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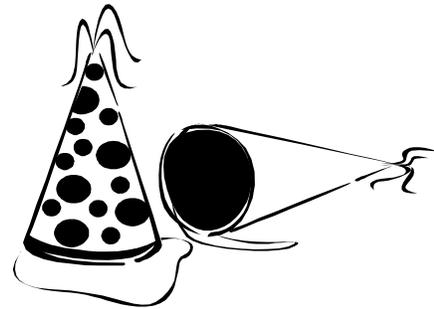
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*'Elks For Scouting and Scouting For Elks'*



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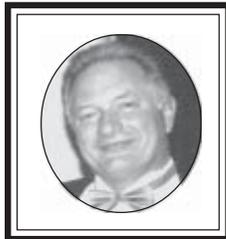
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December is here as predicted and it will no doubt be as busy as any other. Lots of lodge activities are planned and of course, the gathering and distribution of our Charity Baskets. Please don't wait to be asked to help with this project, call Jay Block and volunteer your time, it will give you a warm feeling knowing that you helped someone in need.

Our members have been working very hard to optimize the earning capabilities of our lodge. The BBQ teams under the leadership of Eddy Rice have been doing outstanding work, not only on their regular BBQ Saturdays but also at catering events such as car shows, the Street Fair and civic celebrations. The lounge has become the place to be on weekends because of the hard work of Pete Padilla and the entertainment he has brought in. The Fun Faire, also chaired by Pete, was a success and a major fundraiser this year. Thanks to all that have worked so hard and continue to support our lodge.

I am very proud of our Jr. Elks and brag about them to other lodges at every opportunity. They raised money for the D.A.R.E. Program by putting on a car wash and have served several meals to our members. Good job Juniors, you will make fine Elks someday soon.

Our request has been submitted to the proper Grand Lodge authority for issuing bonds for our new facility. When that permit is back and approved I will write a column each month to keep the members informed of the new building's progress. In the meantime, a business strategy is being developed to allow us to retire the bonds in a timely manner. Although it is hard to see progress yet be assured, the Bond Committee and Building Committee are putting in lots of time to get this long awaited project up and out of the ground.

I would like to remind every member that there is still room on the New Facility donation plaques for your name. The plaques are located right under the rendering by Len Cardoni of our new building. You can have your name put on these plaques for as little as a \$100 donation to the New Facilities fund. Please look over these plaques next time you are in the lounge and consider having your

**FIRST LADYS CORNER**

Barbara Metzgs, FL

October and November were busy months, thanks to all that pitched in and made each event successful. We have returned from our last Elks Convention of this lodge year and we were very happy and proud to represent all of our members.

Please join Exalted Ruler Greg and myself for our ER Christmas Tom and Jerry party on the 12th of this month. The lodge will be decorated by then and we are looking forward to sharing the holiday spirit with you that evening. The following day is the Children's Christmas Party and the Piñatas should be extra full this year of unused Halloween candy due to the rain Halloween night. The Charity Baskets will be prepared the week of the 15th and distributed on the 20th to needy families in our area. Please don't wait to be asked to help, your help is needed and it will leave a warm feeling in your heart this holiday season. Contact Leading Knight Jay Block, even if you can only help for a few hours.

This is the time of year that the phrase "Elks Care, Elks Share" is most evident. Remember, all of this charity stays right here in our own community.

Thanks again for your help everyone.

First Lady Barbara

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name placed on one of them.

Although at the writing of this article I have not actually gone to the Mid Term Elks Convention in Redding, I am sure there I will have lots of material to share when I return. Thank you all for again giving First Lady Barbara and myself the honor of representing our lodge.

Exalted Ruler Greg Metzgs



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**PATRIOTISM STIRS THE HEART**

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477, stirred the heart and conducted their 12th Annual Elks Flag Retirement Ceremony along with their sponsoring Boys, Girls, Cub and Explorer Venture Scouting units.

It was a summery day in the 90's when 50 of our Elk members, scouts, guests and friends paid their respects to our worn and torn American flags. When patriotism is rekindled in our nation and flags flown daily there is a need to retire old and worn flags respectfully. Patriotism is first and foremost with Elks. Carrying on the commitment of *'Elks Partners in Scouting'* the scouts presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance and the Chaplain gave the invocation. The Thousand Oaks Elks retired the first flag to the flames and the scouts retired the rest. The scouts have a ritual ceremony where by they remove each stripe one at a time representing the original 13 States and as they lower them into the funeral pyre a patriotic message is delivered i.e. *"Rhode Island for the first of the 13 colonies to sign the Declaration of Independence."*

An ice cream social was provided following the service.



