

or 818-404-2123

Your LOYAL Knight,
Lyssa Wright



Loyal Knight Lyssa Wright

Lodge Activities, Kitchen, Veterans

BINGO MARCH, 13 PLAYERS



BINGO APRIL, 26 PLAYERS



SHOWING OFF THEIR WINNINGS



Mariah, Marti, Laurie, Reem and Gabriella

We had a good time in March. So much so everyone brought a new member and to tell you the truth I lost control of the game.

A lot of Hooten and Hollering and to top it all off Laurie Fredericks who is our Candidate for our Ritual contest took it upon herself to run bar service for us.

Nice touch Laurie thank you very much. We had new members stop by and play some BINGO.

Craig and Marylyn Acerboni lead with" we don't have to Stay for the whole thing do we? Who stayed till the end? Them.

Big winners were Kelly Jo Reed 3 times. Twice no sharing and one had to split. Reem Agel won all the big money.

Allison Gellar won, Mariah Fulmer won twice, Dee Thomas Came away a winner. Shirste and Marti O'Conner won. Jim Moya won with a split and one kept the whole pot. Everyone had a good time.

Look for bingo next month and be early to get the worm. What's The worm?, Come and find out.

| BINGO | | | | |
|-------|----|----|----|----|
| 14 | 24 | 44 | 53 | 68 |
| 7 | 28 | 31 | 54 | 73 |
| 2 | 26 | ★ | 51 | 67 |
| 3 | 22 | 39 | 57 | 75 |
| 9 | 20 | 37 | 50 | 71 |

Membership Stats

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Membership as of April 1st 2024 | 442 |
| Members reinstated | 2 |
| Total new members to date | 0 |
| Total membership loss | 0 |
| Delinquency as of 4/15/2024 21.95% | 97 |
| Average age | 68.19 |
| Gain/ Loss | 0 |
| Life Members | 44 9.95% |
| Total Membership as of 4/15/2024 | 444 |

Mike Flannery Exalted Ruler 2016-2017 passed away March 5th 2024. A memorial service was held April 7th.



Many Elk members were involved in the set-up to make it easy and helpful for Mary Flannery and her family.

Mary would like to thank everyone involved with making the memorial service rememberable. The Past Exalted Rulers of the lodge officiated the ceremony. Many eulogies were given. One story that was shared at the Grave site service but not at the lodge, I'd like to share with you. Mike was the 2nd of 13 children. After Highschool Mike joined the Army and while stationed out in Needles California, the family took a weekend trip to visit him on base. His Brother sitting in the back seat pipe's up :Hey Mom who's this guy were going to visit?" It's your older Brother you knucklehead. With that many kids, you may not all be in the house at the same time.

I thought it was funny and since I'm the editor, my call.

Mike served in the paratroopers and made 75 total jumps. Mike worked as a firefighter for 30 years and made Captain and opened 4 new Fire Stations. He and Mary were married for 54 years. Mike loved spending time with his grandchildren. Mike joined the lodge in 2005, worked the BBQ's, became an Officer and ER in 2016. he joined the El Konejo Kampers where two members of the club were his officers that year 2016-2017, Rik and Shirste Gessler. Mike talked the Kampers in purchasing the chairs we have in the lodge dining area. Thank you Mike Flannery, you will be missed.



May Birthday's

Brian Thorkildsen-01
Sheryl Holloway-04
Roger Markel-05
Pete Padilla-05
David Anderson-06
Matt Cain-06
John Schreiber-06
George Vivlamore-06
Tom Baldrige-07
Barbara Metzgas-07
Linda Reyna-07
Kathy Jo Johnson-08
Mati Cohen-09
Ben Morris-10
Anthony Federico-12
Liam Hinde-12
Sharon Barbosa-13
Steve Kerman-13
Debra Ann Reed-13
Bill Miller-14
Carl Alaniz-15
Richard Rogers-16
Jacquelyn Atkinson-17
Kathy Moye-17
Sandra Ragan-17
Gary Abrams-18
Mitchell King-18
Michael Cagley-19
Robert Koeritz-19
Steve Komjathy-19
William Castleberry
Rik Gessler-20
Daniel Guiney-20
David Maddox-22
David Stull-23
Michael Galuppo-23
Steve Woodlief-24
Ron Watkins-26
Rick Naranjo-27
Jeff Conyers-28
Paul Campbell-30
Brenden Devlin-30

Lecturing Knight Richard Rogers
Americanism-Scholarship-Dictionary Program-Youth Activities



John B. last official act as ER, frisking Kelly Jo Reed as the Easter Bunny.



