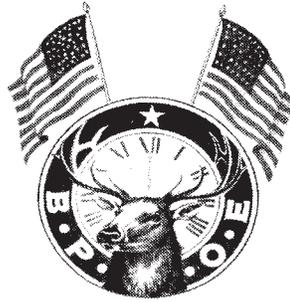


# ANTLER



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EXALTED RULER



# ANTICS

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*"LIVE THE MOTTO - ELKS CARE- ELKS SHARE"*

## ROBERT R. HARDY

*Past Exalted Ruler, 1981 - '82*



He worked 39 years in the aircraft business for Litton Industries and Northrop Grumman and retired in May 2000. Bob served his country in the Navy in I 958/1962. He was very proud of being a Charter member of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 and was Exalted Ruler in 1981/82 as well as being their Treasurer for 13 years. He also was a member of the Camarillo American Legion Post. He loved fishing and camping with his friends.

Donations can be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society or to the Thousand Oaks Elks in his name.

*1938 - 2005*

Robert "Bob" Hardy of Camarillo died June 22, 2005 in Ventura after a brief battle with cancer. Bob was born June 12, 1938 in Portales, NM,

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Donna J. Hardy, sons Rodney and Richard of Camarillo. His (5) grandchildren Amanda, Nicole, Erick, Krystal and Shannon, and (3) great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and mother Elwood & Bertha Hardy, brothers Richard, & Harvey, sisters, Birdie Mae & Faye. He is survived by his Sisters, Frances, Estelene, Ruby, Mildred, Stella, Dorothy and Brothers Dean, Calvin and Bill.

*THE HARDY FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE CALLS AND HELP THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US DURING THIS TIME IN NEED. WE CAN NOT FIND BETTER FRIENDS THAN WITH THE ELKS. YOUR LOVE AND CARE REACHED EACH AND EVERYONE OF US. BOB'S FAMILY WAS SO PLEASED WITH THE WARMTH THAT WAS GIVEN TO THEM. THERE JUST ISN'T ENOUGH WORDS TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION. ALWAYS, DONNA HARDY*

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**ELKS TRAINING:** Bob Hardy, PER  
**BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:**  
 David Naccarato

**RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM CLAUNCH**

Many of us lost a dear friend and poker pal when Bob Hardy passed away. He will be missed for his caring ways and sense of humor. As an Elk he served our Lodge as an Exalted Ruler and treasurer for 13 years. Yet his support to our organization went beyond the official duties of an officer, he was known to chair the Christmas tree sales project or act as campaign manager for a CVD candidate. And he would lend a helping hand for many handyman jobs around the Lodge. But we should remember him best for his courage and lack of self-pity as he faced the challenge of fighting cancer. As a result he was an inspiration and hero to many. To his wife, Donna, you have our sympathy for your loss and our friendship and support forever.

Marilyn Cissell, Chaplin for El Konejo Kampers, prayer/poem caught the essence of Bob Hardy's soul:

El Konejo Kampers honoring Bob Hardy, their friend....

Those who knew Bob Hardy  
 Were proud to call his friend.  
 That kind of lasting friendship  
 With memories has no end.

Elkdom meant a lot to Bob.  
 He followed rules to give his best.  
 Having been Exalted Ruler  
 He understood a life long quest.

Bob really enjoyed Elks camping  
 Most every campout he'd attend.  
 If anything was needed,  
 He was always ready to help a friend.

He loved those camper poker games.  
 With friends he joined into the fun.  
 His disposition never changed  
 Regardless if he lost or won.

Now we know that he liked to fish.  
 "One fish Bob", a good nickname.  
 It happened at Lake Havasu  
 When catching fish became a game.

A little dog named Gidget  
 Became a loving friend.  
 So faithful to her master  
 Perhaps she sensed his earthly end.

Though Bob is with you now, Lord  
 For him today we pray.  
 In Donna's heart forever  
 Living on is Bobby Ray.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

- August 31th ALL ABOARD-- Fundraiser Dinner by Marva D'Ambrogio for the train fund
- Labor Day-FUN-N-GAMES B-B-Q at the Lodge
- September 23th—Roast the Jr. PER—Jay Block
- October 2nd—Day at the Santa Anita Races



**IN MEMORIAM**

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS STOPPED AND  
 ACROSS ITS DIAL A MOTIONLESS SHADOW  
 MARKS THE HOUR OF ELEVEN, WITH US ---  
**"THE GOLDEN HOUR OF  
 RECOLLECTION"**

**Robert Hardy, P.E.R**  
**Born:** June 12, 1938  
**Initiated:** March 25, 1972  
**Died:** June 22, 2005



**EDITORS CORNER**

Jerry Serota, Editor

This is a letter of thanks, that on Tuesday June 14, 2005 we received a gift for airline tickets from the pharmacy staff at Los Robles Hospital. This was an unselfish act of friendship and kindness on their part to allow me to visit the completed World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Our Lodge donated \$1.00 per man over \$538.00 towards its completion. A number of pharmacy employees also participated.