**Caption (L-R)**  
 Boy Scout Troop 754; Cub Scouts Pack 3753; Girl Scout Troops 161 and 12; and Exalted Ruler, Greg Metzger

**AIR FORCE ONE**

Tom Klomparens, Tiler

Tom Klomparens shared two rare post World War II black and white photos. One of the photos was a Constellation 749 and how it got it's name as Air Force One.

The way it became Air force One is when President Dwight D. Eisenhower (Ike) came into the Presidency. We took the 749 Connie that the Secretary of Air under President Truman's administration. It was called Columbine the Second.

It was given four new engines and while we were flying the required time on the new engines the Air Traffic Control got it confused with the TWA Constellations. There was a meeting and it was decided to call it Air Force One.



**A new addition to the William O'Shea family. Welcome Anica Louise O'Shea who weighed in at just 2lbs prematurely and after a 2 month stay at Kaiser Hospital finally made it home into Cheryl, her mothers loving arms and is doing well.**

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LEADING KNIGHT

### Jay Block

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Joe Smith

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:** Sally Claunch**INVESTIGATION:** George Meehan**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:**

Jack Malone

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** Jay & Myrna Block**INDOCTRINATION:** Jack Loughran, **PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.:** Herb Jellander**CVAC:** Tom Hartin**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota**OFFICERS ROUND TABLE:** Jack Panczak**CHARITY DINNERS:** Jay & Myrna Block

The Season of Giving is here. As in every other year we will call upon our loyal members to step forward and assist in our annual Christmas Basket drive. You will find sign up sheets to volunteer for gift-wrapping, loading the baskets with food and helping with the deliveries. We will also be asking for help in manning the Christmas Tree Lot. For all of you new members who have joined our ranks since last Christmas, come out and participate, its great fun, and I will guarantee that you will get into the spirit of the season, and it doesn't cost you anything but a little time.

Like the Marines, we are looking for a few GOOD people to help form another BBQ team so that we can provide our BBQ every Saturday. ER Greg has put up a couple of Signup sheets around the Lodge, so if you care about what we do, use this as an opportunity to really help ourselves and acquaint people with what Elkdom is all about.

**AND REMEMBER.....**  
**ELKS CARE.... and....ELKS SHARE**

Your Leading Knight Jay Block

## THANK YOU

Harold Calvin - Sponsor  
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Jim Mullen

### What Will Matter

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed. Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear. So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to-do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end. It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant. So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave. What will matter is not your success, but your significance. What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example. What will matter is not your competence, but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone. What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you. What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice. Choose to live a life that matters.

*Elks Care - Elks Share*



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat von Wittenburg

### HALLO-O-O-WEEN AT PT. MUGU



And oh what a time we had. Everyone got into the spirit as requested by wagonmasters Jeff & Debi Drake. (I've been severely scolded by our esteemed editor - so I may not be able to adequately describe the entire weekend, cause it was just to-o-o much).

Upon our arrival we were visited by an official Federal Fire Department Truck and man in uniform - everyone was wondering what in the world the von Wittenburgs had done? It must have been something REALLY serious. Ha! Ha! Not at all. It was our gardener who's a fireman on the base, stopping by to say "Hello". On top of that - he's drop-dead gorgeous - huh, Cheryl?

We were a bit concerned, those who had gone up on Wednesday found it to be very windy and cloudy. Harry (our gardener) said that he has worked the previous weekend and hadn't seen the sun all weekend. WELL - Friday morning dawned bright and sunny, quite warm and the weekend was absolutely perfect.

Speaking of Cheryl (could I not?) you have never seen so many Halloween decorations in your life. If it's on the market - I think she has it. She did an awesome job. But not to be out done, the Collerans took the entire afternoon on Saturday, covered their awning with HEAVY black plastic, created a graveyard, with black lights and all. Ed was pretty scary in his grim-reaper costume and Donna was no slouch either. They, of course, took first place in the rig-decorating contest. The Ericksons theme was "Which Holiday is it?" And I must admit - it was darned unique. Should have seen Beverly's costume - let's see if I can remember - Betsy Ross, with a corset apron and I'm not sure what else. They took third place. Cheryl took second place. A gremlin would not leave the Hardys out and put up a few decorations - cause everyone who had even a bit of decoration was given a prize for trying. Debi, well Jeff, too - you did an extraordinary job! It was really a lot of fun - think you guys should be wagonmasters every October.

Besides the Halloween theme, which came off very successful - Debi brewed up a pot of spaghetti Saturday night - everyone threw in something - so we all could concentrate on our decorating. Turned out darned good.