The cutest kids in the Conejo Valley



**Angry Skies did not deter the Easter Egg Hunt
3/31/2024.
Determination won out, we had a full house.**



Easter Sunday 3/31/2024



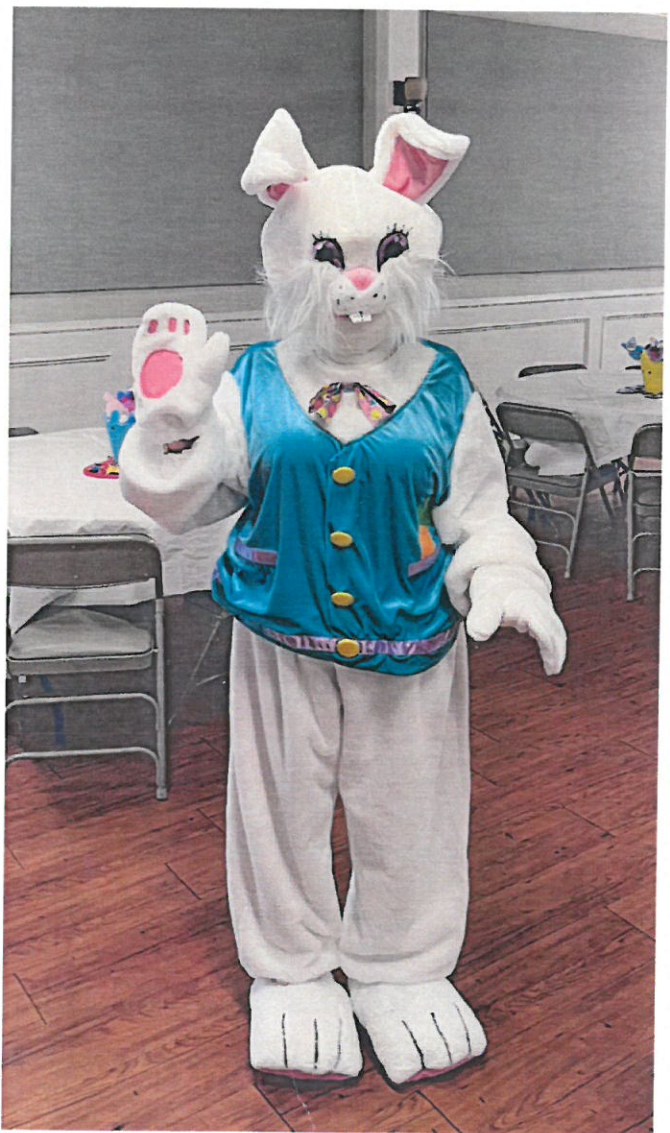
Lodge Auditor Debbi Reed getting into the fun. Safety first.



Great crowd waiting on the Easter Bunny A.K.A. Kelly Jo Reed



Storm



The calm before the storm, no pun intended



storm

Lodge Happenings



Good old days Parade Fundraiser at the lodge

Elk of the month is Billy O'Shea

There are so many members who have be recognized as Elk of the month. I would like to acknowledge someone who may have been overlooked. Few of us notice that Billy is always volunteering behind the scenes. He is quick to hear the cry of distress and keen of perception to extend a hand. Billy, Thank you for all you do
Elroy



Leading Knight Challenge, Whale watching Excursion winners, receiving their due.

Officer of the month is Brian Stocker

Who is this guy?
Well, Brian just became a member on 02/28/24, and right away got to work on not one but two barbecue teams. Then due to misfortune, we lost Brett Taylor from the inner guard position. Brian jumped in as our Inner Guard and quickly learned his part for the Ritual Competition April 26-27. Keep up the good work, Brian.

Thank you for what you do.
Capt. Ron Watkin's ER



Brett Taylor doing what he Do.

Friday Night dinner May 3rd Sloppy Joes in memory of Brett Taylor \$12 includes salad prepared by Loyal Knight Lyssa Wright and crew.

Around the lodge



Starting Point!

Our lodge wood committee is hard at work and can always use some help.



Diana Jones, sporting a new Elks Hat



Jeanette cleaning our new chairs donated by the Elk ladies Axillary which was formed 52 years ago. After Covid, reviving the club just didn't work out. Thank You Elk ladies for your years of service.