June 14, 2005

*Dear Randy and the entire pharmacy staff*

*We are absolutely humbled by your generosity and wish to thank you for making a dream wish come true. As we grow older in years we realize the importance of paying respects. Thank you for allowing me to pay respects to that Great Generation for whom the WWII Memorial was dedicated, and who sacrificed so much in order to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. Thank you for the opportunity to pay our respects also to our Founding Fathers who sacrificed so much to make this country great.*

*In the movie 'Dead Poets Society' a high school teacher tries to impart to his students 'Carpe Deum', seize the day. With your generosity you are allowing me the opportunity to Seize the Day and feel the patriotism and love of country that I thought would be out of reach in my lifetime. Thank you for your kind generosity and making this dream wish a reality.*

*Very Humbly,  
Jerry Serota*

**NATIONAL SERVICES**

By Judi Palmquist



On June 16th, Elks from this Lodge, Ed Ayril, Vern Jossy, Judi Palmquist and Jim Kellogg, drove into the VA facility in Sepulveda and were met there by Pearl Gibbs; at this time we enabled a bingo party with 20 of the Veterans in attendance. We all had a great time talking, listening to stories and of course with the Bingo.

We invite any and all who would care to join us to meet us at the lodge on the third Thursday of each month before 2:00 p.m. and carpool there.

Jim Kellogg, National Services, WCCD, Chairman



**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Jim Wallace, PER, Chairman, WCCD

It is time to start the drive on collecting money to reach our CHEA, President's goal. He has set the goal of \$4.00 per person in the Lodge. I started it off last week by giving a check for \$100.00. I am not asking everyone to do this but, if you could set your goal of \$10.00 a month, this will help.

Paper work for this donation can be picked up from Myrna Block, ENF Lodge Chairman, or at the office. Later this year we will have a fund raiser to promote ENF. The Thousand Oaks Lodge has met its goal for the past three years. This year, to date, we are down and we show \$0.188 current per-capita. Let's show our President that we can meet the goal again this year.



**Bill Lloyd, DL, accepts check from Jim Wallace, PER who leads by example for the ENF**

		<b>ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATION CARD</b>	
PLEASE PRINT Today's Date _____ Name Last, First, Middle Initial _____ Address/Number _____ State _____ Apt. No. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help: <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 a year for 10 years. My initial \$10 donation is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 a year for 10 years. My initial \$100 donation is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed a check. Please Mail Check (Payable To: Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeside Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1569)	
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All Contributions to the Elks National Foundation are Deductible for Federal Income and Estate Tax Purposes.			



**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION  
Fund Raiser**

**Tickets for September 17th will go  
on sale August 5th, 2005 See Myrna  
Block & Behind the Bar!**

**\$20.00**

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**LEADING KNIGHT  
David Naccarato**

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:**  
David Naccarato

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:** Sally Claunch

**INVESTIGATION:** George Meehan

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:**  
Myrna Block

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** Tom & Sally Claunch



**INDOCTRINATION:** Jack Loughran, PER  
**MEM. CONTROL. COM.:** Herb Jellander  
**CVAC:** Tom Hartin  
**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota  
**OFFICERS ROUND TABLE:** Jack Panczak, PER  
**CHARITY DINNERS:** David Naccarato

Here we are in August. Conventions are over. Sally is back from Reno. Ritual contest is over and we won again. Hope to make it a three Pete next year. This month is the lodge picnic on August 28th at Dover and Hendrix Park off Gainsborough.

Also this month starts our own District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Gil Riding's visitations leading up to his home coming here at the lodge on October 29th.

In November we will have our Charity line dance and Bar B. Que and Charity Horseshoe Tournament here at the lodge. Also for the motorcycle enthusiast there will be the first annual Lodge 2477charity back roads ride. More information soon.

Blast from the past. During the early Wonderful World of Walt Disney television show "Nash" by General Motors was the sponsor of the show and the official car of Disneyland. And with gas prices on everyone's mind,, lets talk about gas prices. With gas now at \$2.50 per gallon, how does this compare to gas in 1945? In Chicago regular ran 17.2 cents and ethyl ran 19.2 cents per gallon. In Los Angeles the prices were a little higher at 18.0 and 20.0 cents per gallon. New York was even a little higher, coming in at 19.6 and 21.6 cents per gallon! Those were the days!!!

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** Donna Hardy and family on the passing of her husband PER, Bob Hardy.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** John Ennis who is undergoing chemo; Jim Wagner from a stroke; Mary Elva Lussier was hospitalized briefly; and Pete Marston from a fall.

**REMEMBER CARDS AND PHONE CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED**

**MARS SPECTACULAR!!**

The Red Planet is about to be spectacular! This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the Last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification

By August 27, Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m.

By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

Share this with your children and grandchildren. NO ONE ALIVE TODAY WILL EVER SEE THIS AGAIN

Take Care,  
Jacob (Jack) Panczak, PER

**DONATE YOUR UNUSED  
VEHICLE TO THE LODGE**

- ✓ **Get the tax write-off**
- ✓ **Know that you are helping  
Major Projects and ENF charities**

**Be living the motto---  
Elks Care Elks Share**

## EL KONEJO KAMPERS KAMPOUT

By Cheryl Templeton



I am a substitute article writer so it will sound differently than the usual fantastic articles written by Pat von Wittenburg, who, with her hubby were off visiting Elvis and others across the country (from April to July 2005), traveling with their dog Bonnie and three or four cats (a trip that the Ericksons were going to do with them until Joels eye surgery held them home). We are sure that they will have lots of stories to tell us but Pat did call from the road and told me that SHE fixed their refrigerator with some verbal instructions from a mechanic. (Nothing gets that woman down.)