Steve Chiszar was a charming pirate - and invited a lovely couple Andy and Jennifer - well lovely until they

walked off with an arm load of raffle prizes and the 50/50. Seriously they were absolutely charming and Steve is working on Andy to see if we have a potential new Lodge member.

Ya know - the Kampers really do provide a LOT of support to the Lodge. During the last several months, we have donated \$500 to the golf tournament for prizes; \$1,000 to the memorial fund; \$200 for the Kids Christmas Party; and \$500 for the Christmas Baskets. We're not just a bunch of crazies that love to go camping! The Lodge IS important to us.

### TECK TIPS

Because I was over my word limit last month - this was cut off the end about the propane regulator - hissing.

Bill was advised that the life expectancy of the regulator is TEN YEARS. AmeriGas is set up to test your entire propane system by appointment only. Their labor charge is \$70 per hour, however, Bill found that THE TESTING took approximately 15 minutes. It seems that \$17.50 is incredibly cheap to avoid a potentially dangerous situation.

### REMEMBER

#### **KAMPERS CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - December 14 - GRAND VISTA - SIMI \$22 PER PERSON**

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March 12 & 13 - Valencia Travel Village

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December 14, 2003

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### Random Thoughts From Claunch

Elks Care-Elks Share—How often do we hear and see these words? They appear in our publications, videos and speeches. But is it merely a slogan? Or does it motivate our behavior? I believe that at our Lodge, it does have significance. In fact, especially this month, it is the driving force behind all our activities and functions, both charitable and social. We will remember our deceased members and care for their surviving spouses at the Memorial Service. We will care for our less fortunate neighbors by sharing our goods through the Christmas basket program. We will care for our children and grandchildren by providing a Tree Trimming Party and Christmas Party. And finally, as Elks, we will care for our families and friends by sharing our love and kind deeds during this holiday season.

### Dining and Entertainment

Fish King Cooper is back in December---not on Friday but for Monday Night Football, December 1st. Last year's dinner was a sellout. On Friday December 5th,, there is something for everyone. The Elk Ladies will provide their lavish buffet dinner. While the children decorate the tree. Later the Silver Ridge band will entertain the adults and kids. Tradition lives on, with the annual ER Holiday party complete with buttered rum on December 12th. Greg and Barb will be greeting and meeting all Elks and their families. The following day Shirley and Chet Kozlowski present a special function for all the little folks, a luncheon including a visit from Santa.

On December 14th, tradition lives on, with the El Konejo Kampers, all you can eat brunch at the Grand Vista Hotel. Bring your appetite and don't forget money for the marvelous raffle prizes. After Monday Night Football on December 15th, the Lodge will be closed for the serious business of preparing the Christmas baskets. Following delivery of the baskets on 20th, the Lodge will be serving breakfast on the 21th. Returning after an absence of four months motor homing, Frank Coley will be the featured cook for Monday Night Football on the 22th. . If this is not enough, come

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** Barb Kurmas on the passing of her step-father; Bev and Joel Erickson on the passing of her mother Ina; and Jay and Myrna Block on the passing of their good friend and their son-in-law's father.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Jack Loughran has pneumonia; Mary Lussier had surgery, Ruth Wagner recovering from pneumoia.

**ON THE MEND:** Don and Barb Booker's son had blood poisoning in his arm; Jim Wagner broke his ribs; and Vera Bailie

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down to the Lodge for dinner the day after Christmas, but please bring an appetizer, dish, or a leftover to share. The featured entertainment will be Megabucks at 8:00 p.m. Our Wednesday night dinners will be prepared by Magician Smith with lovely assistant, Betty and by Carol Neuner Last but not least----New Year's Eve.

### New Year's Eve Party

On December 31st the Lodge will be transformed into a Las Vegas style nightclub for the annual New Year's Eve party. Starting the evening you will sip the beverage of your choice while tasting appetizers and mingling with friends in the Lounge. Upon entering the dining room you will be surrounded by music and Vegas décor. A three- course sit down prime rib dinner will follow. For your listening and dancing pleasure Charlie and Vanessa's band will entertain with vocals and their specialties. There will be dance contests, games and later in the evening champagne and cake will be served. Hats, noisemakers and balloons are all part of the package being offered. You can make table reservations by calling Sally Claunch at 495-0577. Tickets will be available at the bar or through the officers. The cost is \$30 per person.