Loyal Knight Lyssa Wright

Kitchen, Lodge Activities, Veterans



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 light work".**
- 2, Get on a BBQ crew, no reason for members to work more than one a month. Except it's fun!**
- 3, Help with the wood lot. Splitting, stacking and pickup when a tree comes available.**
- 4, Breakfast crews needed. This is your lodge, it is a volunteer system. Get on board, make us proud. All supervised by an experienced trainer, me**
- 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









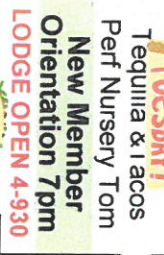
**Thank you David Naccarato,
Secretary**

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MAY 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------------|---|--|--|---|---|
|  LODGE CLOSED | LODGE CLOSED |  LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | MODEL A CLUB 6PM LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 Duty Officer: |  LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 Terry Glicking GAME NIGHT | Friday Night Dinner Lyssa Wright Brett Taylor's SLOPPY JOES 12\$ w/salid LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | BBQ Team Carlos ELKS BBQ 10A-2P Kentucky Derby Party 2pm pot luck LODGE OPEN 12-6 |
| CLOSED | CLOSED |  LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 PER Mtg 6PM | LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 Duty Officer: Kelly Jo | \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS Blue Star Moms 7pm LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 Kamper's Pachenga 9th-12th | Friday Night Dinner Youth Appreciation Night Spagetti Dinner By Casey & Jill 5:30 pm \$12 LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | BBQ Team Bryan ELKS BBQ 10A-2P BBQ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC LODGE OPEN 12-6 |
| Conejo Valley Parade 9am Chili Cook-Off 11am-5pm | LODGE CLOSED |  LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | LODGE OPEN | GAME NIGHT \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS Abate 7pm LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | Friday Night Dinner Fish & Chips Jill and Crew 5:30-7P \$12 LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | BBQ Team Terry ELKS BBQ 10A-2P BBQ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC LODGE OPEN 12-6 |
| Breakfast Mother's Day Ceremony 10am Brunch 11am by Kelly Jo | LODGE CLOSED |  LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 State Convention Duty Officer: | State Convention Brian Stocker | Friday Night Dinner Chicken Piccata by AMECC'S 5:30 pm \$12 LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | BBQ Team Jill ELKS BBQ 10A-2P BBQ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC |
| LOUNGE OPEN 10A-2P LODGE OPEN VETS Breakfast VETS EAT FREE 10am - 12pm \$10 | LODGE CLOSED |  LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 New Member Orientation 7pm LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 Steak & potato \$16 LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 Duty Officer: | GAME NIGHT Line Dancing 7pm POKER NIGHT 6pm \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS Richard Platt LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | Friday Night Dinner COOK UR OWN STEAK VARIOUS CUTS 5:30-7 pm \$20-\$39 7-10pm  | LODGE OPEN 12-6 HOURS: Mon-Closed TUES-THURS: 4-9:30PM FRI: 4 TIL CLOSE SATURDAY: 12-6PM Sunday-Limited |
| w/ TERRY & BRYAN LOUNGE OPEN 10A-2P | LODGE CLOSED |  LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 Duty Officer: | GAME NIGHT \$3 CHILI DOGS 5:30 \$5 BURGERS Robert Dominguez LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 | LODGE OPEN 12-6 | LODGE OPEN 12-6 |
| LODGE OPEN 26 Kamper's Breakfast 10am - noon \$10 VETS EAT FREE Kamper's meeting 12:30 Summer Concert series 2 pm | LODGE CLOSED | LODGE CLOSED | LODGE OPEN 4-9:30 Duty Officer: | GAME NIGHT | LODGE OPEN 12-6 | LODGE OPEN 12-6 |