Our May campout was at one of our very favorite spots, Kenney Grove, where we have our Thanksgiving feast. Kenney Grove is outside of Fillmore off of Highway 126 (the directions to which I've almost got memorized and don't even need to call someone at the last minute to find). It is an idyllic and beautiful forest area in the middle of orange groves, and they accommodate all size of RVs. We have electric and water hookups, an adequate clean shower (coins needed and large enough for two), and many huge various oak and other trees, a dry stream bed, lots of bushes, and at this time of year, lots of mosquitos and flies (they didn't eat much and I found an Avon product that works divinely).

There were nine (9) rigs, most of whom came in on Thursday. As our illustrious president Gene Ewald was not accompanied by his bride (Carol or something like that, we forget), those of us who were around Thursday afternoon and evening were treated to watching Gene dance with himself (and anyone who walked by his rig). He did, however, pay dearly for that jitterbugging and swinging on Friday AND Saturday, as his knees presented him with a large statement for services rendered. With no wifey (she won't even let him bring a cat).. well, add some libations ... Gene was great fun on Thursday but groaning by Friday.

One of the reasons we campers don't like to eat out is that we are blessed with incredible cooks. Even with only nine (9) rigs, the potluck breakfast was a feast! Gene Ewald is actually cooking some decent dishes (on his lonesome - oh, but we make sure he is not lonely) - this time, he cooked sausages (however, NOTHING can replace the cream stuffed churros he brought a couple of months ago and will again, hopefully). The svelte Judy Hamilton presented us with incredible homemade gooey sticky buns, dear Charlie made chili relleno, cheese and egg casserole, Joel cooked up something wonderful (eggs, cheese and potatoes?). Everyone really made a concerted effort to contribute to the pounds I gained IN TWO DAYS. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

My brother Robert terrified the campers (Drakes) who were parked in the higher area by hitting practice golf balls during the day, while our (harnessed) cats, Lucy and Ethel, sat under a brush and people and bird watched.

Someone told me that Charlie Henry had acquired a

lot of body bruises, but we all laughed when someone intimated that Jack was responsible for any of them (if anything, Jack would be at the receiving end).

We were all delighted to see Bob Hardy at the campout, with cane, bum eye and all (his spirit is absolutely indomitable), he managed to clean us out of many quarters at the poker table. Of course, it was pretty funny having Bob sit next to Joel, who also has a bad eye at least when they sat next to each other with their bad eyes, they knew the other couldn't possibly be looking at the others cards! We hope Bob continues to fight to regain his health and all of our prayers are with him and Donna.

Joel and Beverly Erickson's daughter, Karen, has been diagnosed with a degenerating (at present incurable) disease of the lungs called AlphaOne, and the Ericksons asked for donations on Karens behalf. Karen's company, Amgen, has pledged to double any amount that she collects, and, as usual, many of our generous campers are pitching in to do whatever we can to help.

The Chiszars showed up with their new motor home and lots of champagne, as is our custom (or law!). Steve bought a used motorhome and remodeled it (as only he can). It has a motorized awning. My skin coloring turns to deep green just typing about it.

We were treated to girl scouts tent camping below our campsite. They walked through with their leaders but didn't even stop to give us cookies that we all obviously "need" (pretty rude, but they were cute and mostly quiet).

Those who weren't losing their money to Bob Hardy and Ed Colleran at poker, read, relaxed in the shade, napped, or played Mexican Train. I'd write something about the delicious potluck hors d'oeuvres, but after a few martinis, I don't remember what anyone cooked only that I saw, I ate, and then rolled into the motorhome on Saturday night.

Jeff and Debi Drake were the Sheriff and Deputy and managed to find something to get everyone for, but they practically had to make up something about me, as I was so very perfect all weekend. The Newcomers did a superb job as wagonmasters except that the best raffle prizes all wound up with Gene Ewald (to compensate for lack of wife maybe?). Gene ALSO won the 50/50!

It is always a wonderful treat to have Don singing by the campfire at night (bugs and all), and we lined up like we were at a real show to listen to his medleys. It was a warm and wonderful campout, and it only took me 2 weeks to lose the seven pounds I gained!

Our next official EL KONEJO KAMPOUT is July 8-9, 2005 in Buellton, and the one after that, wagonmastered by the infamous Frank Coley, is at the Oceano Elks Lodge on August 3. We have such a great time at all of our campouts. We just need more people to join us!

Humbly submitted by Cheryl Templeton, stand-in writer.