**EXALTED RULER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**Friday, December 12, 2003**

## NOW PLAYING AT THE PALACE



When SHOW BIZ had nothing to do with movies, cable-TV or even electricity, Vaudeville was entertainment. And the true mark of a performer's having "arrived" was a sustained engagement at one of the great

big-city theaters. The non-stop audiences were a solid endorsement of talents which had taken a lifetime to acquire. Dreams of attaining this stature in the theatrical world sustained thousands of would-be singers, dancers, comics and musicians while they journeyed from one backwater town to the next, eating sparse meals or sleeping a few hours in spare moments that fell into the strenuous travel and rehearsal demands of their careers. When at last a few reached the pinnacle of stardom, it was almost beyond description, a feeling of rebirth and exhilaration.

By way of parallel, there is a group of people who currently have that same exhilaration and special treatment that can only come after a lifetime of hard work. They have traded empty apartments and hours of loneliness, irregular meals and never-ending chores for a palatial home filled with friends, activities, delicious and healthful food, and especially a self-satisfaction and sense of purpose which brings them awake with a smile as if every morning is Christmas.

These are Elks like you who have found a new, rewarding life at the Elks National Home and Retirement Village, surrounded by rolling countryside and lush Virginia greenery. Would you like to "audition" for this "Star status" at the "Palace" in Bedford? This could be your "Big Break"! A one-to-five day visit to the Home costs under \$50-a-day per person, meals included, for any Elk in good standing who wants to sample what the "Good Life" here is all about. For more details, contact either your State Association's Home Coordinator or Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523, (phone: 1-800-552-4140; Email: [enhome@aol.com](mailto:enhome@aol.com)). Soon YOU could be in the "limelight"!



**Dec. 5th - The Ladies Tree Trimming Party**  
**Dec. 9th - The Ladies Christmas Party**  
**Dec. 13th - The Children's Christmas Party**

## THE ELKS NATIONAL HOME A Retirement Community for Elk Members

*There are Vacancies at Your National Retirement Home*

*To see how familiar you are with the Elks National Retirement Home in Bedford, Virginia, let us ask you a few questions.*

*Did you know that we now have women and couples (who are Elk Members) in residence?*

*Are you aware that residents of the Home have every opportunity to live an active lifestyle, by enjoying the golf course, parties, and other activities here as well as the various day trips to places of interest throughout the area?*

*Have you ever talked with residents of the Home to hear their views on the lifestyle here? It is amazing how the residents (and the staff) become like family to one another.*

We could go on and on, but most of all, are you aware that there are vacancies for single occupancy rooms? These are suitable for either men or women who are Elk members.

The available rooms are fully furnished (although residents may add items of their own if they desire). The rooms have private baths, air conditioning, and a small refrigerator. The monthly rate of \$1,061 for these particular rooms includes the room, three meals a day, Utilities (except telephone and cable TV), laundry, and housekeeping.

There are several ways to get the complete information or request an application.

- ◆ Telephone 1-800-552-4140 during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. - noon or
- ◆ 1:00-5:00 p.m. ET) and ask for Nellie Martin, Christina Salinas, or Mary Wiley.
- ◆ Write to Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523.
- ◆ Visit our website at [www.elkshome.org](http://www.elkshome.org).

Contact the Elks National Home today. It could open the door to a completely new and wonderful world for you.

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LECTURING KNIGHT

### David Naccarato

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**AMERICANISM:** Raven West  
**FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:**  
 David Naccarato  
**SCHOLARSHIP:** Rick Herrera  
**GOVT. RELATIONS:** Denise Goldner  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** George Meehan  
**NATIONAL SERVICES:** Jim Kellogg



**KIDS XMAS PARTY:** Chet Kozlowski, **PER**  
**GOLF TOURNEY:** Dave Pearson  
 TommyClaunch

**LODGE PICNIC:**  
**MEMBERSHIP:**  
**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Bob Hardy, **PER**  
**EL KONEJO KAMPERS:** Walter Ogden

Our group that goes to the VA hospital to play bingo and bring a snack to our veterans went really good. Usually after we play a game or two and after our snack we leave and that's it. But this time it was different. It was during the World Series. So after we were done we turned up the TV and settled in to watch the game. We watched and talked with the guys and girls and it was very rewarding. It was put to me in a way that hit home. "We don't look forward to going but it's very rewarding after we're there". Our Visitation group is growing. We had our regulars Jim Kellogg, Ed Ayrala and Vern Jossy Judi Palquist and myself. But new member George Estok came out to give us a hand. He fit right in it was like he had been there before.