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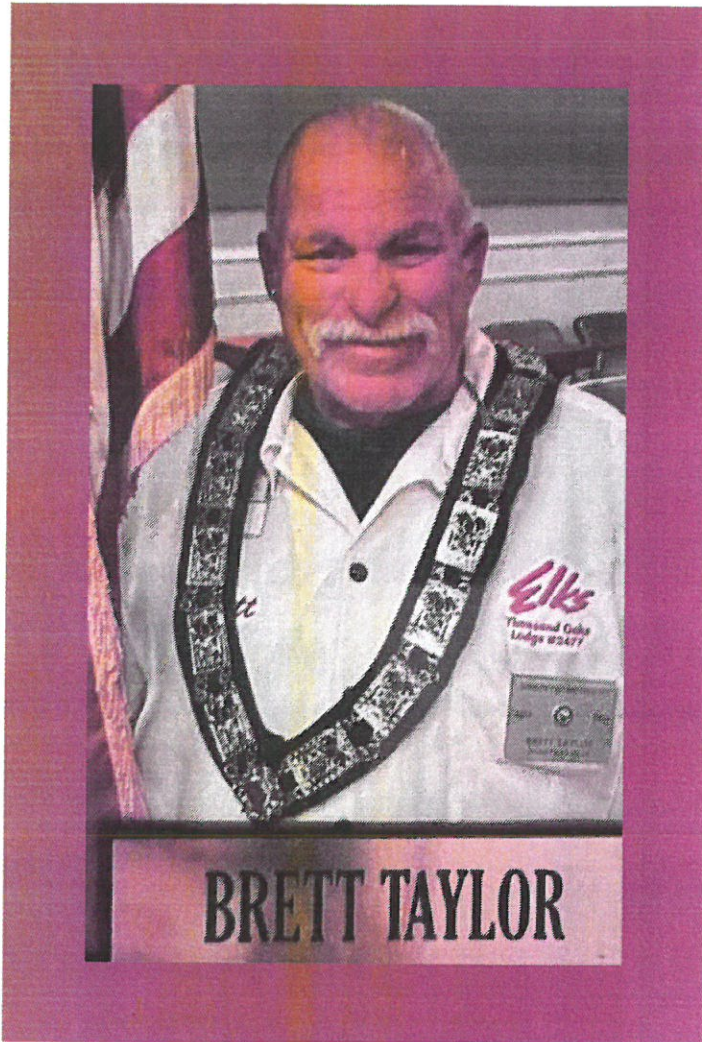


DERBY HAT DECORATION PARTY

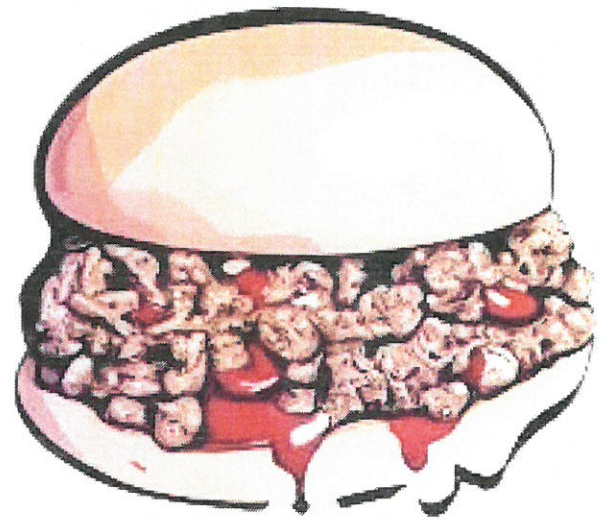
Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:00 PM
Elks Lodge TO #2477
Questions? Contact
Lyssa Wright (818) 404-2123

**Get Creative with Paints, Fabric,
Feathers, and other embellishments to
personalize your hats for the derby hat
contest on May 4th DERBY DAY**

BRETT TAYLOR



**FRIDAY
NIGHT
DINNER
MAY 3RD**



DOING WHAT HE DO!

Sloppy Joes

In Memory of Brett Taylor

\$12.00 includes salad-fries-dessert

5:30-7:00PM

Prepared by Loyal Knight Lyssa Wright and Crew!

T.O. Elks Lodge #2477 Annual

Kentucky Derby Party! and Hat Contest!

Saturday

May 4, 2024

**2:00 pm Party & Pot Luck
Post Time ~3:57 pm**



**1st, 2nd, 3rd and Last Place Winners for Derby
And Prizes for Best Hat (3:00 pm)**

POT LUCK

Bring your tasty dishes or "horse" d oeuvres to share

Contact Lyssa Wright 818-404-2123 or Catherine Koeritz 805-402-2579
for Derby information and "Select Opportunities"

- PLUS -

Salsa Tasting Contest

For salsa contestants, sign-up by Wednesday, May 1st at the bar.
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place prizes awarded.

Bring one (1) quart of your "award winning" salsa to the kitchen by
1:30 pm on Derby day. Everyone is open to tasting. But, to vote, you will
need to purchase tickets. \$3.00 gets you 5 tickets to cast your vote
for the "Best Salsa in the West"

Contact Jim Moyer for contest information.





Mother's Day Breakfast

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

Sunday, May 12, 2024

10:00 am until 12:00 pm

Ceremony at 10:00 am with breakfast to follow.

Moms eat free and breakfast is \$15.00 for all others.

Menu

Ham and Cheese Casserole

Bacon, Eggs, and Cheesy Potatoes

Waffles with Fruit Topping

Pastries

Mimosas for Moms

Come down and celebrate MOM with us!

We look forward to seeing you there.