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**LOYAL KNIGHT  
Catherine Koeritz**

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**LODGE ACTIVITIES:** Judy Brayman  
**SCOUTING:** Bill Miller  
**HOOPSHOOT:** Tom Hartin  
**WED. NIGHT DINNERS:** Catherine Koeritz  
**DRUG AWARENESS:**  
**STRAY ELKS:** Herb Jellander  
**MOTHER'S DAY:** Terry Baker



**ENTERTAINMENT:** Judy Brayman  
**WED. NIGHT TICKETS:** Liz Bell  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER  
APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool  
**DISTRICT PICNIC:** Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
**PRESIDING JUSTICE:** Dick McCann  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Heather Maddox

We are all saddened by the loss of two of our great brothers, Harold Calvin and Bob Hardy.

What more can you say about these two men who have hearts as big as California.

Many people can't understand the friendship and the building of our family here at the Lodge. We talk and share experiences, feelings, and activities with our families and we have a trust in one another that you could never put into words.

We can't exchange our words anymore, but our memory and our experiences will live on. I, for one, will miss them terribly...

**Catherine's Communication:**

It's summertime and the living is easy. Entertainment will be on Aug. 19th, The Generation Gap! We do have some good meals planned, so highlight your calendars!!!

Cath's Quips:

*"Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission."* (Eleanor Roosevelt)

**August 12th**

**COOK YOUR OWN STEAK**

by Paula & The Krazy Krew



**August 19th**

**FISH FRY**

by Cooper & Crew

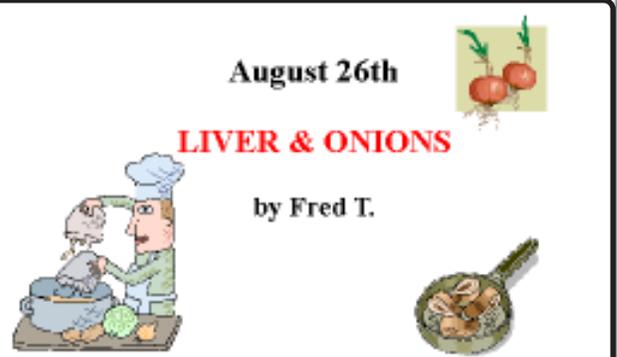
**ENTERTAINMENT**  
The Generation Gap



**August 26th**

**LIVER & ONIONS**

by Fred T.



**IS YOUR GROUP LOOKING  
FOR A PLACE TO HAVE A  
LUNCHEON MEETING????**

- √ **Your search is over**
- √ **The newly painted and capeted banquet room is available**
- √ **Call Banquet Manager Judy Brayman 496-4550 for menus and a tour of the facility**

## Community Service and Image Contest B Winners

Your Grand Lodge-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee is pleased to announce the Winners of the 2004 – 2005 Community Service and Image — Contest “B.” We received a number of outstanding entries which made the judging very difficult. In some cases the margin between First and Third was only a couple of points. Our congratulations to the following Lodges on their awards:

### Division 1 (under 301 Members)

1. West Milford, NJ Lodge No. 2236
2. Minden/Douglas, NV Lodge No. 2670
3. Holbrook, AZ Lodge No. 2450

### Division 2 (301 – 500 Members)

1. Hamden, CT Lodge No. 2224
2. Slidell, LA Lodge No. 2321
3. Jonesboro, AR Lodge No. 498

### Division 3 (501 – 700 Members)

1. Sierra Vista, AZ Lodge No. 2065
2. Marion, OH Lodge No. 32
- 3. Thousand Oaks, CA Lodge No. 2477**

### Division 4 (701 – 1,100 Members)

1. Bullhead City, AZ Lodge No. 2408
2. Coquille Valley, OR Lodge No. 1935
3. Lake Elsinore, CA Lodge No. 2591

### Division 5 (1,101 – 1,500 Members)

1. Garden Grove, CA Lodge No. 1952
2. Apache Junction, AZ Lodge No. 2349
3. Largo, FL Lodge No. 2159

### Division 6 (over 1,500 Members)

1. Sun City, AZ Lodge No. 2559
2. Florence, OR Lodge No. 1858
3. Santa Maria, CA Lodge No. 1538

All entries will be on display at the Grand Lodge-Lodge Activities/State Associations Booth during the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno. Only First Place Awards will be presented at the Convention, and the Exalted Ruler, or a representative, of the First Place Winners must stop by the Grand Lodge-Lodge Activities/State Associations Booth to register and receive instructions for the award presentation. Second and Third Place Awards will be sent to the respective State Associations for presentation at a later date.

## MUMBLES BY MEMBER #2100

Bob Saynay, WWCD, Insurance and Safety Chairman

### OCCUPANCY.....

Ever notice the sign posted in the Elks Lodge that designates the maximum capacity of that space? Ever wonder how and why that came to be? Going back to 1942, there was a fire in Boston at a nightclub named the Coconut Grove. Nearly 500 lives were claimed and began a period when comprehensive fire safety laws were put in place. Those enforced the Life Safety Code that was begun by the National Fire Protection Association over 80 years ago and still used by your local fire department today. Of extreme significance, the loss of life from fire still finds those losses are a result of violation of the requirements of code. Last year a fire at the Rhode Island Station Nightclub, 100 lives were needlessly lost and that, along with interim tragedies, sent a clear message that once again fire safety statutes needed to be updated.