The BBQ does not fall under my station but we got to hand it to the guys that work the BBQ teams. The lodge needs the BBQ for income to function. Weather we like it or not the Elks lodge is a business. We need to make money to cover expenses and overhead and insurance. I was a patron of the BBQ even before I joined the Elks lodge and when I was asked what I would like to get involved with, I said the BBQ. Just think a Saturday afternoon, your out side with a bunch of guys over an open fire the sun is shining, the smell of oak and fat drippings and the best tasting tri- tip this side of the Mississippi. Now that I have worked the JV BBQ team. It is true we are out with a bunch of guys in 100 degree heat on your neck with a 360 degree fire in your face and smoke in your eyes. And if your the slicer you slice till you cant feel your arm and your joints ache. If your working bread, it's never fast enough. You stack and cut and wrap and all ways getting the call for more sandwiches. The day is done you clean up and count the money and deposit it to the general fund. Next time you see a member of the BBQ team let them know how much we appreciate them. It is a lot of hard work but a lot of fun and it's worth it.

*"DO good unto others for we pass this way but once"*



## ENTERTAINMENT

Pete Padilla, Com. Chair.

It's truly a relief to say the **FUN FAIRE** is finally over and was definitely a super success. The combination of the Fun Faire the lounge and the bar-b-que wagon made for a major day of profit. The day was long and hot and many of us at the end of the day had sunburned faces. I want to thank each and every one of you that helped and gave of your time and energy to assist with this event. As always, it is the volunteers who make these events a success and they would not be successful if not for YOUR efforts. Thank you one and all!!!

The December lineup will begin on Friday the 5th with SILVER RIDGE performing for your enjoyment. This will be wonderful entertainment for all ages so plan to be there with family and friends! At the writing of this report I am still continuing to work on more Friday night entertainment and will post fliers in the lodge for all of you to plan ahead for. As I have mentioned before I welcome any ideas and suggestions you can give to help out on our Friday nights.

Again, thanks to all of you for your assistance regarding the Fun Faire....it is difficult to name those of you that helped before during and after the event but you know who you are. You are truly a wonderful group of people that help make our Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge so very special!!



All smiles as Pete Padilla, Entertainment Com. Chair, makes a presentation to ER, Greg Metzger from the Fun Faire

## HORSESHOE AND CRIBBAGE FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

Rick Herrera, Com. Scholarship Chair.

Even California wildfires didn't keep diehard tournament players away. While the attendance was down slightly due to the rain of ashes, those that did attend enjoyed the Herrera's lush landscape and all the day had to offer.

The scholarship chairman put on this deep-fried turkey feast to feed the hungry horseshoe and cribbage players while raising money for our local scholarship winners.

Winner of the horseshoe tournament was sharpshooter Rick Narranjo, and Frank Miller taking second. Consolation tournament winners were Jake Panczak and Richie Herrera. See Patti Serota's article on the cribbage results.

Rick's wife Evie put together the silent auction basket style with gardening, car care, picnic, ladies spa, haircut and beauty, gourmet, and holiday baskets to bid on.

Chef of the day was Erik Krazewski, (Evie's son) who injected secret marinades into the ten turkeys before dropping them into the hot peanut oil to cook in just 30 minutes each. If you haven't tried turkey cooked this way you don't know what you're missing. The hot oils seals in all the juices from the bird and ensures a yummy crispy crust. Neighbors helped out at the bar while E.R. Greg played and mingled to ensure that everyone was happy.

A good time was had by all, with over \$1,500 being raised. So if you like gardens, horseshoes, cribbage or just plain fun, plan to attend fun afternoon next year.



## AMERICANISM

Raven West, Com. Chair

### THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN', OR NOT

My daughter Michelle turned seventeen last week and the changes in my life seemed to have happened overnight. Cases of Huggies have been replaced by boxes of tampons. In first grade, she came home in tears because her best friend had just told her she no longer wanted to play with her because she'd found a new best friend. This year her best friend no longer wanted to play with her because she'd found a new boyfriend. When she was two, I got angry with her for getting into my makeup...well, some things haven't changed.

I suddenly felt very old. How could I be the mother of a High School Senior when I just graduated high school only two years ago? OK, so it was more like thirty years, but I can still remember every magical moment when I was seventeen. The future was full of unlimited possibilities and my biggest worry was who was going to take me to the prom.



## THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

Patti Serota

I would like to thank all my ladies who brought salads and desserts to compliment the memorial dinner for Neil Hanson.

To the Elks that contributed to the Bake Booth at the Fun Faire we thank you.

A very special thanks goes out to MY ladies who never let me down. We had a huge variety of delicious "Goodies" on display for the sale at the Fun Faire. You're the BEST!