The path of travel along the aisle accessway shall not exceed 36' from any seat to the closest aisle or egress doorway.

When non-fixed seating (i.e. a chair) is located between a table and an aisle accessway, the width of the aisle shall be made to a line 19" away from the edge of the table. In other words, allow 19" for a seated person. An exception, four chairs within the first 6' from a wall to an aisle accessway are unregulated with respect to spacing. The width of aisles serving seating at tables shall not be less than 44" when serving an occupant load exceeding 50. When serving an occupant load of less than 50, it shall be not less than 36"

Below is a sketch to give a general outline for meeting seating safety requirements. Verification to meet your specific layout can be found in the Life Safety Code Handbook, sections 13.2.57 through 13.2.58 and Section 12.2.5.

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A representative of each Lodge that entered this contest may pick up the Lodge's brochure on Tuesday afternoon or on Wednesday before noon. All entries not picked up will be discarded. Please don't let this happen to this valuable record of your Lodge's Activities. Your Grand Lodge-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee would like to thank every Lodge who took the time to enter this contest. In reviewing the brochures, it was obvious that the Lodges who entered truly demonstrate that "Elks Care — Elks Share."

J. Fran Mullen, Member  
G/L-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LECTURING KNIGHT

### Robert Jones

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**AMERICANISM:** Raven West  
**FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:**  
**Robert Jones**  
**SCHOLARSHIP:** Rick Herrera  
**GOVT. RELATIONS:** Denise Goldstein  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Terry Baker  
**NATIONAL SERVICES:** Jim Kellogg



**KIDS XMAS PARTY:** Chet Kozlowski, PER  
**GOLF TOURNEY:** Dave Pearson  
**Tommy Claunch**  
**LODGE PICNIC:** Robert Jones  
**MEMBERSHIP:** Every Lodge Member  
**CHRISTMAS TREES:**  
**Herb Jellander/Terry Baker**  
**EL KONEJO KAMPERS:** Gene Ewald

Hello,

I hope that you all had a happy Fourth of July celebration.

We all had a great time at the ER Going Away Party. Both the food and the entertainment were first rate. I was told before the party started that there would be no drag, (example: PERs dressing up as cheerleaders or brides), instead we were treated to Dragnet. Both Jack and David did a great job. Elvis put in an appearance and both Jacob and Johnny D' sang for us. We also had three runnings of the horses.

Remember to mark your calendars for our annual picnic at Conejo Community Park on August 28, 2005 starting at 11:00 AM.



### AMERICANISM

Raven West, Com. Chair.

In these tense times when the world views America with disdain and disrespect, it's a joy to see at least one citizen of another country write from his heart about our great country. We can only hope that this man's opinions are in the majority of the world's views and not what is constantly being reported by the media:

#### ***America: The Good Neighbor***

*"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.*

*When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.*

*When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.*

*The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans. I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes?*

*Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times -and safely home again.*

*You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.*

*When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.*

*I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake. Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."*

***Stand proud, America!***

**Gordon Sinclair**  
**Toronto, Canada**

**Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks  
WCCD, California-Hawaii Elks Association  
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
2005-2006  
Gilbert L. Riding**



Gil was born in Bell, California and grew up in Escondido. After graduating from Escondido Union High School Gil joined the United States Marine Corps in 1954 and served until 1956. After his discharge he apprenticed as a locksmith, receiving his Journeyman's Certificate in 1959.

Gil met his bride of 45 years at a Memorial Day picnic in 1959. Gil and Phyllis were married in 1960 and are blessed with two children, Chara and James. We have two grandsons and a grand daughter, Natasha; also known as the "PRINCESS", the apple grandpas eye. Grandson Nick is now undergoing United States Army Basis Training at Fort Leonard Wood and Grandson Wes just graduated from high school in Sterling, Scotland.

Gil opened his locksmith business in the Conejo Valley in 1968 with the help of Phyllis. Over the years he has been active in the California Locksmiths Association serving as the Research & Development Chairman for 6 years, Convention Chairman for 5 years and as President in 1972-1973. Gil received the Man of the Year Award in 1974. He was also active in youth activities, serving as a Cub Scout Den Leader from 1971 through 1975, the Equipment Manager for the Conejo Cowboys Youth Football in 1977 and the President of the Conejo Cowboys in 1978. He founded The Guild of Licensed Locksmith Contractors in 1984 and served as the Chairman of the Board until 1990.

Gil joined the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge in 1991. In



**ENTERTAINMENT**  
Judy Brayman, Club Manager

Hi Everyone,

Well summer is almost over we are already into August where does the time go?

Speaking of time we are going to take a trip back in time on August 19th Friday night. Along with Mr. Cooper's Fish Fry our entertainment is the Generation Gap. They will be taking us back into the 60's, 70's & 80's. Let's make it a fun night out of it and dress in the era of your choice. Don't be shy dig through your closets and see what you can come up with. Be ready for a bubble gum contest let's see how many pieces of bubble gum you can chew at one time to blow the biggest bubble.

Don't forget we still have raffle tickets behind the bar for sale for \$20.00 each if your ticket is drawn you will receive a \$500.00 bond in your name. Please come in and purchase your ticket think of it this way if every member bought one ticket we would have close to \$10,000.00 dollars towards our new facility so hurry up and get your raffle ticket NOW!

Our banquet room is ready with its new make over so tell all your friends or family members if they are having a party and need a room we have one for them. Have them call me and I will help them with their party requirements. We have new menus beside our Chicken & Tri Tip we have Chicken Marsala, Salmon, Chicken Piccata, Lasagna, all entries include salad, vegetables, pasta or potatoes etc. Call me at 496-4550.

From our rummage sale left behind is a very large chandelier if anyone would like to have it please come and pick it up it's yours free.

Well that's it for me see you August 19th be ready to dance the night away to oldies but goodies.

Judy

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February, 1992 was asked to serve as the Lodge Esquire, just a little thing, something like a Sergeant-At-Arms and he has been involved ever since. Going through the chairs was a wonderful experience and he was proud to serve as the Exalted Ruler in 1995-1996. Gil continued to serve the lodge as Ritual Coach, Lodge Business Practices Chairman, Bar-B-Q Chairman and is a member of the New Facilities Committee. Gil was proud to be the Elk of the Year in 2003-2004 and was voted an Honorary Life Membership in November 2004. He has been active in the District serving as Business Practices Chairman and Major Project Chairman and the Ritual Contest Chairman.

Gil also had the honor to be the Esquire to Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Bill Lloyd and the Auditor to Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Richard Goldner.

WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



Kenneth Hewitt, Jim Stores, Denise Brady sponsored by Sharon Kagay



Walter Johnson And John Mikowski with sponsor David Pearson



David Puente with sponsor Bill Jones



Michael Ramirez with sponsor Leo Rodriquez



Bill Lloyd, DL, made the presentation of the plaque honoring the late Frank Rindone, PER crafted by Bill Sternberg, PER



Tommy and Sally Claunch, ER all smiles for the Elks Reno convention

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GOING AWAY PARTY**

The stars appeared, Frick & Frack,  
MC'ed the show:

Featuring Jack Webb, Private Eye and  
the 'Clapper Caper'

Elvis was very handsome and up to the  
musical challenge

Phil Harris, instructed us on the game of  
poker when we get to Reno

and our Man in Black showed off his  
fancy footwork



Elaine and Richard Goldner, DDGER, all set to meet the new  
challenges of tomorrow



DDGER elect Gil Riding and Phyllis anxious to pass on the Grand  
Exalted Rulers message to the WCCD

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Alice Kennedy

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For those of you who didn't have the chance to attend the Father's Day Brunch, you really missed a good one. Our coordinator, Myrna, did one fine job. Kudos to the cooks and all the servers. It took a lot of people taking care

of the details, but everything looked so nice with burgundy and white table clothes and multicolored flowers along with kisses (Hershey's candy kisses, it wasn't that kind of party) decorating the tables. The cheese blintzes with fresh strawberry sauce were to die for. Sharon and my fruit platter was a work of art if I do say so myself. All of the food was well thought out and cooked to perfection (even though we didn't actually cook all those muffins, Danishes and bagels). I mentioned to Jay I thought the potatoes were the best I ever tasted and he informed me they were cooked in bacon grease. My heart and arteries may have protested, but my taste buds were singing Alleluia!

I think the news came back that we had about 84 people in attendance. For my co-workers reading this, I'm just sure they are waiting for my sarcasm on the bikini tee-shirt I was forced to wear. Now mind you, this part has been edited and re-edited



since this is a family publication, but being a long time feminist you know I didn't go along willingly with such an expose'. I did my darnedest to get out of wearing that bikini tee-shirt but that mob of ruffians were not taking "NO" for an

answer. If they hadn't agreed to let me handle the champagne, I'd have been long gone. Now I know you want to know how that went. A big apology to the gentleman that I showered with half a bottle on his shirt sleeve (you know who you are). His only consolation was that I was wearing the other half on my pants and the fact that he was a good sport about it. Those trays can get tippy when the bottle is full and the glasses are empty. I broke only one of the glass champagne flutes (quite a feat I might add), but felt vindicated when Alice broke one too. By this time we had a few Mimosas under our belts and felt no shame. I don't think Carol spilled or broke anything. My overall impression is that the work crew had just as much fun as the guests.



**GOD'S OFFER OF NATURE'S  
PEACEFULNESS**

Marilyn Cissell

**When watching flights of birds on high,  
or choosing a night's starry laced sky.  
We break from life and daily stress  
to seek out nature's peacefulness.**

**A frisky squirrel who may compete,  
with blue jays for a tasty treat.  
Paired butterflies perform an airborne dance,  
such simplicity, Lord, our lives you do enhance.  
Amen**

**AUGUST**

- 01 Judy Sandham
- 02 Sharon Baker
- Beth Kozlowski
- Marie Wagner
- 09 Yolie Loughran
- 10 Jeanne Sandt
- 26 Myrna Block
- 30 Gladys Ennis



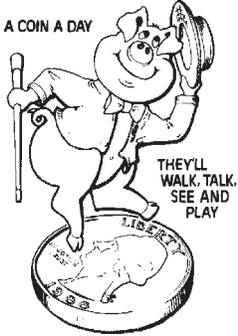
I attended the Elk Ladies Executive Board meeting to sniff around for news for my article. I'm sworn to secrecy but . . . They are planning something really fun for October 22. Hint: What do Tom Hanks, Gilligan and fly fishing have in common? No, I've said enough, I have a reputation to protect. I wouldn't have said this much, but I haven't gotten over the bikini tee-shirt episode yet. More details to follow next month.