## CRIBBAGE CORNER

The fires rage around the county. The day was shorter and rather smoky and breezy with regular flurries of ashes, if you remember. Ten of us braved the elements to have an afternoon playing cribbage in the beautiful garden setting at the home of Rick and Evie Herrera as part of the Thousand Oaks Scholarship Fund Raiser.

Sorry the weather and illness kept away a bunch more.

1st Place Trophy to Patti Serota

2nd Place Trophy to Jim Wilkes

3rd Place Trophy to Alex Baccera

I've never played better with cards that were unbelievable.

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I have to admit I am a more than a bit envious of the advantages she has that I didn't at her age. My word processor was an SCM electric typewriter and erasable paper. My parents couldn't help me with homework, WWII had halted their education in mid-term. They only knew that they wanted their only child to go to college, but they didn't have a clue as to which college or how to find the means to afford it. I took the SATs once, without the slightest idea of the enormous weight the scores would have on my future. My guidance counselor had very limited information about scholarships and financial aid and I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to be when I *grew up*.

Now, a little more than three decades later, the sources for information are vast. There's workshops, study guides, and SAT software. My daughter can take the SAT on television and in the movies. Our country is at war in a foreign country. Unfortunately, some things still haven't changed

Author's note: I first wrote this article in 1999 for my daughter Tandy. At that time, we were fighting a war in Kosovo. Two years later, my daughter Kimberly turned 17, and we were fighting a war in Afghanistan. I was hoping by the time my third daughter Michelle turned 17 this article would no longer contain the final paragraph. Most unfortunately, some things still haven't changed.

In our country we have been through many generations facing turmoil across the seas. Our brave men and women face the holiday season far from home and loved ones. Americans are loved and hated. Envied and despised in every continent around the globe, but wherever and whenever people need us, we're there. And, because we ARE Americans, this is one thing that will NEVER change.



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Elks Fun Faire '03 volunteers Carol Neuner and Patti Serota



Lisa Adams/ T.O The Acorn

Terry Baker, Chairman Elkomotive 2477 had our train shiny and polished for Fun Faire '03 rides



Terry Baker getting our Elkomotive 2477 to strut it's stuff for the Fun Faire '03



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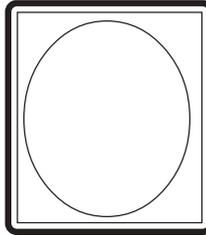
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Jingle Bells  
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Jingle all the way

Oh how I love this time of year. This is indeed one of the busiest times of the year.

We are decking our halls with boughs of holly, buying all those wonderful gifts for our friends and family and cooking our family's favorite dishes, -filling our kitchens with wonderful aromas. There is that same bustle of activity going on right here at the Elks Lodge. Come join the fun as we decorate our tree and spend some time singing Christmas carols and enjoying just some of the good food that our Lodge prepares.

**Dec. 5th - The Ladies Tree Trimming Party**  
**Dec. 9th - The Ladies Christmas Party**  
**Dec. 13th - The Children's Christmas Party**

Please sign up to help wrap the toys for the Christmas baskets. It's a big job but many hands make short work of the (hopefully) large mountain of toys for the kids. That reminds me; please bring an unwrapped toy with you when you attend the Ladies Christmas Party. Don't forget that we need gifts for the older (teenage) children!

There will **not** be a general meeting for the Ladies in December. In January we will be having a special election to fill the empty office of the Ladies President, so be sure to attend. Myrna Block has volunteered to fill in. We need a nomination committee for next years election. Three volunteers are needed to fill this committee.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season! Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

May God Bless,

Alice Kennedy

Here comes Santa Claus  
Here comes Santa Claus  
Right down Santa Claus Lane



***YOU ARE AMAZING, GOD***

Marilyn Cissell

Continually we are amazed,  
by all the marvels you create.  
How easily we can forget,  
when everything is going great.

But if we have a sudden change,  
no longer are on that roll.  
It looks like we forgot again,  
who's really in control.

Amen



**DECEMBER**

12-5	Carol Neuner
12-6	Colleen MacFarlane
12-10	Kay Riebe
12-11	Marilynn Harding
12-12	Shirley Kozlowski
12-14	Catherine Koeritz
12-15	Roxy Skinner
12-19	Joan Hanson
12-23	Mary Ann Swallows
12-27	Marilyn Cissell
12-30	Sally Claunch