By the time this goes to print, we will have already had our Elk Ladies Luncheon. I just know this will be the event of the season. I will give a full report next month. Enjoy the beautiful summer weather and keep laughing. People say it gives you wrinkles, but I think it is character lines and it feels so good. Until next time, I wish you peace, good health and lots of belly laughs.

Jessica Stull

**HONOR ROLL**

A COIN A DAY



- Cheryl Templeton
- Catherine Koeritz
- David Naccarato
- Michael O'Kelly
- Vern Jossy
- Jay Block, PER
- Myrna Block
- Pearl Gibbs
- Gary Erland
- Judi Palmquist
- Leo Massicotte
- Liz Bell
- Sally Claunch, ER
- Tom Ryder, PDDGER
- Gil Riding, PER



**AUGUST**

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|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Erle Pittman, PDDGER | 11. Greg Ryder       | 27. John Ough        |
| Jim Mullen              | Steven Ogden         | Tom Agar             |
| 2. David Naccarato      | 14. Jan King         | Ken Warren           |
| William "Max" Maxwell   | Tim Kelly            | Caren Longson        |
| 3. Doug Routh           | Frank Coley          | 28. Gil Riding, PER  |
| Donald Dittman          | Cal DiValerio        | Deneice Whorton      |
| Mike Ferragamo          | Dave Perry           | 29. Jack Cote        |
| John Good               | Stan Zabaglo         | Dan Johnson          |
| 4. Dr. William Doody    | 17. Don Skinner, PER | Jon Adam Eslick      |
| 7. George Conahey       | 18. Jim Barker       | 31. Daniel Kozlowski |
| 8. George Deradoorian   | Richard McDonald     |                      |
| Carelton Douglas, Jr.   | Patricia Pawlus      |                      |
| 9. Mike Asadurian       | 23. Bart Vanderlip   |                      |
| 10. Joe LeFlore         | Fred Severo          |                      |
|                         | 24. Joel Erickson    |                      |
|                         | 25. Walt Schaedle    |                      |
|                         | Mark Montenegro      |                      |
|                         | 26. Rick Filerman    |                      |
|                         | Myrna Block          |                      |

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	\$75.00	#942	Virgil Craig
Lucky 13	No Winner		
June 8	\$500.00	#1867	William McKenna
	\$100.00	#1188	Gary Cooper
Lucky 13	Sally Claunch, ER		<b>WINNER</b>
June 15	\$500.00	#1870	Chris Meske
	\$125.00	#1947	Wayne Flittner
Lucky 13	No Winner		
June 22	\$500.00	#1865	Jay Block, PER
	\$150.00	#2005	John Ferrie
Lucky 13	No Winner		<b>WINNER</b>

## IN HONOR OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

By Bro. Ed Jones

The Declaration of Independence is the birth announcement of the United States of America. It is not quite the birth certificate because over five more years of war lay in the path of our founders before the pledges of the Declaration could be redeemed by the establishment of the new nation. Its two major purposes were to signal that the stakes of the fighting had been raised to revolutionary status and, in so doing, to inspire the troops on to victory.

In lawyer-like fashion, Thomas Jefferson built his philosophical case for independence. Beginning with the axiom that all people possess the God-given natural rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," he draws the inference that governments are created by the people to secure these natural rights and then builds to the conclusion, that because the British government has not preserved these rights for the individual, but, rather, has taken them away, that it is the people's ... "right, it their duty to overthrow such government, and to provide new Guards for their security." The indictment against George III contains 27 charges.

But when one reviews the charges and the events that directly precipitated the revolution, he is struck by the almost intuitive acceptance of and preoccupation with natural rights. These concepts, stemming from the Enlightenment period in western Europe, of the nature of man and the purpose of government were so firmly ingrained in every colonist that they needed no explanation by Jefferson and his committee. They were, in fact, as the Declaration states, "self-evident."

However, if Jefferson and the "heroes of '76" were correct, that they were fighting to preserve the natural rights of all people everywhere and if Emerson was correct that the first shot of the Revolution was "the shot heard round the world," why don't all people everywhere understand that representative democracy is in their best interest and, as in the case of Iraq, stop blowing people up to prevent it, but, rather, begin to help nurture the tender plant of democracy so that it can grow and flourish?

Evidently something more is needed in the make-up of the individual, and the something more that was present in '76 was the understanding, gleaned through reason and experience, that the true nature of human kind is one of freedom and equality and that these human rights flow from the law of nature itself and are unalienable and essential to a productive life. In the words of the political scientist, Clinton Rossiter, the greatest of these rights are: "the right to life, which carries with it the power of self-preservation; the right to liberty, to act (within reason) as one pleases without external restraint; the right to property, to use and dispose of the fruits of honest industry; the right to pursue happiness on equal terms with others and the right to a free conscience, to reach out for God without the permission or even help of any other person."