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## DECEMBER

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| 3.  | Edward Cassese    | 11. | Gene Stevens      | 21. | John Harris        |
| 5.  | Bruce Cameron     | 12. | Ray Clayton       | 23. | Walt Green         |
| 6.  | Mike Bonner       | 13. | Marilynn Harding  | 24. | Alex Work          |
| 7.  | Dick Johnson      | 14. | Dale Smith        | 25. | Richard L. Goldner |
| 9.  | Gene Ewald        | 15. | Raven West        | 26. | Herb Lampron       |
| 10. | Leo Massicotte    | 16. | Erich Briggs      | 27. | Lee Silver         |
|     | Dick Wixon        | 17. | Robert Neuner     | 28. | Robert Holm        |
|     | Wallace Scolpini  | 18. | Jerry Carraway    | 29. | Bill Sandham       |
|     | Eugene Letourneau | 19. | Ron Earl          | 30. | Mike Pasternak     |
|     | George Coberly    | 20. | Jack Malone       | 31. | John Schreyer      |
|     | Charles Ray       |     | IB Jensen         |     | George Estok       |
|     | George Hinkfus    |     | Anthony Battaglia |     | Mel Baker          |
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|     |                   |     |                   |     | Eddie Bergfield    |

### FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON

Date: December 10, 2003

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## CRYING TOWEL



October 1	\$50.00	#1316	Luther Hadley
Lucky 13	No Winner		
October 8	\$75.00	#1858	James Wilkes
Lucky 13	Terry Baker	"WINNER"	
October 15	\$100.00	#1931	Harris Wasser
Lucky 13	No Winner		
October 22	\$125.00	#1696	Gene Ewald
Lucky 13	No Winner		
October 29	No Meeting		

**"BEST IMAGE OF ELKDOM-V"**

Richard Goldner, CHEA Pubic Relations



The "Best Image of Elkdom-V" photo contest is now underway and again entries are being accepted from **all Elks in CHEA** by simply submitting a story-telling photo. Entries should have the Elks logo somewhere in the picture along with Elk members or Elks ladies, and the subject of the event; i.e. Scouts, seniors, veterans, parades, soccer, Hoop Shoot, Americanism, Flag retirement, etc. Either digital or film cameras (\$200+) are available for the winner's selection. Entries for the October-November 2003 contest are being accepted. Contact your District Public Relations Chairperson or me for more information and flyer for posting on the Lodge bulletin board or inclusion in your bulletins. This program has proven helpful in providing more pictures for your Lodge bulletins, historians albums and incremental substance for end-of-year brochure contests.



### ***NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP***

The following member, having met the requirements outlined in Grand Lodge Statutes Section 14.260 by having been a member in good standing of the Order for at least 30 consecutive years, a member of Thousand Oaks Lodge for at least 10 years, and having attained the age of 65 years or older has requested nomination for Life Membership in the Order.

**Richard D. Dahse**

This member will be nominated at a regular session of the lodge to be held on December 10, 2003 and will be balloted on at the meeting held on December 17, 2003.

### **CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Sat. December 13th  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm**



### ***FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY***

Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL

Another month has passed by, and the lodge seems to be getting closer to being able to start our bond sales program. All that is left at this point (did I say all?) is to get Grand Lodge approval for our new facility. We should have everything in order by the first of the year. With all of our members working together, we shouldn't have a whole lot of problems.

In this months bulletin you will find a list of 33 members who are 1 year lapse in their membership dues, and will be dropped for non-payment on January 5, 2004. They have all been sent numerous notices asking them to pay, to no avail. It is really sad to drop these members. This paltry number of people being dropped represents over \$2,600.00 in revenue that we have lost. Keep in mind that on April 1st at the beginning of each lodge year, we must pay Grand Lodge and State Association assessments on each member that we have on our roles on March 31st. That money has been paid by the lodge and is lost. If you know any of these members, please speak with them and try to convince them to stay with us. When (not if) we get our new facility, there are going to be a lot of them who will want to rejoin the Order. It would be nice for them to save themselves the \$50.00 reinstatement fee plus dues, and pay now before being dropped. In reading this list, you will note that the vast majority of members being dropped have numbers in the 1800s and 1900s. These members have been in our Order for less than 3 years. Let's find out why they want to quit, and try to keep them in. We not only want to keep them for financial reasons, but they could play a very important part in the many committees we have to keep our lodge healthy and do the work we do.

Speaking of members, Harold Calvin just keeps bringing them in. Sometimes I get the idea that between he and Dave Pearson, half of our lodge has been proposed by these two members. Mind you I'm not complaining. Keep up the good work guys!

Flo and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you very happy, merry, and safe Holidays. Have all the fun and merriment you wish, just be sure you're back with us in January.