It seems that the problem is just here, in his final point, that religion, or a perverted interpretation of religion, has so permeated the thinking of some of those we would have embrace freedom and democracy that it is causing the violence that is standing in the way of the creation of democratic institutions.

Whether or not these problems can be solved in the near future, only time will tell, but I believe they reinforce the underlying need for the separation of church and state. Thomas Jefferson called it a "wall of separation" that must be in place to prevent either the state creating a religion to which everyone must adhere, or, conversely, the religious leaders taking over the state and dictating domestic and foreign policy.

In celebrating July 4th we need to realize that it was not only the propitious history and circumstances that combined to provide the foundation in the public mind for the Declaration of Independence, but also the heroic commitment of the 56 signers of the document. After agreeing to the edited language of Jefferson and his committee, the members of the Continental Congress themselves added one final line, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." We should show great respect, even reverence, to these signers for their courage in proclaiming our independence that day because, if the revolution should have failed, which was the most likely outcome, they would undoubtedly all have hanged as traitors.

## ELK & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Dave Pearson, Golf Chairman



We all had a great time beating that little white ball around the hills, valleys and sand of Sunset Hills Country Club. We had 84 golfers come out to have fun under the sun. A few of them even had a beer or two!

Through the generosity of these participants, we were able to make approximately \$5,000.00 for our lodge. Thanks to Ed Rice and crew, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner. The beautiful trophies awarded were donated by our very own Joe Smith of Smith Trophies in Newbury Park. Thanks, Joe. Unfortunately, I left some of the score cards at the Elks Lodge that evening, so I only have a partial listing of the winners. I apologize to those players I left out, or whose foursome changed. Ok...here it goes:

**Men's Low Gross** with a score of 58 was John Mikowski, Wally Johnson, Marty Lambert, and Mike Lambert.

**Men's Low Net** with a score of 56 was Nick Schiele, Marc Kennedy, Glenn Wellman, and Mitch Strunk.

**Ladies Low Net** winners were Annie Pearson, Nancy Hull, Marta Gedney, and Kristi Flemming.

**Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** went to Catherine Koeritz, Liz Bell, Heather Maddox, and Vickey Eagan.

**Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> Pace** went to Pam Mueller, Dee Swanson, Debi Fitzpatrick, and Sue Ploesch.

The **Closest to the Pin** for \$75.00 each was won by:

**Hole #5** John Mikowski 5 feet 3 inches  
**Hole #9** Bob Creamer 9 feet  
**Hole #12** Glenn Wellman 5 feet 1 inch  
**Hole #17** John Scott 10 feet 1 inch

**Long Drive Hole** was won by:

**Men:** Marty Lambert  
**Women:** Vickey Eagan

I would like to thank my helpers, Susie Ross, Crystal Dool, Walt Eagan, and Robert Koeritz. (I hope I didn't leave anyone out!!) I would also like to thank the players again for their continued participation. Everyone had a blast and I look forward to seeing all of you in our next tournament. Hit 'em long and straight.

David Pearson

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Denise Goldstein, Com. Chair.



On Monday, June 27, 2005, the US Supreme Court issued its decisions and opinions on two Ten Commandment cases, Van Orden and McCreary. In the



Van Orden case, the monument, donated by the Eagles, displayed on the park grounds at the Texas State Capitol was found constitutional. In the McCreary case, the display of the Ten Commandments in Kentucky courthouses with other historical documents was found unconstitutional. The Justice responsible for what may

appear to be these inconsistent decisions is Justice Breyer, who voted with the majority on each case. It was not surprising to the legal community that Justices Rehnquist, Scalia, Thomas and Kennedy voted in similarity, and Stevens, O'Connor, Souter and Ginsberg voted similarly. Justice Beyer was the deciding vote and would have voted with the dissenting Justices but for one fact! So, the decision in Van Orden could have very easily been decided unconstitutional! There are approximately 75 pages of opinion to read on these cases, and this is where there is very interesting information on what legal tests the Justices used and the rationale of the facts to determine whether or not the Establishment Clause had been violated.

What was surprising to the legal community, and to which more attention was paid by the media, was the resignation of Justice O'Connor. Everyone had their eye on Chief Justice Rehnquist to retire first, since he underwent a tracheotomy as treatment for his thyroid cancer. It would not be surprising if in addition to Justice Rehnquist (80), Justice Stevens (85) submits his resignation before the beginning of the next term, as he has served over 29 years, appointed by President Ford. With at least one or more vacancies on the bench, landmark decisions, including the Ten Commandments, could be overturned depending on who the President nominates for those positions.

**NEXT ARTICLE:** The interesting facts surrounding the opinions and decisions of the Ten Commandments cases.

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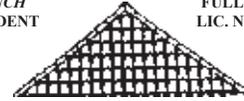
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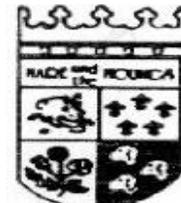


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