And that's 30 for this month

Bill

*From the net...courtesy of Hal Glassman...*

*The writer and his wife live in LA and both work for Uncle Sam.*

### ***A Day at Baltimore Airport***

*Dear Friends and Family,*

*I hope that you will spare me a few minutes of your time to tell you about something that I saw on Monday, October 27. I had been attending a conference in Annapolis and was coming home on Sunday. As you may recall, Los Angeles International Airport was closed on Sunday, October 26, because of the fires that affected air traffic control. Accordingly, my flight, and many others, were canceled and I wound up spending a night in Baltimore.*

*My story begins the next day. When I went to check in at the United counter Monday morning I saw a lot of soldiers home from Iraq. Most were very young and all had on their desert camouflage uniforms. This was a change from earlier, when they had to buy civilian clothes in Kuwait to fly home. It was a visible reminder that we are in a war. It probably was pretty close to what train terminals were like in World War II. Many people were stopping the troops to talk to them, asking them questions in the Starbucks line or just saying "Welcome Home." In addition to all the flights that had been canceled on Sunday, the weather was terrible in Baltimore and the flights were backed up. So, there were a lot of unhappy people in the terminal trying to get home, but nobody that I saw gave the soldiers a bad time.*

*By the afternoon, one plane to Denver had been delayed several hours. United personnel kept asking for volunteers to give up their seats and take another flight. They weren't getting many takers. Finally, a United spokeswoman got on the PA and said this, "Folks. As you can see, there are a lot of soldiers in the waiting area. They only have 14 days of leave and we're trying to get them where they need to go without spending any more time in an airport than they have to. We sold them all tickets, knowing we would oversell the flight. If we can, we want to get them all on this flight. We want all the soldiers to know that we respect what you're doing, we are here for you and we love you."*

*At that, the entire terminal of cranky, tired, travel-weary people, a cross-section of America, broke into sustained and heartfelt applause. The soldiers looked surprised and very modest. Most of them just looked at their boots. Many of us were wiping away tears. And, yes, people lined up to take the later flight and all the soldiers went to Denver on that flight. That little moment made me proud to be an American, and also told me why we will win this war. If you want to send my little story on to your friends and family, feel free. This is not some urban legend. I was there, I was part of it, I saw it happen.*

Will Ross  
Administrative Judge  
United States Department of Defense

## **ONE-YEAR LAPSE MEMBERS**

The following named members were considered 1 year in arrears with their dues as of October 1, 2003. Per Grand Lodge Statutes, they will be dropped from our roles for non-payment of dues on January 5, 2004.

Member Name	Memb. #	Member Name	Memb. #
Alexander, Robert P.	1938	Lara, Thomas C.	1838
Allen, James C.	1671	Mainer, Randy L	1433
Bammer, Elmer "Jim"	1799	Masseti, Frank C	1907
Battaglia, Anthony L.	1314	Nightingale, Duane	1621
Bennett, Rick	1814	Oblinger, James T.	1332
Bleahu, Michael	1925	Pavich, Daniel	1764
Cavinder, Michael P.	1810	Peterson, Donald M.	0297
Earl, Ron	1991	Raso, Vincent S.	1975
Fogel, Shane	1701	Ray, Charles L.	0615
Foss, H. Wayne	1994	Sebera, Wayne C,	1828
Gambino, Anthony	0358	Sorby, Charles	1353
Gomez, Felix	1936	Stephenson, James L.	0940
Harris, John	1930	Stevens, Derrick S.	1658
Hinkfus, George	1197	Stoy, Karl Jr.	0376
Holton, Gary	1709	Urbina, Joe	1396
Johnson, Jeff	1915	Warren, Allyn G	0549
Jones, Robert M.	1854		

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Ken Muellerleile

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 and the treaty did die,  
 because of aggressors  
 no matter how hard we tried.

Then we were forced  
 to take up arms and fight,  
 against those aggressors  
 whom did not believe our  
 plight.

Time and time again  
 we were put to the test,  
 because we loved our  
 freedom  
 our conquest was always  
 blessed.

Written By:  
 Ken Muellerleile

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### SPECIAL REQUEST

A special request has been made for those sample bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion etc. found in bathrooms of hotels and motels. If you feel flushed, travel size stuff can be purchased at most drug stores.

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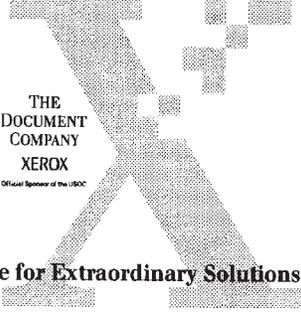
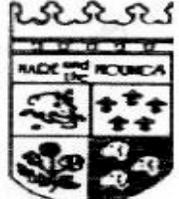
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